

“Foreign-Linked Plot”

Funding channels reportedly linked to intermediaries in Iran

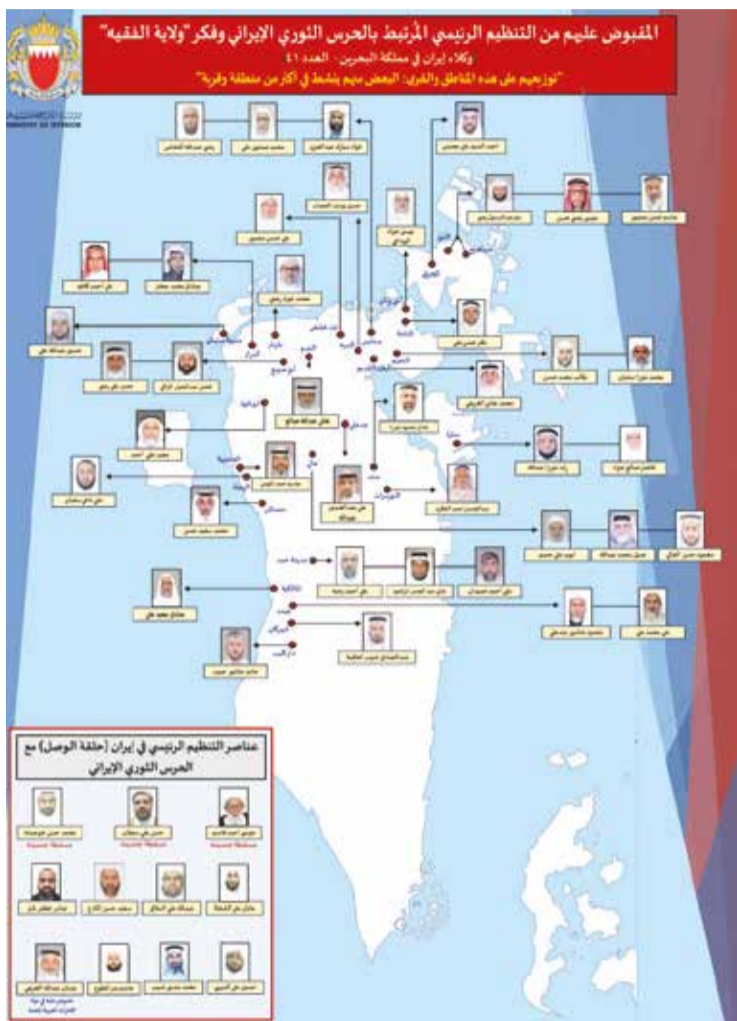
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Lieutenant-General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan, Chief of Police said the investigation confirmed the existence of a “terrorist organisation” linked to the IRGC and Wilayat al-Faqih ideology. The members’, activities, and communications of this organisation were under monitoring for some time as part of a proactive security approach.” He added that the network consisted of 41 arrested individuals in Bahrain, alongside 11 others in Iran, describing them collectively as the “main organisation.”

Influence Religious Life

Lieutenant-General Tariq said the group’s activities included infiltrating religious and social institutions to reshape political and ideological orientation. “The danger of this organisation lies in the fact that it carried out organised terrorism against members of the Shia community and hijacked their voice and choices,” he said.

He stated that the group attempted to promote loyalty to Iran and the IRGC while undermining allegiance to the Bahraini state. He also claimed the group sought to control sermons and religious chants in mosques and gatherings by intimidating religious figures and event organisers.



A map released by the Ministry of Interior illustrates the locations of arrests across different areas of the country.

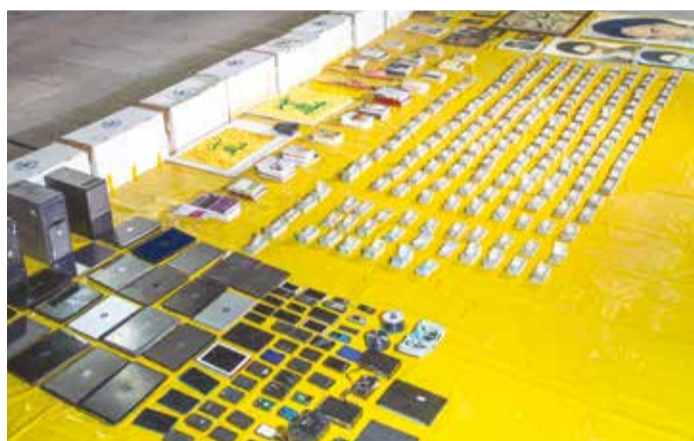


“Security efforts foiled this plot in line with our duty to protect the country and its people.”

LT-GENERAL TARIQ AL HASSAN - CHIEF OF POLICE

Funding

The group collected funds for illegal purposes and received money from IRGC-linked intermediaries in Iran. He added that these activities financed operations that “harm civil peace and community security.” The police chief said the operation reflected the effectiveness of Bahrain’s security apparatus. “The success of the security efforts helped foil this terrorist plot, aligning with the Bahrain Police’s role in protecting the country and its people,” he said.



Cash, mobile phones, computer devices, books and documents containing ideological material and images praising Iran were seized and taken into police custody.

Gas Safety Saves Homes

Authorities urge routine checks and proper handling to prevent domestic explosions

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Domestic gas cylinder explosions continue to pose a serious household safety risk, often linked to leaks, poor maintenance, or improper handling.

In February 2025, a major gas cylinder explosion in Arad, triggered by a gas leak in a ground-floor restaurant, caused a building collapse, resulting in fatalities and injuries. A recent gas leak explosion in Al Lawzi injured a woman, renewing concerns over household gas safety.

Speaking on the Interior Ministry’s Al Aman social media programme earlier this year, Hidd Police Station Head Colonel Dr Osama Bahar highlighted the dangers of gas leaks, noting that they caused over 300 fires and



21 explosions across 2024–2025. He stressed that preventing such incidents depends on simple safety practices that all household members should learn and consistently follow to avoid recurring risks.

The National Civil Protection Platform has outlined key preventive measures to reduce such

risks in homes. It advises that gas cylinders, along with their pipes and connections, should be made of durable materials such as steel or brass to ensure safe usage. Cylinders must always be kept upright and stored in a shaded, well-ventilated outdoor space, away from direct sunlight and any flammable

materials. Regular maintenance is also essential. Households are urged to frequently check ovens, burners, and gas lines to ensure there are no blockages or loose fittings. It is equally important to close the gas cylinder valve before sleeping or leaving the house, reducing the chance of unnoticed leaks. Authorities also recommend installing gas leak detectors in kitchens, preferably connected to automatic shut-off systems for faster emergency response.

The General Directorate of Civil Defence further recommends keeping appropriate fire extinguishers at home for essential household preparedness: water-based extinguishers for solid fires and CO₂ extinguishers suitable for electrical and gas-related incidents.



What to do if you smell gas

- Immediately evacuate everyone from the premises
- Do not switch on/off any electrical devices
- Avoid using matches, lighters, or any open flames
- Open doors and windows carefully to ventilate the area.
- Close the gas valve only if it is safe to access
- Do not re-enter the property until it is declared safe
- Call emergency services (999) if there is any fire or risk of explosion

Islamic scholars stress loyalty to homeland

The Council of Muslim Elders said protecting homelands, safeguarding their security and preserving societal unity are among the highest objectives of Islamic law.

In a statement issued by Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Shaikh Ahmed al-Tayeb, the council made its remarks in response to repeated announcements by several Arab countries – including Bahrain – regarding the discovery of cells and groups linked to foreign entities.

The council said Islam establishes the relationship between individuals and their homelands on principles of loyalty, fulfilling covenants, protecting lives and property, and prohibiting betrayal, corruption and incitement.

Quoting from Islamic texts, it cited verses urging the fulfilment of promises and warning against spreading corruption after order has been established, as well as a saying attributed to the Prophet Muhammad condemning violence against the community.

It added that any actions threatening societal security or fuelling division among citizens run contrary to Islamic teachings.

The statement further warned that using sectarian or doctrinal identities to serve external political agendas or cross-border organisations represents a “serious deviation” from Islamic principles, which prioritise stability, coexistence and public order.

The council called on communities to avoid being drawn into “ideological narratives and platforms” that promote division or seek to redirect loyalty away from the nation-state.



Longer Travel Bans Backed for Debt Cases

Shura extends enforcement period to protect creditors’ rights

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Shura Council on Sunday approved a draft law extending travel bans in civil and commercial debt cases from nine months to three years, a move aimed at strengthening debt recovery mechanisms.

Under the revised framework, an implementation judge will also be allowed to renew travel bans on non-Bahraini debtors without a fixed limit, provided legal grounds remain valid. The bill further restricts administrative powers to terminate residency or enforce deportation when a travel ban



Hani Al Saati, Committee Rapporteur

Shura Council member Dalal Al Zayed said the amendment resulted from coordination between the government, the Shura and the Bahrain Bar Society, adding that

it would streamline enforcement procedures, including free renewal of travel ban orders.

The Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf Ministry supported the extension, saying it would give courts and enforcement officers sufficient time to trace assets and recover debts.

Legislative Committee rapporteur Dr Hani Al Saati said the measure balances creditors’ rights with judicial oversight, describing travel bans as a precautionary—not punitive—measure with safeguards for review and appeal.

The draft law will now proceed through the legislative process before final approval.

Five Years for Bank Scam Case

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The court has sentenced an Asian man to five years in prison and fined him BD 3,000 over a cyber fraud case involving the impersonation of a bank employee, prosecutors said.

The High Criminal Court also ordered the defendant’s permanent deportation after serving his sentence, according to the Cybercrime Prosecution.

The case began after a woman reported being defrauded following a phone call from

an unidentified person who posed as a bank official and convinced her to share her bank card details under the pretext of updating her information. Funds were later withdrawn from her account.

The Economic Crimes Directorate’s investigations led to the suspect’s identification and arrest. He was detained pending inquiry before being referred to court.

Prosecutors said witness statements and bank records confirmed the defendant had opened and controlled the account used in the fraud.