

Jam'iyya al-Asala al- Islamiyya (Original Islamic Society), Bahrain, 2010, Translated by Stephen Kirsch, Translated for the Islamic Political Party Platform Project, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, <http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-parties>, [6/9/13].

Al-Asalah Islamic Society is a political party founded in the Kingdom of Bahrain on 06/05/2002. \_\_[cut off]\_\_ Law #26 regarding political associations in the year 2005. [This sentence somehow refers to the 2005 Political Societies Act, legalizing political "societies" but not parties.]

Al-Asalah represents a large portion of religious Bahrainis in its social and national reforms, which aim for a return \_\_[cut off]\_\_ to the Prophet, peace be upon him. The party works for this actualization as well as the rise of \_\_[cut off]\_\_ and an improvement in their [citizens'] quality of life.

Al-Asalah delivers the views and wishes of citizens to the decision makers. It works on the input of \_\_[cut off]\_\_, economic, and social to the Kingdom in order to realize the interests of the citizens.

The general assembly elects (public conference) the board of directors [Unsure of exact translation – possibly "administrative council"] every two years. Ghanim Al-Buaneen heads the board of directors. And Ibrahim Busandil acts as his representative.

Al-Asalah took part in the parliamentary and municipal elections in 2002 and 2006. They were represented in the legislative term \_\_[cut off]\_\_ in the Council of Representatives (40 members), and nine members in the National Council distributed among the \_\_[cut off]\_\_ and Southern Council.

#### Objectives:

The following represents the most important objectives of Al-Asalah Islamic Society:

- To improve the standard of living of citizens, to raise the level of their income, to provide decent housing, \_\_[cut off]\_\_ and to maintain their honor.
- To observe the governmental administration's use of wealth and public money and to fight financial, managerial, and ethical corruption. (Possibly cut off at end)
- Support and protect individual freedoms and basic rights, which are ensured by Islamic Sharia.
- Refer back to the state of community of the Great Quran and the honorable years of the Prophet.
- Support the Islamic and Arab identity of the Kingdom of Bahrain and its preservation.
- Strengthen and enable the role of women according to the rights granted to them in Islamic Sharia.
- Stand against the dogmatic, ideological, and cultural attack by those that violate the rule of Islamic Sharia.
- Effective participation in support of political reforms in Bahrain for the well being of the country and humanity.  
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