

'Cowardly and treacherous'

Bahrain strongly condemns Iranian missile attacks in UN letter

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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations in New York sent an urgent letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres following the recent missile attacks on the Kingdom, attributed to Iran.

In the letter, Bahrain strongly condemned the "cowardly and treacherous" attacks, which targeted sites, facilities, and residential areas within its borders.

Bahraini air defenses successfully intercepted several missiles and drones. The Kingdom described the assaults as a blatant violation of its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the security of its people, constituting an unjustified act that violates international law and the UN Charter, and posing a serious threat to regional and interna-



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tional peace and stability.

The letter further emphasized Bahrain's denunciation of these acts as a dangerous escalation and a hostile attack that will neither be tolerated nor overlooked.

It stressed that such attacks



United Nations office in New York

set a precedent that threatens regional security, undermines stability, and violates the principles of good neighborliness.

Commitment

Bahrain reaffirmed its commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and underscored its full and inherent right to respond proportionately to protect its territory, citizens, and residents, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter, and in coordination with its allies and partners.

The Kingdom called on the UN Security Council to assume its responsibilities, condemn the hostile acts, and take firm measures to deter such violations and prevent their recurrence, ensuring the maintenance of regional and international security and stability.

'Criminal acts and breach of international law'

MP Qarata denounces Iran missile and drone attacks on Bahrain and other GCC states

● BDF and Interior Ministry praised for readiness and ability to maintain security, stability

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MP Abdulwahid Qarata condemned Iran's missile and drone attacks on Bahrain and other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, saying they targeted sovereignty and national security and breached international law.

In a statement issued after the strikes, he described the launch-

es as "a blatant violation of international law and humanitarian norms".

Qarata said he rejected any attack on civilian buildings or unarmed civilians, calling such acts criminal and in breach of international and humanitarian conventions.

"Targeting defenceless civilians is a full-fledged war crime," he said, adding that Iran and its leadership bore full responsibility.

Risks

He said the attacks again showed the risks facing the region and the need for firm national unity behind Bahrain's leadership and its military and security bodies.

Qarata praised the Bahrain



Emergency personnel work to extinguish a fire in a building after an Iranian strike in the capital Manama. (AFP)

Defence Force (BDF) for its readiness and its ability to re-



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airspace and sovereignty.

He also commended the Ministry of Interior and security personnel, saying they were working around the clock to keep

public order, support stability, and protect citizens and residents from any threat and its wider impact.

Confident

The MP said he remained confident Bahrain would get through what he called difficult circumstances under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, with the support of the Government and the public.

He urged citizens to take information only from official sources and to stand against rumours and false news aimed at weakening unity at home.

The lawmaker ended with a prayer for Bahrain, its leadership and its people.

India offers visa relief for stranded travellers

Delhi

India has issued an advisory for foreign nationals currently in the country after widespread flight disruptions linked to escalating tensions in West Asia left many travellers uncertain about their onward journeys.

On Sunday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) urged overseas visitors whose travel plans have been affected to approach the nearest Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) for assistance with visa extensions or to regularise their stay.

The advisory comes amid significant airspace restrictions across parts of the Middle East, which have led to hundreds of cancelled and rerouted flights globally.

Online orders delayed as shipments stall amid regional tensions

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Shoppers across Bahrain are facing unexpected delays in receiving their online purchases, as regional developments continue to disrupt air and sea logistics routes.

In a monitoring round conducted by The Daily Tribune, several residents confirmed that shipments ordered through international platforms such as Shein, Temu and AliExpress have either been delayed, rescheduled or cancelled altogether.

The disruptions follow the temporary closure of Bahrain International Airport and the suspension of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz amid the current situation in the region.

Notifications

Many customers said they received notifications informing them that estimated delivery dates had been

pushed back without clear timelines.

Others reported that their orders were automatically cancelled, with refunds processed back to their accounts.

One resident said she had been waiting for children's clothing ordered for an upcoming family occasion, only to receive a notice stating that the parcel could not be dispatched due to logistical constraints.

Another person said her electronics order was refunded after remaining in transit for two days without movement updates.

Frustration

Despite the frustration, most customers expressed understanding of the exceptional circumstances.

Logistics experts note that both air cargo routes and maritime shipping lanes play a critical role in e-commerce supply chains, particularly for goods routed through regional hubs.

GCC members warn of 'grave consequences' of escalation

New York

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations in New York, acting on behalf of the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), has sent a letter to António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The move comes in Bahrain's capacity as chair of the current 46th session of the GCC, with the aim of urgently drawing attention to the malicious Iranian missile attacks that targeted a number of countries in the region.

The letter conveyed the GCC states' strongest condemnation and denunciation of the blatant Iranian attack that targeted GCC member states and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, describing it as a flagrant violation of national sovereignty and a clear breach of the principles of interna-

tional law and the Charter of the United Nations.

Solidarity

The GCC countries affirmed their full solidarity with, and support for, the states affected by these attacks, stressing that the security of nations is indivisible and that any infringement on the sovereignty of any member constitutes a threat to the security and stability of the region as a whole.

The Council also warned of the grave consequences of the continuation of this unacceptable escalation.

The letter further underscored that the GCC states have the full and inherent right to self defence in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, in response to this blatant targeting, in a manner proportionate to the nature of the aggression and consistent with international law.

Power services to run without disruption

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Electricity services across the Kingdom of Bahrain will continue to operate as usual, maintaining the same efficiency and reliability as before. This was affirmed by the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) in a special statement.

The authority denied circulating social media reports suggesting potential power outages yesterday evening or any preemptive plans to cut off electricity in connection with the current situation.

The EWA urged citizens and residents to rely on official sources for information, emphasizing the importance of accuracy and caution against rumors or misinformation.

The authority stressed that responsible information sharing helps strengthen community awareness and national responsibility.