

'Vessel Diversions'

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Media Builds Peace

Uphold professionalism, integrity, and support peacebuilding

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Press Earns Royal Praise

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Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi, Minister of Information, said the continued development and elevated status of Bahrain's press reflect the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and his firm support for responsible press freedom.

He also highlighted the backing of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin



Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi

Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, noting his efforts to empower national media professionals and enhance their role in development through key initiatives and programmes.

Dr. Al Nuaimi was commenting on the King's message on World Press Freedom Day, which this year carries the theme "Shaping a Future of Peace".

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued a message marking World Press Freedom Day, reaffirming Bahrain's commitment to responsible press freedom and freedom of expression as cornerstones of constitutional governance and democratic development.

In his message, the King extended appreciation to journalists and media professionals, stressing that free and responsible journalism remains a vital pillar of modern societies and a reflection of their vitality and conscience.

He noted that this year's UNESCO theme, "Shaping a Future of Rights," highlights the role of ethical and objective journalism in promoting peace, describing the media as a key force in building stability when guided by professionalism and integrity.

His Majesty also highlighted Bahrain's national unity and social cohesion, noting the country's inclusive society that brings together diverse communities in both prosperity and adversity. He reaffirmed Bahrain's



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman

consistent approach based on good neighbourliness, cooperation, and balanced diplomacy.

Referring to recent regional developments, the King commended the readiness of Bahrain's armed forces and security institutions, and expressed pride in the unity and loyalty of the Bahraini people, describing them as a strong pillar of national defence.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force reaffirmed the military's loyalty to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, praising his leadership and stressing that national unity and security are "non-negotiable priorities."

In a message addressed to the King, the defence leadership expressed "deep loyalty and allegiance," describing the mon-

arch's recent guidance to the media as a "historic moment" that reflects a clear national doctrine placing the homeland above all considerations.

The statement highlighted the importance of strong national cohesion in safeguarding Bahrain's stability and development, and warned against any attempts to undermine the country's security or sovereignty.

Oath Breach

Expulsion Motion Filed Against Three MPs

Request under consideration in line with parliamentary procedures

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Thirty MPs have submitted a formal request to the Speaker seeking the expulsion of three fellow MPs over statements made during a parliamentary debate on amendments to the judiciary law.

The MPs named in the request are Abdulnabi Salman Nasser, Mamdouh Abbas Al Saleh, and Mehdi Abdulaziz Al Shuwaikh.

The signatories allege that the three MPs breached their constitutional oath and lost the trust required to continue in office following remarks made during the parliamentary session on 28 May 2026, which discussed Decree-Law No. 13 of 2024 amending Article 7 of the Judicial Authority Law (Decree-Law No. 42 of 2002).

According to the request, the



Mehdi Abdulaziz Al Shuwaikh



Abdulnabi Salman Nasser



Mamdouh Abbas Al Saleh



Lawmakers in session

three MPs criticised state measures taken against individuals accused of glorifying Iranian attacks on Bahrain, including the revocation of citizenship in certain cases. The signatories

argue that these remarks questioned the legitimacy of such measures and contributed to the rejection of the draft law.

The MPs behind the motion further claim that the state-

ments caused public anger and undermined national unity, while also contradicting directives attributed to the leadership regarding safeguarding national security.

The request cites Article 78 of the Constitution, which outlines the oath of MPs, and Article 99, which allows for the withdrawal of membership if a member loses trust or violates parliamentary duties. It also refers to Article 191(b) of the parliamentary bylaws, which provides for disciplinary measures, including removal from membership.

While acknowledging an apology later issued by the three MPs, the signatories said it was insufficient and maintained that resignation would have been the appropriate course of action.

The request has been submitted by Mohammed Salman Al Ahmed, Hamad Farooq Al Doy, Jameel Mulla Hassan, Bader Al Tamimi, Mohammed Al Baloooshi, Ali Saqr Al Dosari, Abdulla Al Rumaihi, Mohammed Al Olaiwi, Abdulla Al Dhaen, and Mohammed Al Rifai.



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DR. ABDULLATIF BIN RASHID AL ZAYANI IS THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

GCC Stands With Bahrain



Jassim Mohammed Al-Budaiwi

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GCC Secretary-General Jassim Mohammed Al-Budaiwi affirmed the Gulf Cooperation Council's full support for Bahrain in all measures taken to protect its security and stability.

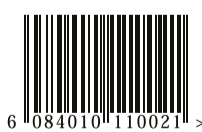
He stressed that Bahrain's security remains a top priority for GCC states, highlighting their united stance in facing threats.

UAE Voices Support

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Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, reaffirmed his country's full support for the sovereign measures taken by Bahrain to safeguard its security, sovereignty, and national achievements.

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