

Terror suspects with Hezbollah links held

Manama

An investigation has been launched against people who formed an illegal organisation with the aim of defying the law, preventing the state from exercising its responsibilities, assaulting personal freedom and harming national unity, Chief of Terror Crime Prosecution Advocate General Ahmed Al Hammadi has said.

The organisation was in contact with people working for a foreign-based organisation engaged in

terrorist activities for the purpose of carrying out acts of terrorism against Bahrain, targeting police and public order servicemen, participating in illegal rallies, sabotaging private properties and disseminating fake news likely to undermine national security and public order.

Investigations revealed that the security agencies arrested one of the defendants who established the so-called Manama Human Rights Observatory as a front and a cover to support acts of terrorism in Bahrain.

He divided the members of the organization into groups to carry out activities that were allegedly related to human rights and to mobilise crowds for illegal rallies ostensibly to make human rights demands, but in reality to use them to carry out riots and acts of vandalism and terrorism against police personnel and vehicles and the Ministry of Interior building in Manama.

The investigations also revealed that the founder of the terror organisation received support for its activities from the Lebanese Hezbollah terror

militia through a Bahraini national who worked for the terror group and resided in Lebanon.

They also revealed that Hezbollah was funding and supporting many people belonging to alleged human rights organizations in order to send false reports on the human rights situation in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

The aim was to discredit those countries, undermine their status in international public opinion and damage their national interests through

convening international conferences that included members of international human rights organisations,

One female suspect used human rights work as a cover to communicate and cooperate with Al Karama Foundation to provide them with information and fake news about the situation in Bahrain to undermine its status abroad. Al Karama founder was included in the list of terrorists drafted by the Quartet combating the funding of terrorism (Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and

Egypt). He was also listed by the US Treasury as a terrorist and had his assets and funds frozen in 2013 over his ties to Al Qaida terror group.

Investigations indicated that he had managed to exploit the foundation to support numerous terror groups under the cover of human rights.

Al Hammadi said that four suspects were arrested and the public prosecution questioned two of them in the presence of their lawyers. The suspects were remanded in custody pending further investigations.

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Zayed Town exit work completed

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Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Essam bin Abdulla Khalaf stated that the Ministry has completed the construction of the new exit to Zayed Town from Sheikh Salman Highway to the North of the Driving School.

The project aims to alleviate traffic congestions along the new housing areas and other vital areas and is part of the construction of a single entrance and exit to Zayed Town from Shaikh Salman Highway.

Khalaf explained that the project comprises the construction of a single entrance and exit to Zayed Town from Shaikh Salman Highway, which will provide an alternative to traffic exiting Zayed Town towards Riffa without having to pass through Isa Town Gate traffic signal. The project will also ease



The completed exit in Zayed Town

traffic congestion at Salmabad Interchange and will also reduce traffic congestion along Isa Town Gate Interchange and Salmabad Interchange.

He stated that the Ministry commenced work on the project in June 2017. The total length of the entrance to Zayed Town is 500m, and civil works involved in the project were awarded to National Excavations at the cost of BD261,000, while the asphalt paving works were awarded

to United Gulf at the cost of BD106,000. The installation of the iron fence as part of traffic safety was awarded to Al Afoo Company at the cost of BD26,000.

Works included levelling, protecting existing services, implementing ground channels for present and future usage, implementing a storm water drainage network in low areas, implementing two reclamation layers, paving works, signage and lighting.

Qatar urged to accept 'six principles'

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"If we can achieve that without closing down Al-Jazeera, that's also fine. The important thing is the objective and the principle involved."

UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation Reem Al Hashimy said all the countries involved have strong relations with the US "and we believe that the Americans

have a very constructive and a very important role to play in hopefully creating a peaceful resolution to this current crisis."

President Donald Trump has sided strongly with Saudi Arabia and the UAE in the dispute, publicly backing their contention that Qatar is a supporter of Islamic militant groups and a destabilizing force in the Middle East.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson recently concluded several days of shuttle diplomacy and sealed a deal to intensify Qatar's counterterrorism efforts.

The memorandum of understanding signed by the US and Qatar lays out steps Qatar can take to bolster its fight against terrorism and address shortfalls in policing terrorism funding.