

Eatery menus give mutton a miss!

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Close on the heels of the withdrawal of subsidy, many restaurants in the Kingdom have withdrawn delicacies made of mutton from their menu list. The move came as the rate of mutton has gone up by almost 200 per cent in the Kingdom due to subsidy cut.

Jikson, resident of Bahrain, came to know the absence of

mutton delicacies when he recently visited a mall in A'ali. He said that the menu card contained a long list of mutton delicacies, but the restaurant staff declined to take any order for mutton delicacies. The staff told him that the restaurant had temporarily stopped serving mutton.

Another leading Asian restaurant known for its biriyanis has also temporarily suspended serving mutton dishes. Sources from the

restaurant stated that the decision had been taken to reduce loss.

The restaurants are unable to hike prices of mutton and beef dishes as Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism has been monitoring the prices seriously. The Ministry has already shut three restaurants in Hamad Town, Arad and Riffa.

However, some restaurants are still selling red meat delicacies at same rate. An

employee of Seeshal Restaurant near East Riffa police station said all the mutton dishes were available at same price. "We have not hiked the price of any product. All mutton dishes available with us, like before," he said.

The meat subsidy cut has affected the Kingdom's major markets too. Muharraq meat market is yet to restart selling mutton and beef, while sellers at Manama meat market are complaining of poor sales.

Parliament condemns Israel attacks

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The Council of Representatives denounced the Zionist aggression on Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Al Aqsa mosque yesterday.

The deliberate attacks of the Zionist occupation army targeting civilians with deadly bombs, missiles, warplanes

and gunboats has led to the deaths of more than a dozen Palestinians so far. They include a woman and a child. Many people have been injured in the attacks and dozens of people were arrested by the Israeli government.

The Council also strongly deplored the global silence at the horror of war crimes against humanity committed

by the Zionist occupation of Palestinian territories.

Despite calls from international human rights organisation to stop Israeli aggression, the outbreak of the third infida several days ago worsened its mass war killings against the unarmed.

The Council urged the Secretary-General of the United Nations, UN Security Council,

Human Rights Council and the US to stop discrimination against the Palestinians and carry out their humanitarian duty to stop the Israeli killings of women and children.

They called for an urgent Arab Summit to discuss how to face the attacks committed by the Zionist against Palestinians and to form an agreement to end the crimes of the Zionist occupation.

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Members of a performance group of Austrian choreographer Willi Dorner rehearse the performance "always right in the middle" (immer mittendrin) in a door on the fairground of the Frankfurt Book Fair in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany, yesterday. (AFP)

GCC Chief slams Israeli aggressions

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Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary-General Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani strongly condemned the crimes perpetrated by Israeli occupying forces and Jewish settlers against Palestinian people.

In a statement yesterday, he denounced the violent and barbaric attacks of the Israeli soldiers on unarmed Palestinians and warned that these atrocities would inflame the Palestinian occupied territories and achieve no peace or security for the Israelis.

He denounced Israel's continuing aggressions on Al Aqsa Mosque in the occupied city of Jerusalem, warning that Israel should be aware that Al Aqsa Mosque is one of the holiest sites for Muslims who categorically reject any desecration against Al Aqsa and other sites.

Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights and continued usurpation of Palestinians lands as well as building of new settlements run counter with international laws and religions.

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