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Tweet of the Day



Thanks to @algore for not only calling attention to the crisis of climate change, but also for rallying people around the solutions.

@SenSanders

Today's Weather

	Max	Min
	42 °C	32 °C

UN adds Syrian armed groups to sanctions list

United Nations

The UN Security Council yesterday added two armed groups in Syria, two money exchange businesses and four individuals to a sanctions blacklist for their alleged ties to the Islamic State and Al-Qaeda. The names were contained in an annex to a US-drafted resolution on combating terrorism that was adopted unanimously by the council.

11th Hour

Saudi Arabia sets up state security agency

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's King Salman issued a decree yesterday setting up a new security agency for the oil-rich kingdom which will be overseen by him directly, the SPA news agency said. The new agency, which will be headed by intelligence chief General Abdel Aziz bin Mohammed al-Houeiriny, would manage several departments of the interior ministry.



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Trump lashes out as presidency hits six-month mark



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Construction firm sacks 99 Bahraini employees

Terror link: Kuwait expels Iran envoys

Kuwait City,

Kuwait yesterday expelled Iranian diplomats and closed some embassy missions after the emirate's top court convicted a "terror" cell of links to the Islamic republic, the foreign ministry said.

Kuwait, which has a sizeable Shiite minority, is trying to mediate an end to the Gulf's worst crisis in years after Saudi Arabia and its allies cut ties with Qatar in June.

They severed relations with Qatar over accusations it is too close to Iran and funds extremists.

A Kuwaiti supreme court ruling last month convicted 21 people belonging to a cell that had been formed and trained by Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

"Iranian sides helped and

supported the cell members,"

Kuwait's foreign ministry said in a statement. A senior government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told AFP around 15 Iranian diplomats were expelled. He declined to comment on whether the Iranian ambassador was among those ordered to leave.

Kuwait also ordered the closure of the Iranian "military, cultural and trade" missions, the official said.

Iranian authorities meanwhile summoned Kuwait's charge d'affaires, state-run IRAN news agency reported.

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A Kuwaiti supreme court ruling last month had convicted 21 people belonging to a cell that had been formed and trained by Iran's Revolutionary Guards

and Lebanese Shiite militia Hezbollah, and plotting terror attacks in Kuwait.

Tensions rise

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Sabah, who is also acting information minister, confirmed Kuwait had taken diplomatic action against Iran.

"Following the supreme court ruling on the case... the government of Kuwait has decided to take measures, in

accordance with diplomatic norms and the Vienna Convention, towards its relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran," he said.

The latest development comes amid escalating tension in the Gulf, involving Qatar and four Arab countries -- Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt.

Analysts have warned the crisis could break apart the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council. Kuwait has not

imposed sanctions on Qatar and has positioned itself as a neutral party in the crisis.

Kuwaiti authorities busted what they said was a "terrorism" cell with ties to Iran in August 2015 and seized large quantities of arms, ammunition and explosives.

Cell members were convicted of working for Iran's Revolutionary Guards and Lebanon's Hezbollah. They were also convicted of smuggling explosives from Iran.

The only Iranian member of the cell was sentenced to death in absentia by the lower court early last year.

Kuwait's interior ministry on Tuesday said 14 convicts were on the run while the newspaper, *Al-Seyassah*, has said they had fled to Iran by sea. - AFP



HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister with Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Malaysian Minister of Defence and Minister with Special Functions, at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. Both discussed a wide range of regional and international issues, including security cooperation with Malaysia to effectively combat global terrorism and extremist ideologies.

US: Iran aided terror attacks in Bahrain

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Washington

Labelling Iran the world's top government sponsor of terrorism, the US State Department has said that Tehran had provided weapons, funds, and training to Bahraini groups that carried out attacks on the Bahraini security forces.

On January 6, 2016, Bahraini security officials dismantled a terrorist cell, linked to Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Quds Force (IRGC-QF), which was planning to carry out a series of bombings throughout the Kingdom of Bahrain, the US State Department said in its 'Country Reports on Terrorism 2016' released on

Wednesday.

"Iran used the IRGC-QF to implement foreign policy goals, provide cover for intelligence operations, and create instability in the Middle East," the report said.

"Iran has acknowledged the involvement of the IRGC-QF in the conflicts in Iraq and Syria and the IRGC-QF is Iran's primary mechanism for cultivating and supporting terrorists abroad," the report said.

In 2016, Iran supported various Iraqi terrorist groups, including Kata'ib Hezbollah, as part of an effort to bolster the Assad regime in Syria.

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