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Shura Council passes Unified Family Law

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Shura Council members passed a draft law to issue the Unified Family Law during an extraordinary session held here yesterday.

The Council approved unanimously (29 out of 40 members) the draft law and the amendments introduced to it, a week after it was urgently referred to it from the second branch of the Legislative Authority, the House of Representatives. During the session, Shura Council Speaker Ali Al Saleh highlighted the importance of the enhanced law and its positive impact on the unity of Bahraini families. He told council members that their votes will "stop those who attempt to spread sectarianism among the Bahraini society".

The draft law consists of 141 articles that tackled engagements, marriages, divorces, custody of children and other family affairs in both the Sunni and Jaafari sects.

All cases in Sharia courts of both sects will be looked into in accordance with the new law. The Law was ratified by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday.

HM King hails legislation



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa with Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla and Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh at Sakhir Palace, yesterday

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has hailed executive-legislative cooperation which benefited the nation and its citizens. He made the statement – in the presence of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier – as he received Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla and

Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh. Deputy Speakers, Shura Council vice chairpersons, heads of committees were also present at the Sakhir Palace. They all greeted HM the King, marking the endorsement of the Unified Family Law. HM the King welcomed them all and expressed thanks and appreciation to HRH the Premier and HRH the Crown Prince for the executive-legislative cooperation. HM commended the Speaker and Shura Council

chairman, MPs and Shura members for their dedicated role in passing the crucial law. HM hailed the achievements of the current legislative session, citing the endorsement of the laws on state budget, property development, penalties and alternative measures.

HM extended thanks to Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs President Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalid Al Khalifa, Family Law review panel members and the Legislation and Legal

Opinion Commission for their efforts and contribution to the new legislation. HM underscored the crucial importance of the Family Law which, he said, bolsters Bahraini judiciary and strengthens guarantees that protect litigators' rights and preserve Bahraini families' cohesion." The new law represents another milestone in our development and a landmark legal chapter that protects the family entity", HM said.

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Saudi, allies urge Qatar to accept 'six principles'

United Nations

Four Arab states that cut ties with Qatar have urged their neighbour to commit to six principles on combatting extremism and terrorism and negotiate a plan with specific measures to implement them to end the current crisis.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain broke diplomatic relations with Qatar in early June for supporting terrorist and extremist groups. They

initially made 13 demands, which Qatar dismissed.

Saudi Arabia's UN Ambassador Abdallah Al-Mouallimi told a briefing for a group of UN correspondents that the four nations are now committed to the six principles agreed to by their foreign ministers at a meeting in Cairo on July 5, and hope Qatar will support them as well.

The principles include commitments to combat extremism and terrorism,

prevent financing and safe havens for such groups, and suspend all acts of provocation and speeches inciting hatred or violence.

Al-Mouallimi said the four-nation quartet thinks it "should be easy for the Qataris to accept" the six principles.

He stressed that implementation and monitoring must be "essential components," and "there will be no compromise when it comes to principles."

But he said both sides can talk about details of "the tactics" and "the tools" to implement them "and that's where we can have discussion and compromise."

The Saudi ambassador explained that the initial 13 points included some principles and some tools to achieve compliance.

Mixed in the 13 points were what Western nations might see as fair demands, such as cracking down on support for

extremists and curbing ties with Iran, and tougher-to-swallow calls to shut down the Al-Jazeera television network and kick out troops from NATO member Turkey, which has a base in Qatar.

Al-Mouallimi stressed that stopping incitement to violence is essential, but he said closing Al-Jazeera might not be necessary. "If the only way to achieve that is by closing down Al-Jazeera, fine," he said.

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