

Govt rejects proposal to ban concerts, Halloween parties



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A proposal to ban music concerts and Halloween parties in the Kingdom has been rejected by the Government saying such events "are purposeful and have cultural and intellectual value".

Making the proposal MPs Mohammed Al Maarifi and Mohsen Al Bakri said that the ban is necessary to save public money and to "respect the emotions of fellow Muslim nations and tragic conditions in Iraq, Syria and Yemen."

The proposal demanded

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to "put a leash" on music concerts and Halloween parties organised by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA).

In its reply rejecting the proposal, the authority said: "BACA ensures that

the events it organises are purposeful and have a cultural and intellectual value".

BACA also told the MPs that most of the events and activities organised by BACA are the result of "official cultural agreements and protocols between the Kingdom and other countries".

"Cultural cooperation between the Kingdom and the countries of the world shouldn't be affected by political and security situations of the region," the Government replied to MPs.

The statement also clarified that BACA has no association with the Halloween parties and events organised by individuals.

This response and further details to the MPs' demands will be discussed in the presence of government representatives on Tuesday during the weekly session of the House of Representatives.

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Day

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On behalf of the U.S. Embassy and the people of the United States of America, I congratulate the people and government of Bahrain as you commemorate the Kingdom's 46th National Day.

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Scanners at exits



Eye scanners used in Iraq to identify individuals.



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MPs will discuss this week the possibility of installing eye and fingerprint scanners at all entry points to prevent "terrorists or permanently deported individuals from entering Kingdom".

The proposal, submitted almost three-years back by Committee Head Abdullah Binhowail, requires eye and fingerprint scanning mandatory for all visitors entering the Kingdom.

"The proposal aims to prevent terrorists from entering Bahrain and ensure that blacklisted individuals will not be able to re-enter after possibly changing their details and identities," Binhowail said earlier.

"This proposal would regulate entry to the Kingdom and prevent unwanted individuals from entering or re-entering Bahrain using fake documents or identities," Binhowail said.

The efforts of the government, represented by Interior Ministry, will be reviewed in the presence of senior police officials during the upcoming weekly meeting of the House of Representatives.

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