



■ At the meeting, from left, UNEP expert Ahmed Ghosn, UNDP programme analyst Ali Salman, Mr Aqa and UNIC director Nejib Friji

Role of UN in spotlight

THE role of the United Nations in ending Israeli aggression against Lebanon was highlighted yesterday at a meeting with the Press as part of relationship and confidence building measures.

The meeting, held at the UN House in Hooraa, also covered mechanisms within the UN to prevent such crises and the role of its organisations in the political, social and humanitarian fields.

The UN currently has four main operations in Bahrain – the UN Development Programme (UNDP), UN Environment Programme (UNEP),

the UN Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the UN Information Centre (UNIC).

Other UN funds, agencies and organisations are represented by the UN resident co-ordinator Sayed Aqa.

UN representatives gave a brief introduction on the UN, including the way it works, its local and global bodies.

The meeting was held as part of a new programme of participation initiated by the UN in Bahrain earlier this year.

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Focus on UN role in conflicts

United Nations agencies and offices in Bahrain yesterday briefed mediapersons on the UN's role, its structure and its economic, social, political and humanitarian goals.

The Director of the UN Information Centre, Sayed Agha, also highlighted the UN's environment programme. Ahmed Ali Ghesin from the UN was present.

The meeting also discussed the role of the General Assembly and its executive authority.

Agha congratulated Shaikha Haya bint Rashid Al Khalifa, on her election as the first Arab woman to chair the upcoming General Assembly session.

The meeting also discussed means of bolstering cooperation between the UN and the media considered an essential partner in the development process which is based on global peace and security.

The discussion focused on the UN role in the conflicts in the Middle East.

Regarding the feelings of the Arab region towards the failure of the UN in solving the conflict in Lebanon, the UN officials affirmed that the UN's Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, had called for an immediate halt to the violent attacks and all possible help for the victims.

Annan also sent a number of delegates to the region to come up with a peace agreement.

The mediapersons lauded the UN role in the development and humanitarian fields and stressed the importance of UN reforms.



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