



The US has reportedly identified locations in Iran from which drones and cruise missiles were launched against major Saudi oil facilities (BBC)



Several oil tankers and US drone have been attacked since May either in, or near, the Strait of Hormuz (CNBC)



Iranian Attack Boats Harass U.S. Navy, Coast Guard Vessels (US Naval Institute)

# Countering Iran, need of the hour

International community urged to take resolute steps to confront Iran

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**B**olstering Arab, Islamic and international efforts to counter the terrorism of the Iranian regime is the need of the hours, state news agency BNA in an article published yesterday said.

The article, which outlines the Iranians aggressions over the past four decades, calls on the international community the Security Council to take resolute steps to deter and confront Iran, to help it change its "criminal approach".

The article states that "Bahrain aspires to normal relations with Iran based on the principles of good neighbourliness and non-interference in internal affairs" and calls for to resolve issues by "peaceful means and constructive dialogue".

It also recommends making Arabian Gulf region and the Middle East Free of all weapons of "mass destruction, including nuclear weapons".

The article affirms Bahrain's support for the US strategy to counter the destabilising activities of the Iranian regime and

the extension of the United Nations arms embargo on Iran.

## Extend arms embargo

The arms embargo is "an important tool to counter Iran's proliferation of arms to proxies, promotes greater regional stability and holds Iran accountable for its actions," the report affirms. Failing to extend the embargo will result in Bahrain and neighbouring partners suffering the consequences of "destabilising arms race."

The article points out that Iran's interferences in Bahraini affairs had increased since 2011, following two previous failed attempts in the 1980s and 1990s.

Destabilising activities, more than 29,000 times in nearly 10 years, have resulted in taking the lives of 35 civilians and security officers. This is in addition to the 3,500 who suffered permanent disabilities. Financial losses suffered by public, private establishments, power stations, telecommunications towers, educational and banking institutions, roads and highways come next.



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US COUNTRY REPORTS ON TERRORISM

## Iraq, Syria, Lebanon

The article also accuses Iran of spreading its destabilising doctrines via 40 satellite channels, besides funding many websites and suspicious accounts on social media.

Iran, the state-run agency, also points out that has expanded its influence in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon and is supplying terrorist there with weapons, ballistic missile and drones to attack neighbouring countries.

## Threat to Saudi

The threats posed by Iran on oil installations as well as civilian and holy sites in Saudi Arabia is undermining regional safety and energy security, as the threat is also on shipping routes and global trade, the report warns citing the attacks on two Saudi Aramco factories and Abha International Airport last year.

Giving further instances of Iran's terrorism, the report citing the US Country Reports on Terrorism says, "Iran's global campaign of terror has included as many as 360 targeted assassi-

nations in other countries, and mass bombing attacks that killed and maimed hundreds."

It also accuses the mullah regime of squandering the wealth of its people on its aggressive and sectarian conspiracies under the pretext of supporting the "oppressed peoples" and spending well over \$100 billion on its nuclear programme.

This is another crime that can be added to its "crimes against humanity", the report said pointing out that 40 per cent of Iranians are still under the poverty line with its currency losing more than 75pc of its value since 2018 quoting Iranian official and parliamentarians.

Bahrain, the reports adds, has been able to fend off these threats thanks to the wisdom and leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

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The Iranian rial fell to a new low against the US dollar on the unofficial market yesterday, as the economy comes under pressure from the coronavirus pandemic and US sanctions



In May 2018, President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from a multilateral deal aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear programme and reimposed sanctions that have since battered the economy.

The rial lost about 70pc of its value in the months after May 2018 as Iranians snapped up dollars, fearing Washington's withdrawal from the nuclear deal and sanctions

The official exchange rate is 42,000 rials per dollar and is used mostly for imports of state-subsidised food and medicine.

## COVID-19 claims another life

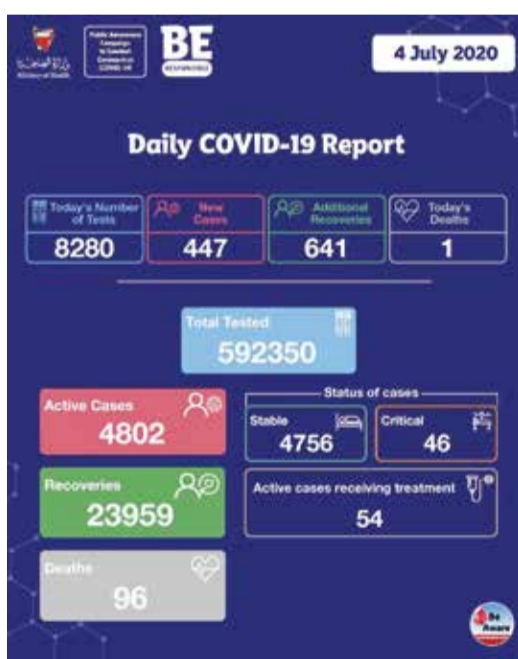
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**T**he Ministry of Health announced yesterday that the coronavirus (COVID-19) has claimed one more life in Bahrain.

The deceased was a 64-year-old Bahraini woman. Her passing brought the overall number of coronavirus-related deaths in the Kingdom to 96.

The Health Ministry expressed its condolences to the victim's family.

Meanwhile, it was announced early this morning that out of 8,280 COVID-19 tests conducted yesterday, 447 new cases were detected. From these, 250 were expatriate workers, 193 were contacts of active cas-



es, and four were travel-related.

Their detection brought the overall number of confirmed cases in Bahrain to over 28,500 ever since the first case was reported.

There were also 641 additional recoveries from the virus yesterday, the Health Ministry said. After confirming that the patients were free of COVID-19, they were released from their respective isolation and treatment centres, bringing the total number of discharged in Bahrain to 23,959.

The total number of currently active cases reached 4,802, of which 54 are receiving treatment, with 46 in critical condition. The remaining 4,756 cases are stable.

The total tested increased to 592,350.

## NHRA to investigate medical errors

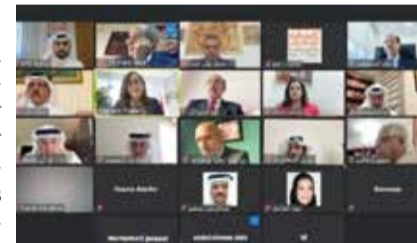
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**N**ational Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) will now receive and investigate complaints about medical errors and serious accidents by institutions, said Chief Executive Officer Dr Mariam Al Jalahma.

This, the CEO said, will improve their performances and allow NHRA to take disciplinary measures against the guilty.

Dr Mariam Al Jalahma was speaking during an online lecture for the Shura Council the health sector legislation and the role of the NHRA in monitoring and regulating the healthcare system in Bahrain.

During the lecture organised by the Bahrain Institute for Public Development (BIPD), she explained that NHRA is an independent regulatory body es-



The virtual conference

established in 2010 under Law 38 of 2009 with a mission to regulate healthcare sector in Bahrain.

Besides, ensuring best practices per international standards, NHRA is also responsible for implementing

and developing health regulations for both governmental and private sectors.

NHRA is also responsible for registration and pricing of medicine, licensing pharmaceutical factories, granting approvals for conducting clinical trials, investigating professional misconduct claims, and conducting disciplinary hearings for health professionals in the Kingdom.

Al Jalahma said the laws regarding the practice of medicine and dentistry as well as the pharmacy are to be amended, saying they had been referred to the Supreme Council of Health.

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