

# Bahrain's Bid for Middle East Peace Role May Come Up Short

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**The guest list at the scaled-down meeting continues to shrink, while the tension caused by recent Iranian escalation looms in the background.**

It's excruciatingly hot at this time of year in Bahrain, but inside top hotels such as the Four Seasons, the air conditioning is impressively cool. It's too early to know whether it will facilitate much warm diplomacy at the U.S.-sponsored "Peace to Prosperity" economic workshop starting this evening at the hotel. The signs are not good. On Monday, the Gulf Daily News, Bahrain's main English-language newspaper, failed to mention the conference, despite it apparently being a major building block in President Trump's proposal for peace between Israel and the Palestinians...

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