

Mind your own business, FM tells Iran's Khamenei



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Bahrain's Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa has asked Iran's supreme leader to "mind his own business" and not to interfere in domestic

affairs.

In his response to the latest statements made by Ali Khamenei about the situations in Bahrain and the recent security operation targeting terrorists gathered in Diraz, Shaikh Khalid tweeted, "Bahrain and its people are fine. The leader of the Iranian

Revolution should keep quiet and keep his evil away."

The minister shared a short video clip on his official Twitter page showing Khamenei commenting on the recent events and praising controversial religious cleric Isa Qassim.

As reported last week,

security forces dispersed an illegal gathering near Isa Qassim's residence in Diraz, where five people were killed and over 30 policemen were injured.

Shaikh Khalid also tweeted that Khamenei should pay attention to the endless issues his country is facing and

leave the Kingdom of Bahrain alone.

Iranian officials often interfere in the internal affairs of GCC states, especially Bahrain.

However, it's not common for the Supreme Leader to appear on screens with such statements.

Road project nearing completion

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Work on Malkiya entrance and roads in the vicinity are nearing completion, Roads Projects and Maintenance Director Sayyed Bader Alawi has said. The project is part of the paving of dirt roads programme, aiming to provide infrastructure services as per priorities set for the Northern Governorate.

The Ministry has completed paving 90 per cent of the roads in the block. Work is underway to implement storm water drainage tanks, construct speed humps and put in place traffic signs and ground markings. The project will serve 90 housing units and facilitate movement in Malkiya. Alawi explained that the project comprises of paving a total of 2.6km long roads, implementing ground channels for present and future use.

Several arrested in Diraz released

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More than 40 people who were arrested in Diraz on Tuesday were released by the police on Thursday.

This was confirmed by the area's parliamentary representative MP Jalal Kadhim, following his meeting with several MPs with Interior Minister Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa.

Kadhim stated on his official Twitter page that the police directorate has communicated with the families of 45 people arrested from Diraz.

"They were all released



Jalal Kadhim

today in the presence of the area's representative and the governor. Following up on the matter is continued," Kadhim tweeted on Thursday.

The MP confirmed that the move follows the directives

of the minister to release the individuals arrested in Diraz events on Tuesday.

DT News reported on Wednesday that more than 280 people who participated in an illegal gathering in Diraz were arrested. Among the arrested were convicts and fugitives wanted in terror crimes. Five people were killed and more than 30 policemen were injured in armed clashes that occurred while security forces dispersed the crowd.

"We urge all for self-control and not to follow suspicious statements. We request religious clerics and eminent persons of the area to embrace the youth and preserve civil peace."



286 people were arrested in the recent Diraz security operation



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