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## HM King: Bahrain promotes peace and cooperation

**His Majesty visits Royal Bahraini Air Force, hails combat readiness**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to a firm approach based on wisdom, moderation, and the promotion of peace and cooperation.

He highlighted the Kingdom's continued efforts to strengthen fraternal relations with Arab, regional, and international partners to support regional security and stability.

HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, was speaking as he visited the Royal Bahraini Air Force yesterday.

His Majesty was briefed on several fighter jets of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), which rank among the best in the world.

In a speech delivered on the occasion, HM the King com-



mended the Royal Bahraini Air Force for their high level of combat readiness, skill, and team-

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— HM KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES

work in joint operations with the Air Defense and other branches of the Bahrain Defence Force.

“They are the best people we can always rely on,” HM King Hamad said

He praised their dedication to defending the homeland, preserving civilizational progress, and safeguarding citizens.

His Majesty praised the discipline, competence, and sense of responsibility shown by members of the BDF.

He emphasized that they remain a strong shield for the nation and a firm support in preserving its security, stability, and development.

HM the King expressed his

gratitude to the Royal Air Force and Air Defense for their dedication in safeguarding Bahrain's land, waters, and airspace.

He noted that the Kingdom is today “more united and stronger, and stands as one around the flag of the dear homeland.”

His Majesty also instructed senior officers to convey his greetings and appreciation to all officers, non-commissioned officers, and personnel of the Air Force across all units, wishing them continued success and prosperity.

# ‘World must act now’

**HRH Prince Salman: Diplomacy cannot succeed under shadow of missiles and drones**

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday stressed that diplomacy cannot succeed under the shadow of missiles and drones.

He also called on the international community to act decisively to protect maritime traffic and uphold international peace.

HRH Prince Salman delivered the remarks while participating in a remote meeting with leaders from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Arab states, and the European Union to discuss regional security.

“No state can accept attacks on its territory or threats to its people,” he said.

**Violations**

His Royal Highness condemned recent Iranian missile

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and drone strikes against Bahrain and allied countries as “blatant violations of international law and international humanitarian law”, highlighting their impact on civilians and critical infrastructure.

He also called for urgent international action, stating: “The international community needs to act decisively to ensure the



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister participates in a remote meeting with H.E. Dr. Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs

protection of international maritime traffic and the flow of goods through the Straits of Hormuz.

“We call on the European Union and the United Nations Security Council to act with urgency and resolve,” HRH Prince Salman said.

He warned that failure to respond “will lead to further aggression and undermine international peace and security.”

**Attacks**

Bahrain, along with other GCC states, Jordan, and regional part-

ners, has faced unprecedented attacks targeting residential areas, energy facilities, and water desalination plants, His Royal Highness noted.

He emphasised the country's commitment to dialogue while asserting its right to self-defence

under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.

He added, “Bahrain has consistently advocated for dialogue and diplomacy as the path to lasting stability. But let us be clear: diplomacy cannot succeed under the shadow of missiles and drones.”

**Support**

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also reaffirmed Bahrain's support for regional partners, including Lebanon and Syria, and called for strengthened cooperation with the European Union and the wider international community.

His Royal Highness underscored the need for unified global action, stressing that “the international community must send a clear message” to deter further aggression and ensure the safety of civilians and strategic maritime routes.

## Cabinet condemns Iran targeting of civilians

**Grave violation of Kingdom's sovereignty**

**BDF's air defence systems commended for effectiveness**

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The Cabinet yesterday condemned the targeting of residential areas and civilians across Bahrain, describing it as a grave violation of the Kingdom's sovereignty. It expressed hopes for a swift recovery to those injured by the hostile Iranian aggression, while praising the professionalism of Bahrain's security and medical personnel for safeguarding the nation.

The Cabinet commended the bravery of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) and the effectiveness of its air defence systems in intercepting and neutralising the attacks.

It reaffirmed pride in the Kingdom's military and security



HRH Prince Salman chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

institutions and their readiness to protect citizens and residents.

Emphasising the importance of national security, the Cabinet urged the public to follow official directives, rely on approved sources of information, and avoid circulating rumours or content that could undermine the Kingdom's defences.

In a related initiative, the Cabinet highlighted the launch of the National Volunteering Platform, inviting citizens and residents to participate and contribute to safeguarding the Kingdom's stability.

During the weekly meeting chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al

Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the Cabinet reviewed the latest regional developments following the hostile Iranian attacks.

The Cabinet expressed gratitude to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and allied nations for their solidarity, affirming Bahrain's pride in these longstanding partnerships.

It reiterated Bahrain's support for GCC member states, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and other allies targeted by the Iranian aggression, while affirming the Kingdom's legitimate right to self-defence and coordinated action to preserve its sovereignty.

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