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11th Hour

MPs back legal action against Qatar Govt

Manama

A call to take legal action against Qatar for its subversive role in Bahrain has found favour with people's representatives. MPs yesterday endorsed an action plan to seek compensation for damage.





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Iran 'part of the problem' in Yemen: Diplomat

United Nations

Iran, which is supporting Shia Huthi rebels in Yemen, "is part of the problem, not the solution" when it comes to ending conflict in the war-torn nation, Yemen's top diplomat has said.

"Iran is the cause of the Yemen.

problem, Iran continues to support the Huthis, Iranian arms are smuggled. Iran is part of the problem, not the solution," Foreign Minister Abdulmalik Al Mekhlafi said when asked if Tehran could contribute to a political solution in Yemen.

He was speaking at UN headquarters after a major luncheon hosted by Yemen and Saudi Arabia with the majority of diplomatic missions to the United Nations.

"Iran has no role to play in the region," echoed the Saudi ambassador to the United Nations, Abdallah Al-Mouallimi. Saudi humanitarian aid to Yemen is estimated to top \$8.2 billion.

The Saudi-led military coalition largely controls the country's airspace, although US drones also carry out strikes on suspected Al-Qaeda bases there.

More than 8,300 people

have been killed and 44,000 wounded since the Saudi-led coalition entered the Yemen war in 2015.

Close to 2,000 Yemenis have also died of cholera since April and another 600,000 are expected to contract the infection this year.

Development first: PM to new Governor

DT News Network

The Southern Governorate's towns and villages need more development projects in commensurate with its economic and social importance, said His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa who visited the Governorate yesterday.

"Reach out to the citizens to identify their needs, deliver them the best services and spare no effort to achieve His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's directives on the ground. We are with you and support you since what the governorate is doing is part of the government's responsibilities," the Premier said, addressing the newly-appointed Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa and the Governorate's staff.



HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa with HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Southern Governor, yesterday.

"Listen to the voice of the citizens, whether they are in towns or villages, and do follow ups," he said, congratulating HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, for the precious royal trust bestowed upon him and the responsibility entrusted to him. HRH Prime Minister said that the citizens across the Governorate should see tangible progress in health, services, housing and infrastructure in the Governorate.

Speaker of the Council of Representatives Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla, Deputy Premier Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Interior Minister Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, service ministers, MPs and senior state officials were present. HRH Premier stressed the need to give top priority to the implementation of HM the King's directives and serving the citizens in the the governorate, noting that the governorate will receive all kinds of support from the government as its tasks are part of the government's responsibilities. He stressed the importance of fulfilling the citizens' aspirations and meeting their needs.

"Their satisfaction is ours, and their service is the government's ultimate goal," HRH Premier said. HH Shaikh Khalifa welcomed HRH the Prime Minister's visit, noting that it embodies his constant keenness on being informed closely about the citizens' needs through direct meetings and field visits to determine the priority of government action.



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