

Parliament Decides Today

MPs to vote on removal of three MPs after committee recommendation

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Parliament is set to vote today on whether to strip three lawmakers of their seats, following a committee recommendation and a request backed by 37 of the chamber's 40 members.

The extraordinary sitting will open with debate and a vote on the membership of MPs Abdulnabi Salman, Mamdouh Al Saleh and Mahdi Al Shuwaikh, after the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee urged their removal.

The committee said the three MPs violated parliamentary duties during an April 28 session, when they opposed a de-



Dr Mahdi Al Shuwaikh, MP



Abdulnabi Salman,
First Deputy Speaker



Mamdouh Al Saleh, Chairman of
Parliament's Services Committee

ree-law amending the Judicial Authority Law. It argued their conduct undermined trust and conflicted with their constitutional oath.

According to the committee report, the MPs also criticised

state measures taken against individuals accused of praising Iranian attacks on Bahrain, including citizenship revocations.

The referral to the committee was submitted by Speaker Ahmed Al Musallam on May 4

after procedural approval by the parliamentary bureau. A total of 37 MPs signed the removal request, out of 40 members.

The report also referenced remarks by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa following the

April security incident involving Iran, in which he warned against disloyalty and stressed that parliamentary representation is a responsibility tied to national trust.

All three MPs attended the committee meeting on May 4 and submitted their defence before lawmakers voted unanimously within the committee to recommend their removal.

Under Bahrain's constitution, MPs can lose their seats if they are deemed to have breached membership duties or lost trust and standing. Any final decision requires approval by a two-thirds majority of parliament — at least 27 votes in the 40-member chamber.

IRGC Links Under Probe



The Interior Ministry launched a "comprehensive security and legal review" into a series of cases linked to alleged espionage and support for "blatant Iranian aggression," according to a statement.

The ministry said investigations indicated that individuals arrested in connection with the cases had "close links" to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and were influenced by the ideology of Wilayat al-Faqih.

The probe also includes scrutiny of alleged unlawful practices and the use of ideological and religious messaging across media platforms, places of worship, and social, charitable and educational institutions, including schools and kindergartens.

According to the ministry, these activities allegedly promoted "false concepts" and deepened the influence of what it described as an extremist ideology with political aims "under a religious cover" in various areas of community life.

Investigations

The Interior Ministry said the investigations come amid broader efforts to keep the public informed of security developments following what it called the repercussions of Iranian aggression, including the exposure of espionage cases involving foreign entities and expressions of support for such actions.

It added that the alleged practices took place despite the state providing "all services and forms of care" to citizens. They were aimed at inciting hostility against the state, intimidating citizens and civil society institutions, spreading hatred, and endangering national security.

The ministry stressed that it was examining the underlying causes that led to the alleged violations and crimes, adding that they do not reflect Bahrain's "national stands, patriotic spirit, and the authenticity of its cohesive society."

It also called for continued strengthening of community cooperation, saying citizen engagement at this stage is "of utmost importance" to reinforce social solidarity and safeguard the national fabric and higher interests of the country.

Prison terms for 10 juveniles

Cases linked to violence and property damage during unauthorised gatherings

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A juvenile court in Bahrain sentenced 10 minors to prison terms in separate cases linked to violence and vandalism.

The Minor Criminal Court for Juveniles issued rulings in six cases, handing down sentences ranging from two to three years. It also ordered the Reform and Rehabilitation Centre to submit a progress report on the juveniles after six months to assess whether the sentences should continue or be replaced with alternative measures.

According to the prosecution,

the cases involved the juveniles' participation in unauthorised gatherings during which acts of violence and damage to public property were reported. Police arrested the youths in the Northern Governorate and referred to the Public Prosecution for questioning before being sent to court.

The prosecution said the defendants were interrogated in line with legal safeguards before being placed in detention pending trial.

Officials said the court proceedings came after multiple police reports documented the incidents and the subsequent arrests.



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Public Prosecution

The Head of the Family and Child Prosecution stressed that legal action would continue against anyone involved in threats to public order or damage to property, while also highlighting the importance of family supervision in guiding and protecting minors from behavioural risks and repeated offending.

Up to five years for filming key sites

The court sentenced defendants to prison terms of up to five years in two separate cases linked to filming sensitive infrastructure during what authorities described as "malicious Iranian attacks" on the kingdom.

The Head of the Terrorism Crimes Prosecution said the Minor Criminal Court issued rulings ranging from one to five years in prison. One defendant was also fined 100 Bahraini dinars, and the confiscation of seized items was ordered in both cases.

According to prosecutors,

Cybercrime Directorate tracked a social media account filming vital facilities

the first case involved a social media account monitored by the Cybercrime Directorate that published footage of vital facilities during the attacks, leading to the suspect's arrest.

In the second case, the defendant was detained while allegedly filming key installations, an act deemed a violation of national security laws. Both individuals were referred to the Public Prosecution.

Fake "CBD" Drug Warning Raises Alarm in Bahrain

Misleading Use of "CBD" to Mask Dangerous Synthetic Substances Targeting Young People

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The misleading use of the term "CBD" to disguise dangerous synthetic substances circulating among young people.

This warning was issued by Colonel Dr. Osama Bahar as part of the Ministry of Interior's Al Aman Program, highlighting growing concerns over the increasing circulation of synthetic drugs being falsely presented under misleading names.

Authorities stressed that this practice misleads young people and their families by creating a false sense of safety around substances that are, in reality, unregulated and potentially dangerous.

He further warned that this tactic is deliberately used by drug dealers to deceive users, stating: "drug dealers used the name CBD manufactured as synthetic hash, a dangerous substance and gave it that name so



if a teenager gets caught he can tell his mother it's a beneficial therapeutic substance."

The message strongly cautioned the public not to be misled, adding: "don't believe him."

Officials clarified that Cannabidiol (CBD) is a naturally occurring compound derived from the cannabis plant, and in

some countries it is used under strict medical and pharmaceutical supervision for specific conditions such as epilepsy and chronic pain.

However, authorities emphasized that the substances currently being circulated illegally under similar names are entirely different in composition,



"It is deeply concerning when a young person turns from a valued family member into a source of harm."

COLONEL DR. OSAMA BAHAR

origin, and risk.

Officials warned that illegal manufacturers are producing synthetic cannabinoids in laboratories and distributing them under misleading labels, including "CBD," in an attempt to present them as safe or medically approved.

These substances are not regulated, and their chemical composition is often unknown, making their effects unpredictable and potentially harmful.

Authorities noted that such products do not contain verified therapeutic benefits and may lead to severe physical and psychological consequences.

The awareness message also highlighted serious concerns regarding behavioral changes linked to the misuse of such substances.

Officials emphasized that such behaviors are not inherent traits, but may result from the influence of dangerous synthetic substances that can affect mood, judgment, and self-control.