

Regional security need

MEMAC conference begins

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The rapid challenges and threats witnessed in the region require the development of a new regional system to maintain peace and security, said His Highness Brigadier Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday.

Addressing the Middle East Military Alliances and Coalitions (MEMAC) Conference held at the Four Seasons Hotel yesterday, HH Shaikh Nasser who is also the Commander of Bahrain Royal Guard and Chairman



HH Shaikh Nasser addressing MEMAC



A view of the first session of the MEMAC conference held at Four Seasons Hotel yesterday

of Bahrain International Defence Exhibition and Conference (BIDEC), said that the formation of military

coalitions and organising such conferences and events serve this purpose. "BIDEC and MEMAC

conference come to stress on the importance of coalitions, military cooperation and alliances to fight terrorism. The region is affected by terrorism, sectarianism and regional and foreign interference in internal affairs," Brig. HH Shaikh Nasser said.

Explaining further, the Bahrain Royal Guard Commander flayed the policies of Iran and Qatar in the region, affirming that such hostile policies will not be tolerated in any form.

"There won't be any leniency or courtesy against threats to security and development of our people", adding that "no parties will be allowed to threaten our countries," HH Shaikh Nasser averred.

Brig. Shaikh Nasser welcomed the new strategy recently made by the US President Donald Trump against Iran.

HH Shaikh Nasser also

reiterated on the regional and international stances of the Kingdom in the war against terror, stating, "Bahrain promotes and supports the coalitions and alliances to fight terrorism in the Arab and Islamic world, and to combat the financing of terror activities. Military coalitions play a crucial role in protecting regional peace and stability, and to prevent some countries and organisations that are working to spread terror in the region."

Brig. HH Shaikh Nasser noted BDF's participation in many operations, activities and aid missions in the region,

and also mentioned the fallen soldiers of the Kingdom in wars against terrorism.

He underlined the significance of the GCC region as main provider of energy to the world and the importance of following developed strategies of protection and security to thrash threats and challenges.

"Historically, the Kingdom was a safe port for the neighbouring nations, and it's now an international hub for ideas sharing and entrepreneurship. BIDEC and MEMAC serve this purpose by investing in knowledge and technology," he added.

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