



Oregon school shooter committed suicide

Roseburg

The 26-year-old gunman behind a mass shooting at a college in Oregon, US that left nine people dead committed suicide after a shootout with police, authorities said yesterday. "The medical examiner has determined the cause of death of the shooter to be suicide," Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin told reporters. He said the shooter was enrolled in the class where the killings took place. Hanlin said investigators were poring through numerous leads and had interviewed hundreds of people, including neighbors and family members of the shooter, to try to determine what set off the rampage. He said 14 weapons belonging to the shooter had been recovered, including six at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg where the massacre took place.

SHURA COUNCIL SLAMS IRAN THREAT

Committee condemns Iranian interference

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The Shura Council's Committee of Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security, in a statement, expressed its support to all measures taken by Bahrain to deter the Iranian interferences and threats, "which have gone beyond all international conventions regulating relations between countries."

The committee stressed on the importance of the Kingdom's latest decisions, including recalling the Ambassador to Iran Rashid Saad Al Dossari, and terming the Iranian embassy Charge D'Affaires Mohammed Redha Babai persona non grata.

The committee also hailed the submission of an official complaint by the Foreign Minister to UN Secretary General against Iran and its unacceptable interference in Bahrain's internal affairs.

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The committee pointed out that such steps would boost the Kingdom's security and safeguard the interests of all the people in Bahrain. The body observed that security was a priority after Iran's incessant threats by its leaders on many occasions, its continued exportation of terrorism and its extremist ideology to neighbouring countries.

The committee lauded the vigilance of the Interior Ministry here and its success in thwarting many terror plots

in which Iran has emerged as the primary source of funds. It also slammed the Iranian policy inciting violence, terrorism and sectarianism, adding that the Iranian objectives are obvious and have nothing to do with the slogans of its leaders.

It also said that the Iranian statements bear threats to the GCC countries, pointing out the speech of Iran's Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Ali Al Khamenei last week during a graduation ceremony of cadets in which he targeted

Saudi Arabia following the Hajj stampede.

The committee voiced its rejection of Khamenei's defamatory statements as they do not show any respect to the major role played by Saudi Arabia in serving the pilgrims and facilitating their rituals. It also added that the Iranian statements represented an explicit threat to sow sedition by disseminating fallacies.

The committee stressed that Saudi Arabia's security is part of Bahrain's security, adding that Iran's attempts will never succeed to shake regional stability.

"Iran's attempts to impose hegemony on the whole region will be doomed to failure, thanks to the great awareness and determination of the GCC people and their belief in the Arab identity of the region and the wisdom its leaders," read the statement.

HM the King congratulates German president

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to German President Joachim Gauck marking 25 years since its reunification.

HM King Hamad wished the German President abundant good health and happiness and the friendly German people further progress and prosperity.

On October 3, 1990, just under a year after the Berlin Wall was pulled down in a bloodless revolution, the reunification treaty bringing the two halves of the country together came into effect amid jubilant scenes.

Ever since, this date has been a public holiday to mark Germany's national day.

The anniversary festivities will carry on throughout the weekend in Frankfurt, with pop bands, fireworks and an art installation on the Main River illuminating 25 bridges.

Road revamp plans unveiled

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Roads Projects and Maintenance Director at the Works Ministry, Municipalities and Urban Planning, Sayyed Bader Alawi, revealed that the Ministry has commenced the paving of dirt roads in Block 1038 in Sadad and Block 1026 in Karzakan, in addition to constructing Road 2631 and a parking lot at the Northern Governorate.

According to Alawi, the Dirt Roads Programme is part of the Government's programme aiming to improve infrastructure in the Kingdom, give priority to the paving of dirt roads in urban areas and create an integrated roads network in all areas in the Kingdom, in coordination with the municipal councils and the Capital General Secretariat.

The project has been included within the Government's work plan for 2015-2016 and is hoped to serve 170 residential units in both villages.

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