

# Iran is the real threat to region: FM

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**I**ran poses a serious threat to the region, Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa told Arab League's extraordinary session yesterday, pointing out that the missile that targeted Riyadh was not the first attack on Saudi Arabia by parties operating in favour of Iran in the region such as the Houthis.

The meeting at the headquarters of the Arab League in Cairo was held to discuss ways to address Iranian interference in the internal affairs of Arab states.

The Foreign Minister added that the bombing of an

oil pipeline in the Kingdom of Bahrain was not the first attack, but comes as part of a series of long attacks that cost the Kingdom of Bahrain thousands security men and citizens, and all those crimes were perpetrated by Iranian agents in the region.

Shaikh Khalid warned that there is a serious escalation of Iranian practices in the region, which puts everyone in front of a great responsibility, which is the responsibility of maintaining Arab national security through the only mechanism, the mechanism of joint Arab action.

"Iran is not only fighting directly from its coasts, where it is conducting smuggling

operations and many other activities, but it has many arms in the region," Shaikh Khalid said, adding that Iran's biggest arm in the region is Hezbollah's terrorist wing, which is located in the Lebanese Republic, the Republic of Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic among other places.

"Iran is the great challenge to the Arab national security, which is exposed to a state that is trying to clearly overthrow and control countries, and does not hesitate to take any action to reach this goal," Shaikh Khalid said.

He pointed out that everyone bears responsibility, and that the Lebanese Republic, which is a brotherly Arab country

Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa addressing Arab League's extraordinary session in Cairo yesterday



that is loved and appreciated, is under full control of the terrorist Hezbollah, which is not only targeting acts within the borders of Lebanon, but crosses the borders to all Arab states.

"We must be clear in this regard, we do not talk about Arab differences, we talk about threats to us all, and if we do not take this issue seriously, we will be deficient," Shaikh Khalid said.

The Foreign Affairs Minister expressed hope that joint Arab action will be more effective in establishing security and stability in the region and in maintaining Arab national security.

## Saudi calls for firm stance against Iran

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**A**rab diplomats said a Saudi draft resolution put forward to the Arab ministers is proposing a declaration of solidarity with the Kingdom and stating Arab support for actions it might take to safeguard its national security in the face of Tehran's policies.

The diplomats spoke on

condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

The Saudi draft also includes a warning to Iran against continuing its present policies in the region and orders Arab diplomats to request a meeting of the U.N. Security Council to discuss what it called Iranian

"threats," added the diplomats.

The draft appears to be in sync with Saudi Arabia's strong stance against Iran since the Houthis fired a missile on Nov. 4. Along with that attack, the resolution cited the bombing of an oil pipeline in Bahrain also this month as an example of Iran's threat to regional security.

## Licenses suspended for lane violations

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**T**he General Directorate of Traffic has suspended the driving licenses of three motorists for emergency (yellow) lane related violations.

The directorate confirmed that the drivers were caught in November while improperly overtaking other vehicles using the yellow lane, and that their licenses were suspended for three months.

The directorate also clarified that the violating motorists were detected by cameras used by the directorate's operations room.

The new traffic law implemented in 2015 instructs



Yellow lane violation on Shaikh Jabel Al Subah Highway near Sitra

to suspend the licenses of drivers who cross 20 points in the traffic violations accumulating points system,

and that violators should pass an awareness course organised by the directorate before they could reclaim their licenses.

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