

Plea to give parity to degrees obtained from China rejected

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The House of Representatives yesterday rejected an "urgent" proposal to equalise the certificates of Bahraini graduates from Chinese universities who were allegedly sent by the government on scholarships.

MP Jalal Kadhim, one of the MPs who made the proposal, said "several complaints were received from the graduates who remained jobless for two years".

"They spent eight years of their lives and they cannot be employed because their certificates wouldn't be



Adel Al Assoomy equalised here. They studied for six years in Chinese universities and spent two years here without benefiting from their certificates," Kadhim said. The MP questioned "why would the government send them on scholarships and



Jalal Kadhim later refuse to accept their certificates".

MP Adel Al Assoomy was one of the supporters of the proposal and said, "Some graduates obtained certificates from reputed international universities that are ahead of



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us here by hundreds of light-years, but Education Ministry wouldn't recognise these certificates. Education has developed worldwide and we should cope with it. This matter should be reconsidered."

MP Mohsen Al Bakri

criticised that the proposal was "urgently" submitted, while it could be referred as an ordinary proposal to the concerned committee in the council.

"If this was proved right, then we should form an

investigative committee to look into this behaviour of the Education Ministry," Al Bakri added.

However, majority of MPs voted against the proposal and it was not passed onto the government.

Proposal passed



Khalid Al Shaer
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"Cover for terrorism is a direct threat to the safety and security of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and its citizens and residents. This law comes as a supportive legislation to the efforts paid by the Kingdom in the field of combatting terrorism and its supporters," Binhowail added.

One of the presenters of the proposal, MP Jamal Dawood, said, "Toughening penalties against individuals providing cover for terrorism and terrorists is an essential need nowadays, considering the increasing terrorist acts targeting Bahrain."

Dawood also mentioned that "huge amounts of money is invested to tempt some individuals to help provide cover for terrorism and terrorists".

"A person who shelters a terrorist is a terrorist," the legislator added.



Abdulla Binhowail

On his part, Dr. Ali Bufarsen said, "26 cops were killed by terrorists and more than 3,000 of them sustained medium and serious injuries in recent years. Terrorism didn't spare civilians either, as many of them were martyred or injured as a result of terrorist acts. Iran shelters at least 230 wanted terrorists. All those who support, fund and provide cover for criminals wanted in terror crimes should be subjected to the toughest punishments."

MP Khalid Al Shaer was also one of the supporters of the proposal and told fellow MPs, "Bahrain seriously suffers from



Jamal Dawood

terrorism. Each terrorist seeks executing the perfect crime, and the last chapter of this crime is to find a shelter and a hideout. This is an organised process as there are certain individuals tasked to shelter terrorists after they are done with their heinous crimes. This includes providing food, shelter and clothes. They could be hidden for more than three to four months, until they find a way to escape the country or situations simmer down. Sheltering terrorists is the continuation of the terror crime and tougher penalties are needed."

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