

Drone attacks violate international law

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Bahrain strongly condemned drone incidents targeting the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, describing them as violations of international law and threats to regional stability.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the attacks on the UAE, including drones intercepted by Emirati air defences, constituted a breach of the UN Charter, good neighbourly principles, relevant UN Security Council resolutions, and the regional ceasefire understanding.

Bahrain reaffirmed its "full solidarity" with the UAE, backing all measures taken to safeguard its sovereignty and security.

In a separate statement, the kingdom also condemned hostile drone violations of Kuwaiti airspace, calling it a serious escalation and a threat to regional peace.

Manama expressed support for Kuwait and praised its armed forces for their response, while urging stronger regional and international cooperation to maintain stability and protect civilian and strategic infrastructure.

Sovereignty Rules Strengthened

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Shura Council concluded a packed legislative session on Sunday by approving 16 laws, in what officials described as a "legislative marathon" ahead of the parliamentary recess.

The approved package included four decree-laws and 12 draft laws covering sovereignty, judicial reform, economic development and regulatory oversight.

A key amendment to the Judicial Authority Law classified nationality and citizenship issues as Acts of Sovereignty, placing them under executive authority rather than judicial review.

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Security Stability Reaffirmed

BDF briefed on strategic programmes and future plans during the visit

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister visited the General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) on Sunday, where he reviewed strategic plans and praised the military's role in national security.

He was accompanied by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister at the Prime Minister's Court.

During the visit, Prince Salman reaffirmed Bahrain's approach to strengthening national cohesion and responsibility, stating it remains central to preserving security and stability under the leadership of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

He praised the Bahrain Defence Force personnel for their "vital role" in protecting the



HRH the Crown Prince was received by senior Bahrain Defence Force officials during a visit to the General Command. These officials included Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander Lt. Gen. Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and BDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Theyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi.

country, including against what he described as hostile Iranian aggression targeting civilian infrastructure and private property.

The Crown Prince stressed the importance of continually modernizing and developing the armed forces to enhance

readiness and support regional security alongside allied nations.

He was also briefed on the BDF's strategic programmes and future plans, and commended the leadership of Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa for advancing the force

since its establishment.

HRH Prince Salman expressed appreciation to all BDF personnel, saying their dedication and sacrifices reflect "values of patriotism and responsibility," and wished them continued success in serving and protecting the Kingdom.

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed thanked the Crown Prince for his support, reaffirming the BDF's loyalty to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and its commitment to safeguarding Bahrain's security and stability.

Business continuity secured

Tamkeen approves financing support for 7,000 firms

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A three-track economic support bundle announced to support small, medium, and micro enterprises affected by the recent hostile Iranian aggression to ensure operational and national workforce sustainability.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund "Tamkeen", today chaired the Board of Directors Meeting.

During the meeting, His Highness underscored the im-



His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa chairs the Board of Directors Meeting

portance of strengthening Bahrain's economic competitiveness through supporting the private sector. His Highness emphasised the critical role of the private sector in achieving sus-

tainable growth, supporting the objectives of Bahrain's national development plans under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal High-

ness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

His Highness emphasised the essential role of small businesses and SMES in driving economic

growth, job creation and supporting development pathways which support the creation of promising job opportunities for Bahrainis and contribute to the Kingdom's national aspirations.

During the meeting, the Board of Directors, led by His Highness, approved a grant and financing support bundle, enabling 7,250 Bahraini companies to benefit from funding and liquidity.

The initiative is designed to assist enterprises affected by the recent hostile Iranian aggression, to preserve employment levels, and aid the private sector, ensuring economic growth.

IRGC-Linked Cell Uncovered

Ministry says group operated through covert institutional infiltration

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Bahrain's Interior Ministry said it had dismantled "main organisation" linked to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the doctrine of Wilayat al-Faqih, announcing the arrest of 41 individuals inside the kingdom and identifying 11 others based in Iran.

The ministry said the individuals in Iran acted as a "link" between the IRGC and local operatives in Bahrain.

It added that the group was composed of members of the dissolved Islamic Scholars Council and their affiliates, and alleged they had formed and led a "terrorist organisation," financed terrorism, and engaged in espionage for Iran as well as contacts with



Items seized as evidence

groups in Iraq and Lebanon.

'Organised terrorism' against Shia citizens

The Interior Ministry said the group carried out "organised terrorism" by targeting members of Bahrain's Shia community, misleading them and operating in secrecy.

It alleged the group infiltrated

religious, social, charitable and educational institutions, including nurseries, schools, religious seminaries and community organisations.

According to the ministry, these activities aimed at promoting "loyalty to foreign entities," specifically the IRGC and Wilayat al-Faqih, while undermining national allegiance and encouraging hostility toward the state and its laws.

The statement added that the group sought to influence and weaken "national will" within segments of society through covert activity.

Religious institutions allegedly infiltrated

The ministry said members of the network worked to control and politicise religious discourse, including sermons delivered by clerics and religious chants in mosques, community halls (maatam), and religious gatherings.

It alleged that intimidation was used against those managing religious events to exert influence over content and direction. The ministry accused the group of collecting funds for unlawful purposes and engaging in activities that

"threaten civil peace," including receiving financial support from IRGC-linked channels in Iran.

Surveillance led to arrests

The ministry said the group had been under monitoring for some time before coordinated security measures led to the arrests.

It stressed that the operation was part of efforts to safeguard national security and maintain stability. "The measures taken are aimed at protecting Bahrain's security and preserving the safety of society in all its components," the statement said.

It added that authorities would continue to act against any activity deemed a threat to public order or unity. (Read More on Page 03)