

BAHRAIN READY TO CUT TIES WITH UNHEEDING IRAN: MP

MP Jamal Dawood said breakage of complete relations with Iran in the offing

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If Iran doesn't mend its ways and stop smuggling arms to Bahrain, it will result in a breakage of all kinds of relations between both the countries, stated MP and Head of Public Utilities and Environment Committee Jamal Dawood.

He was speaking to DT News following Bahrain's decision to recall its ambassador Rashid Saad Al Dossari from Iran and demand Iranian Charge

d'affaires Mohammad Reza Babaei to leave Bahrain within 72 hours.

The decision came after Bahrain intercepted the biggest Iranian cache of arms and explosives in Nawaidrat since 2011.

"If this situation persists it means Iran does not want to review its foreign policy and is fully determined to interfere in the internal affairs of Bahrain and other regional countries. In that case, we are ready to end all kinds of relations with Iran," Dawood said. He said the problem



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with Iran started over 35 years ago, but Iranians still hesitate to change their policies. "Iran has only two choices – either stop interfering in our internal affairs or stay away from Bahrain," he said.

He stated Iran's intentions are not going to happen as Bahrainis have already rejected all sorts of external interference in their country's internal affairs. Responding to a question whether some insider is helping Iran in importing arms in the

Kingdom, he rubbished the idea and said, "Since Bahrain is an island surrounded by sea, it gives Iran an easy access to infiltrate. We need to guard all the sea borders extremely carefully."

Responding to whether registering a complaint against Iran will have any positive effect, he said, "Of course, it is the official complaint from Bahrain to the United Nations. So I am hopeful that Ban Ki Moon would look into the matter seriously."

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Iran crossed all red lines: Al-Ayam

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Al-Ayam newspaper confirmed in its editorial yesterday that Iran's "outrageous" policies have led Bahrain to recall its ambassador from Tehran.

The newspaper said Bahrain's foreign policy has always been calm, wise, balanced and not hasty even at dark circumstances, and reaching this stage in the diplomatic relations with Iran means that the latter has crossed all red lines.

It explained the move was taken by the Kingdom as a result of Iran's continuous blatant encroachment on its sovereignty through repeated interference in its domestic affairs and violation of international norms through its attempts to undermine its security and stability.

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