

Iran Treats Diplomacy as a Stalling Tactic, Bahrain Tells UN

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UN envoy tells Security Council Tehran exploits agreements to buy time while continuing attacks on Gulf states

Bahrain's ambassador to the United Nations accused Iran of weaponising diplomacy, telling the Security Council on Friday that Tehran uses international agreements not to resolve disputes but to “manage crises and gain time” while pursuing aggression across the region.

Jamal Alrowaiei made the remarks during a Council session reviewing the 21st report on implementation of Resolution 2231 — the 2015 endorsement of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The meeting, convened under the non-proliferation agenda, was requested by Bahrain alongside five European Council members: Denmark, France, Greece, Latvia and the United Kingdom.

Gulf Under Fire

Al-Rowaiei told the Council that since February 28, the region had endured one of the most dangerous waves of escalation in its modern history,

citing what he described as Iran's brutal and unjustified attacks against Gulf Cooperation Council states and Jordan using ballistic missiles and drones to strike civilian infrastructure, energy facilities and vital installations.

He further warned that Iran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz to international navigation created an unprecedented crisis for global trade, energy security and food supply chains.

Agreements Without Action

The Bahraini envoy argued that diplomatic progress on Iran's nuclear programme would remain hollow unless Tehran's conduct on the ground changed, stating that the core problem was never the absence of agreements — but Iran's consistent failure to honour them.

His remarks came as Iranian attacks against Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan resumed, alongside strikes on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. Al-Rowaiei accused Tehran of violating the Islamabad Memorandum signed on June 17, as well as failing to up-



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JAMAL ALROWAIEI, BAHRAIN'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS

hold commitments under Resolution 2817 — adopted on March 11 — which called on Iran to halt attacks against regional states.

Nuclear File Tied to Regional Conduct

Al-Rowaiei stressed that restoring confidence extended beyond the nuclear dossier to Iran's broader regional behaviour, including its support for armed proxy groups and attacks on maritime corridors. He cited the secretary-general's report, which flagged ongoing challenges around verification, monitoring and continuity of knowledge regarding Iran's nuclear programme.

Closing his remarks, Al-Rowaiei urged the Security Council to ensure its resolutions were enforced, not rendered meaningless.

“The Council should not allow for its resolutions or international obligations to become mere texts without implementation,” he said, warning that failure to act would erode the Council's credibility and undermine prospects for regional peace and stability.

Al Assoomi Warns Iran Over Bahrain Attacks

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Bahrain will meet any threat to its sovereignty with force, Shura Council member Adel Al Assoomi has said, as he accused Iran of using calls for calm as cover for repeated attacks on the kingdom.

Al Assoomi said Bahrain's sovereignty was a ‘red line’ and praised the country's armed forces for stopping the attacks, which he said had failed to frighten the public.

“The attacks were meant to cause confusion and fear, but they turned against those behind them,” he said. “Instead of panic, we saw an unmatched show of public unity.”

Al Assoomi accused Tehran of using regional security as a tool of pressure, shifting attention from its troubles at home and seeking political gains by keeping neighbouring states on edge.

He also said Iran had shown scant regard for state sovereignty and international law, while trying to hold back growth and peace across the Gulf.

Bahrain's reply, he said, drew strength from the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support and oversight of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

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- ADEL AL ASSOOMI, SHURA COUNCIL MEMBER

He praised the Bahrain Defence Force, with particular credit given to the Royal Bahraini Air Force and air defence units for their handling of the attacks.

“Our armed forces are at the highest level of readiness and watchfulness,” he said. “Their skilled response was no accident.”

Al Assoomi said the attacks had also shown the strength of Bahrain's home front, with the public shunning rumours and standing behind the leadership and armed forces.

“Bahrain today defends its security with the weapons of right, awareness and readiness,” he said.

He added that unity at home was the strongest answer to any bid to shake the kingdom's peace.

MP Wants Action on Rising Delivery App Fees

Proposal aims to create a fairer and more transparent digital delivery market

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Jalal Kadhem, MP

Food delivery apps in Bahrain should face rules to curb high delivery charges and restaurant commissions, MP Jalal Kadhem has said, calling for government action to regulate a fast-growing market.

Kadhem said clear rules were needed to strike a fair balance between consumers, restaurants and delivery firms, while cutting high fees and commission rates and bringing greater openness to the sector.

He said the rapid rise of app-based delivery services had outpaced the rules governing the trade, making it necessary to protect the interests of all parties and support the long-term health of the market.

Kadhem pointed to steps taken by other Gulf states to cap delivery charges and commissions paid by restaurants, saying Bahrain should

study those measures and draw on the most suitable ideas for its own market.

He said new rules would ease costs for consumers, help restaurants along with small and medium-sized businesses, and give delivery companies a fair market in which to compete.

Kadhem called on the relevant government bodies to review the way delivery platforms operate and introduce rules that match the growth of the digital economy, protect consumers and support the restaurant and services sectors in Bahrain.

Wedding Hall Fire Causes BD80,000 Loss

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A suspected wiring fault ripped through a Bahrain wedding venue on Saturday, destroying stock and fittings worth about BD80,000 just days before a run of booked ceremonies.

No one was hurt in the blaze at Al Zafa Garden, which spread through the hall and nearby stores after fire broke out in a passageway.

Haider Tarada, the owner, said the fire was believed to have begun in wiring linked to a refrigerator at the farm-based site.

The flames swept into other parts of the property, damaging tables, chairs, furniture, decorations, flowers and supplies kept for weddings and other events.

The fire has left the business scrambling to find other venues for couples due to hold their weddings in the coming days.

Mr Tarada said the bookings

were now the most pressing concern, with little time to move the events and settle ar-

rangements with customers. ‘Praise be to God in all circumstances. What God has de-

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HAIDER TARADA, OWNER OF AL ZAFI GARDEN.

creed has happened,’ he said.

‘I never thought I would watch years of work disappear before my eyes, but I believe that what God has written is for the best, and I pray that He will grant me something better.’

Mr Tarada said he sought only prayers and drew strength from the support of relatives, friends and others around him.

He vowed to rebuild the business and resume trading despite the scale of the loss.

He also praised Civil Defence crews for putting out the fire.

Court Orders Hotel and Driver to Pay BD4,300 Over Wrecked Lexus

Uninsured vehicle, unlicensed driver, and a hit-and-run leave owner without a car

Rehab Mohammad
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A Bahraini man has been awarded BD4,300 in compensation after his Lexus was written off in a traffic accident caused by an Asian driver operating an un-

insured hotel vehicle without a valid licence.

The Lower Civil Court ruled that the hotel and the driver must pay the amount jointly, after the collision rendered the vehicle a total loss. The driver also fled the scene without helping those injured

in the crash.

The driver had already faced criminal prosecution, receiving a prison sentence and fine before the vehicle's owner filed a separate civil lawsuit against both the driver and the hotel.

A court-appointed expert



Lawyer Shereen Al Ghazali

found the Lexus had suffered severe damage to its front structure, cooling system, passenger compartment and airbags — with repair costs exceeding the car's market value of BD5,000. Salvage value was set at BD700, leaving the net award at BD4,300.

The court ruled the hotel, as legal custodian of the vehicle, could not transfer liability simply by allowing another person to drive it — particularly without insurance.

The judgment also covered legal fees, expert costs and court expenses.