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Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in the Kingdom of Bahrain on the occasion of the “Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence” (3 to 6 November 2022) – Farewell ceremony, Telegram to His Majesty the King of Bahrain, and Telegrams to Heads of State during the flight from Awali to Rome

Farewell ceremony from the Kingdom of Bahrain at the *Sakhir Air Base* in Awali

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After leaving the Papal residence, the Holy Father Francis transferred by car to the *Sakhir Air Base* in Awali for the farewell ceremony from the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Upon arrival, the Pope was received by the King of Bahrain, His Majesty Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the hereditary prince and Prime Minister, another three of the King's sons, and a granddaughter, at the entrance to the Royal Hall, where a brief meeting took place.

After the Guard of Honour and the greeting of the respective delegations, the Pope boarded a *Gulf Air* B787 in order to return to Italy.

The aircraft carrying the Holy Father on the return flight following his apostolic journey in the Kingdom of Bahrain departed from *Sakhir Air Base* at 13.16 (11.16 in Rome) and arrived at *Leonardo da Vinci* Rome-Fiumicino International Airport at 16.36.

Telegram to His Majesty the King of Bahrain

Immediately after his departure by air from Awali, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegram to His Majesty the King of Bahrain, Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa:

HIS MAJESTY HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA

KING OF BAHRAIN

MANAMA

AS I DEPART FOR ROME AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY, I ONCE AGAIN EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO ME DURING MY STAY IN YOUR COUNTRY, AND I RENEW THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS FOR YOUR MAJESTY AND ALL IN THE KINGDOM.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Telegram to Heads of State during the flight from Awali to Rome

During the flight from Awali to Rome, as the aircraft carrying the Holy Father passed over Kuwait, Iraq, Turkey, Greece and Albania, before finally arriving in Italy, Pope Francis sent the following telegrams to the respective Heads of State:

Overflight Kuwait

HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH NAWAF AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH

AMIR OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT

KUWAIT CITY

FLYING OVER KUWAIT ON MY RETURN TO ROME AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO BAHRAIN, I SEND GREETINGS OF PRAYERFUL GOOD WISHES TO YOUR HIGHNESS AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Overflight Iraq

HIS EXCELLENCY ABDUL LATIF RASHID

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

BAGHDAD

AS I FLY OVER IRAQ ON MY RETURN TO ROME FOLLOWING MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO BAHRAIN, I SEND GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND ALL YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, TOGETHER WITH MY PRAYERS FOR THE UNITY, PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Overflight Turkey

HIS EXCELLENCY RECEP TAYYIP ERDOĞAN

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE

ANKARA

RETURNING TO ROME AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO BAHRAIN, I SEND GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PEOPLE OF TÜRKIYE, TOGETHER WITH WITH THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Overflight Greece

HER EXCELLENCY KATERINA SAKELLAROPOULOU

PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

ATHENS

AS I RETURN TO ROME AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO BAHRAIN, I AM PLEASED TO RENEW MY PRAYERFUL GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF GREECE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Overflight Albania

HIS EXCELLENCY BAJRAM BEGAJ

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

TIRANA

FLYING THROUGH ALBANIAN AIRSPACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO BAHRAIN, I SEND PRAYERFUL GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PEOPLE OF ALBANIA, AND I INVOKE UPON ALL OF YOU THE DIVINE BLESSINGS OF JOY AND PEACE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Italy – arrival

HIS EXCELLENCY

HON. SERGIO MATTARELLA

PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

PALAZZO DEL QUIRINALE

AS I RETURN FROM MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY IN THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, WHERE I WAS ABLE TO MEET THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COMPOSED OF PEOPLE FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ETHNICITIES, RELIGIONS AND CULTURES, URGING THEM TO CONTINUE IN FRATERNAL AND PACIFIC CO-EXISTENCE, I CONVEY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MY CORDIAL GREETING AND ASSURE A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE ENTIRE BELOVED ITALIAN NATION, TO WHOM I SEND MY AFFECTIONATE BLESSING.

FRANCISCUS PP.
