

## **Jeffrey Epstein, Armistice Activist, Heralds New York's International Peace Institute in Bahrain**

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation has voiced its full support for the opening of the International Peace Institute in the Gulf kingdom of Bahrain. Based in New York City, the Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation has played a key role in supporting international peace accords over the last decade. The foundation also established a fellowship fund at the International Peace Institute to honor deceased Middle East diplomat Richard Hooper who was killed in the 2003 terrorist bombing of the UN headquarters in Baghdad.

Closely connected to the United Nations, the International Peace Institute is a non-profit organization based in New York and Vienna and a prominent instigator of peace accords around the world. Leading the launch in Bahrain is the Institute's President, Terje Rod-Larsen, an established Mideast diplomat and a United Nations under-secretary general. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is honorary chair of its board.

Bahrain is a key country for the International Peace Institute, the Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation explains. It is in the heart of the Middle East and in the last ten years has adopted many promising constitutional laws such as religious freedom, women's right to vote and their right to run for political office.

The agreement between Bahrain's government and the Institute was signed by Larson and Bahrain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa.

There are many challenges ahead and skeptics cite the Institute's undisclosed funds from the Bahrain government. According to the Institute's 2011 annual report, its major donors also included the United States, governments in Europe and Bahraini regional allies Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. The institute's international advisory council includes Prince Turki Al-Faisal, the former head of Saudi intelligence.

However, Jeffrey Epstein notes, "we believe that the Institute will not only put Bahrain's political reforms in the spotlight but will provide an important geographical shift in where peace negotiations take. Negotiations should come from within the Middle East, and not just as a European or Western initiative.

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation was founded in 2000 by Jeffrey Epstein. In addition to supporting science research around the world, the foundation actively supports international peace accords and initiatives. Recent donations include, Save Darfur Coalition, Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, Friends of

Israel Defense Forces, Philippe Costeau Foundation, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission.

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