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11th Hour

## Deputy PM receives Amr Moussa

Manama

Deputy Premier, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, received former Arab League Secretary-General, Amr Moussa yesterday. He reviewed with Moussa the issues on the agenda of IISS 'Manama Dialogue 2017', and the actions to be taken to face the serious challenges in the region and the world.

## Parliamentary delegation to visit Iraq: Speaker

Manama

Representatives Council Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Malla said a Bahraini parliamentary delegation, led by the First Deputy Speaker, will visit Iraq in January to discuss ways of boosting bilateral parliamentary cooperation. He stressed Bahrain's support to Iraq's unity, being an inherent part of the Arab nation. He also voiced confidence in Iraq's ability to surmount challenges and thwart any attempt aimed at undermining relations with the GCC countries.

## Next battle against terror to be in cyber space: Expert

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Manama

"Cyber domain is where the next battle with terrorists will take place. Cyber threat should be a top priority in the fight against terrorism," said John Raine, Senior Adviser for Geo-Political Due Diligence, IISS. He was speaking on 'Regional Conflicts and Terrorism: Policy Options' at the concluding session of



John Raine

the IISS 'Manama Dialogue' yesterday. "Terrorism has been with us for a long time. We have seen a remarkable high level of

adaptability in terrorists where they are already planning next generation of capabilities, targets and deployments. It would be foolish to assume that they were seeking merely to repeat what they did last time, cyber terrorism in particular," Raine said.

"My aspiration would be that all members of a coalition invests heavily in ensuring compatibility frameworks both legal, political and military. Not disregarding other forms

of terrorism, I say that we now prioritize cyber terrorism," Raine said.

"Now in the Middle East we now have a new ascendant power, Iran who without wishing to flatter an adversary rather to understand it has a massive number of techniques which positions to act as a sponsor for further acts of terrorism which requires now to shift our gaze a little bit away from the Sunni threat and look at what the Shia groups can

do," he said.

"First of all, Iran is a major cyber adversary to a premier league player and the countries ability to act largely with impunity in the cyber domain. Cyber terrorism further is as menacing as a conventional and unconventional military arsenal. We have no reason to believe that those techniques won't be cascaded in some form to proxies and levants," he said.

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The Arab League meeting held in Cairo

# Arab states urge US to abandon Jerusalem move

Cairo

Arab foreign ministers yesterday urged the United States to abandon its decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, saying the move would increase violence throughout the region.

The announcement by President Donald Trump on Wednesday was a "dangerous violation of international law", had no legal impact and was "void", the Arab League said in a statement after a session attended by all its members in Cairo.

Trump's endorsement of Israel's claim to all of Jerusalem as its capital would reverse long-standing U.S. policy that the city's status must be decided in negotiations with the Palestinians, who want East Jerusalem as the capital of their future state.

"The decision has no legal effect ... it deepens tension, ignites anger and threatens to plunge region into more violence and chaos," the Arab League said at 3 a.m. local time after hours of meetings that began on Saturday evening.

It said it would seek a U.N. Security Council resolution rejecting the U.S. move.

Lebanon's Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil said during the emergency meeting that Arab nations should consider imposing economic sanctions against the United States to prevent it moving its Israel embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv.

"Pre-emptive measures (must be) taken ... beginning with diplomatic measures, then political, then economic and financial sanctions," he said, without giving specific details.

The Arab League statement made no mention of economic sanctions. Arab criticism of Trump's plan contrasted sharply with the praise Washington's traditional Arab allies heaped on him at the beginning of his administration in January. -Reuters (See also Page 4)



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