# Two Bahraini men jailed Ban on import of fruits, vegetables for sectarian crimes in UAE

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### Manama

the Court of Appeals in the ■ United Arab Emirates (UAE) has sentenced two Bahraini men to three years in jail and a fine of AED500,000 (BD51,000) for committing sectarian crimes.

The two men had appeared in an online video last year, uttering sectarian statements, while in Dubai, in support of the Popular Mobilisation Forces fighting in Syria and Iraq.

Soon, calls for holding the men accountable for their statements were shared online, considering it as attempts to spread sectarianism, hatred, sedition and segregation among the people of GCC states.

They were reportedly handedover by the authorities here to the UAE last year upon the latter's

## **MP** welcomes decision

The sentence was welcomed many citizens, including MP Theyab



A screenshot of the video showing one of the men making his sectarian statements

Al Nuaimi, who condemned the men's acts that he said was "aimed at raising sedition and sectarianism among the people of GCC countries".

"Thev only represent themselves and not the people of Bahrain. We trust the Emirati The men had appeared in a video utterina sectarian statements last year

judiciary and its fair and independent decision against the sedition, so they could be an example to those who prejudice the security of the UAE and GCC states," Al Nuaimi said in support of the sentence.

The MP, who's also a member of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee in the House of Representatives, stressed on the necessity of GCC states' unity and to combat behaviours that threaten their

He called for more security cooperation between states to arrest such criminals, adding that it's a demand of the people of GCC countries



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he government has imposed a ban on import of vegetables and fruits from certain countries in the

The decision comes as reports proved that pesticides were excessively used in those countries, the authorities explained.

Agriculture and Marine Resources Affairs in Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry said that the countries include Lebanon, Jordan, Oman, Egypt and Yemen.

It affirmed that the Kingdom has taken precautionary steps to ensure the safety of food products.

It was proven that pesticides were used in these countries with higher levels of the standards approved by the constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Strict procedures are followed at the Kingdom's entry points to inspect all the imported food commodities," a statement issued on Thursday read.

'A ban has been imposed on import of all kinds of chilli pepper and capsicum from Egypt, Apple from Lebanon, chilli, capsicum, cabbage, lettuce, cornflower and eggplant from Jordan and sweet melon, carrot and rocca from Oman and all fruits from Yemen. Agriculture and Marine Resources Affairs added.



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