

MPs back urgent compensation plan for Iran attack damage



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Parliament yesterday backed an urgent request for the government to create a scheme to aid and compensate people affected by Iranian missile attacks on Bahraini soil.

The proposal calls for a clear method to record damage, weigh losses and pay compensation fairly and quickly. It is meant to cover citizens and residents.

MP Khalid Buanaq, who submitted the request, said the goal was a fast state response when outside events cause harm to property and incomes inside Bahrain.

An accompanying memorandum says some private homes suffered partial or total damage, leaving owners with immediate repair costs and a need for support to restore their properties.

It also refers to damage to vehicles and other private possessions, arguing for a defined process to assess losses and

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compensate those affected.

Memorandum

The memorandum adds that some small businesses were hit by work stoppages or damage to equipment, cutting earnings for owners and workers.

It warns of wider social and living impacts on families, mainly where the damage involves a home or a source of income, and says a formal mechanism would help deal with claims in an orderly way.

The request asks the government to treat the matter as urgent and take the steps needed to put the mechanism in place.

‘Bahrain retains right to respond’

Speaker Al Musallam: Kingdom will remain ‘a homeland of security and stability’ despite Iran strikes

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Bahrain will remain “a homeland of security and stability” despite Iranian missile and drone attacks that struck the kingdom and other Gulf states, Parliament speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam told MPs at the opening of yesterday’s sitting.

In his opening address, Al Musallam condemned the attacks, saying Iran had used ballistic missiles and drones and that the strikes hit Bahrain’s territory as well as civilian sites and private property in sister states.

The Speaker said the assaults amounted to a grave breach of international humanitarian law and posed a direct threat to regional peace and security.

He said Bahrain backed every step taken to protect its security and sovereignty, and that the kingdom “retains its full right to respond”, acting in coordination with allies and partners.

Efficiency

Al Musallam praised Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) air and missile defences for intercepting the attacks “with efficiency and vigilance”, and thanked the Ministry of Interior and other security bodies for maintaining public safety and reassuring residents.

He also credited the media system with keeping the public



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informed and said ministries and institutions had worked to keep food supplies, healthcare and other essentials secure.

The lawmaker paid tribute to national staff across what he called “Team Bahrain” for their work in different sectors.

Precaution

The Speaker praised Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa for directing institutions to take precautionary steps, strengthen security and stability, uphold the rule of law

and protect society.

He said the public had rallied behind His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and urged citizens and residents to follow official instructions, take care, avoid rumours and rely on official sources for information.

Al Musallam added that competent bodies had acted firmly against those who breach instructions, to protect the safety of all and preserve social unity.

Support

The legislator thanked sister and friendly countries for backing Bahrain and offering support, and called on the Inter-Parliamentary Union and other parliamentary bodies to condemn the attacks and take immediate action to stop them.

He said Bahrain would continue to back peace efforts, support regional and international stability and uphold good neighbourly ties and mutual respect, arguing that diplomacy and dialogue were the way to ease tensions and settle disputes.

Challenges

Bahrain had shown, he said, that it can overcome challenges through the leadership’s judgement, public unity and the readiness of state institutions.

The current moment, he added, calls for national unity so the kingdom remains “an oasis of security, peace and prosperity”.

Individuals detained for ‘threatening’ security and stability

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Individuals have been identified and arrested for their involvement in committing serious violations affecting the security and stability of society since the start of the Iranian aggression targeting several sites in Bahrain.

The Ministry of Interior announced that the Anti-Cyber Crime Directorate carried out the arrest operations.

These offences include publishing videos and content expressing sympathy with this heinous attack, which constitutes betrayal of the nation and a clear violation of its values and principles.

The individuals also circulated fabricated images generated using artificial intelligence techniques, falsely depicting damage to a number of homes, and shared them through their social media accounts.

Expat killed

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A Bangladeshi man has been killed in Bahrain after debris from an intercepted missile struck an industrial area.

The victim, identified as SM Tareq, died in the Salman Industrial Area, Bangladeshi embassy officials said.

He was from Sandwip’s Azimpur in Chattogram district.

Shelter centres visit



The Muharraq Governor, His Excellency Salman bin Isa Bin Hindi Al Mannai, visited a number of shelter centres across the governorate to review workflow and the level of services provided, during meetings with supervisors and officials responsible for managing the facilities. The Governor commended the efforts to meet various needs and provide services, and to ensure a suitable environment that guarantees comfort and comprehensive care for residents at the centres.



For safety of all

His Highness the Southern Governor, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, conducted an inspection visit to several shelter centres in the Southern Governorate to review their preparedness and ensure the efficiency of the procedures in place to protect safety of all. During the visit, HH the Southern Governor was briefed on workflow and approved operational plans. He commended the efforts of the security teams at the Ministry of Interior, field teams and relevant entities in strengthening the rapid response system and addressing various situations.

Customs head inspects border points for food security



H.E. Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad with customs personnel

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Customs President, His Excellency Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa conducted an inspection visit to several customs entry points in the Kingdom of Bahrain to ensure the smooth flow of food supplies, essential goods, medicines, and medical equipment.

The visit, made in light of the Iranian aggression targeting several sites, also aimed to affirm full adherence to the highest standards of readiness and vigilance amid ongoing regional developments.

During the visit, Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad conveyed



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to customs personnel the greetings and appreciation of Interior Minister, H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, and his commendation of their role in advancing cus-

tom services and implementing a distinguished customs strategy.

Performance

He praised their efficiency, vigilance, advanced security awareness and high-level customs performance.

The Customs President reviewed workflow procedures and clearance processes for shipments and goods, ensuring both speed and accuracy.

He stressed the importance of intensifying efforts and strengthening coordination with relevant authorities to ensure the smooth movement of imports and exports and prevent disruptions to supply chains.