

**News Release**

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**Exhibition of "From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace  
-Toward a World Free From Nuclear Weapons"**

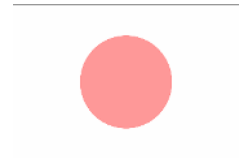
The exhibition of "From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace -Toward a World Free From Nuclear Weapons", co-organized by Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (DERASAT), Soka Gakkai International (SGI), International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), United Nations Information Center (UNIC) and Inter Press Service (IPS), will be held in Bahrain under the patronage of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kingdom of Bahrain and in cooperation with the Government of Kingdom of Bahrain and the Embassy of Japan.

The exhibition highlights issues of nuclear weapons through the lens of human security, while placing the work of their abolition at the heart of building a culture of peace. Since the exhibition was launched by SGI in 2007, it has been shown in more than 230 venues in 29 countries and territories, including New York, Geneva, Vienna, London, Rome, Berlin, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok and other major cities in the world.

Manama will be the first city in the Middle East region to host this exhibition. It is believed that this kind of exhibition is held for the first time in this region. This event is expected to contribute to the discussion on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction.

The Opening Ceremony (invitees only) will take place on Tuesday 12th, March, at Bahrain National Museum, and the exhibition will be open to the public from Wednesday 13th to Sat 23rd, March, at Seef Mall (West Exhibition area). Prior to the opening, a joint press conference will be held at 14:00 on Sunday 10, March, at UN House.

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## **Introduction of Co-Organizers**

### **1) Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat)**

A think tank that aims to build bridges between differing perspectives, create forums for open debate, use strategic insight to enhance understanding, promote new thinking and independent thought that can generate creative solutions for global peace, security and stability.

### **2) Soka Gakkai International (SGI)**

SGI is a nongovernmental organization accredited with the United Nations, and a worldwide lay Buddhist association. SGI undertakes grassroots activities with the aim of promoting peace, culture and education.

### **3) International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)**

ICAN aims to galvanize public and government support for multilateral negotiations on a Nuclear Weapons Convention. ICAN was launched in 2007. To date, more than 200 organizations in 60 countries have joined the campaign, with International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) and the Mayors for Peace (MfP) among the first partners.

### **4) United Nations Information Center (UNIC)**

The UNIC Manama is committed to realizing mutual understanding and a culture of peace among different individuals, communities and regions. The UNIC Manama has serviced Bahrain, Qatar and United Arab Emirates since 1977.

### **5) Inter Press Service (IPS)**

The IPS is the world's leading news agency on issues such as development, environment, human rights and civil society. Founded in 1964 as nonprofit international cooperative of journalists, it has developed its network worldwide including the Arab world and other Middle East countries.

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*Under Patronage of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs*

## **From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace: Toward a World Free From Nuclear Weapons**

**من ثقافة العنف إلى ثقافة السلام:  
نحو عالم خال من الأسلحة النووية**

**An exhibition highlighting the devastating effects of nuclear weapons  
and calling for a move from arms-based security to human security.**



**Previously displayed in 29 countries, showing for the first time in  
the Middle East region**

**- Opening Ceremony (Invitees only)**

Tuesday 12 March, at Bahrain National Museum

**- Exhibition (open to the public)**

Wednesday 13 to Saturday 23 March, at Seef Mall (West Exhibition Area)

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