Bahrain

Official Title State of Bahrain

General Information:

Capital	Manama (Al-Manamah)		
Total Area	2,381,740	km2	Population (million) 0.749
Currency	1 CAN\$=		0.34 Dinar (BHD)(2006)
National Holiday	16 December, National Day		
Language(s)	Arabic		

Political Information:

 Type of State
 Constitutional Hereditary Monarchy

 Type of Government
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Bicameral Parliament consists of Shura Council (40 members appointed by the King) and House of Deputies (40 members directly elected to serve four-year terms).

Head of State

King HAMAD bin Isa Al Khalifa

Head of Government

Prime Minister KHALIFA BIN SALMAN AI Khalifa

Ministers Foreign Affairs: Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Finances: Ahmad bin Muhammad Al Khalifa

Main Political Parties

Political parties prohibited but political oriented societies are allowed.

Elections Last: November 25, 2006; Next: unknown.

Economic Information: (2006)				
	Bahrain	Canada		
GDP: (billion)	\$13.54	\$1,124.50		
GDP per capita:	\$18,073.39	\$34,513.31		
GDP Growth rate: (%)	7.6	2.8		
Inflation: (%)	2.9	2		
Unemployment: (%)	n/a	6.3		
Trade and investment: (2006)			
Canadian Exports to Bahrain		\$31,084,554		
Canadian Imports from Bahrain		\$101,949,581		
Foreign Direct Investment in Ca	n/a (million)			
Canadian Direct Investment to	Bahrain	n/a (million)		

Representation:

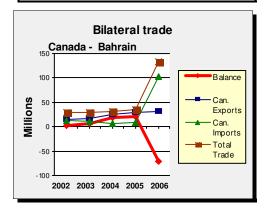
Foreign Representation in Canada

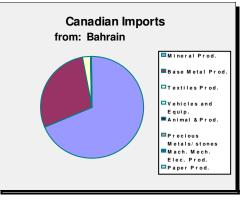
Ambassador Dr. Naser Mohamed Al Balooshi

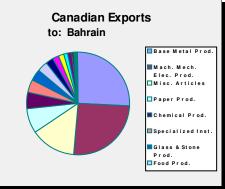
Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Roderick Bell









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