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Defeating Daesh

Bahrain affirms full support to the Global Coalition against Daesh

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Bahrain yesterday affirmed its commitment to supporting the Global Coalition Communications Working Group against Daesh saying the Kingdom would stand with all the countries that fight violence and extremism of all forms.

This came as Bahrain's Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa delivered a statement commending the efforts of the Global Coalition against Daesh.

The Global Coalition against Daesh was formed in September 2014 and is unique in its membership, scope and commitment. It is committed to degrading and ultimately defeating Daesh.

Beyond the military campaign in Iraq and Syria, the Coalition is committed to tackling Daesh's financing and economic infrastructure; preventing the flow of foreign terrorist fighters across borders; supporting stabilisation and the restoration of essential public services to areas liberated from Daesh and countering the group's propaganda.

The meeting held in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office



Men suspected of being Islamic State (IS) group fighters walk together towards a screening point for new arrivals run by US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, where suspected jihadists -- many of them wounded -- were being interrogated outside Baghouz in the eastern Syrian Deir Ezzor province. - AFP

in London discussed the developments of the fight against Daesh in conflict and liberated

areas amid its transformation into rebel groups with broad agendas in the presence of rep-

resentatives from 79 countries and international organisations. Participants also urged to

come up with new strategies to combat terrorism and extremism, citing the increasing use of new age media tools by terrorist outfits.



The Islamic State, or ISIS, is a militant organisation that emerged as an offshoot of al Qaeda in 2014. It quickly took control of large parts of Iraq and Syria, raising its black flag in victory and declaring the creation of a caliphate. The group is sometimes also referred to as ISIL – for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant – or by its Arabic acronym, Daesh

Bahrain, the ambassador explained, played the host of several important UN meetings to work on implementing its resolutions and help curb the danger posed by terrorist groups, particularly Daesh.

Shaikh Fawaz referred to the national efforts aimed at aligning local laws with international resolutions to suppress terrorism and extremism worldwide.

Bahrain, he said, has highly specialised competencies in this field and welcomed the exchange of expertise with its partners to confront extremist ideologies and dry out their sources of funds.

The participants affirmed the importance of benefiting from the different experiences of the coalition's member states while taking into account Daesh switching their ways and tactics after the hard military blows received in conflict zones.

Daesh, according to the Coalition, will likely revert to an insurgency in Iraq and Syria, and the Coalition is supporting partners through training and equipping security forces, to deny Daesh any space to act.

Man gets sentence revoked after 5 years

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A Bahraini man, who received a three-year jail term in 2014 for his alleged involvement in an illegal gathering and burning tires on the main road in Juffair, got his

verdict revoked following an appeal.

In the appeal, the man claimed that he was not officially informed about the case or its trial sessions.

The Supreme Court of Appeals accepted the man's plea

and ordered to return the case to the same court that sentenced him five years ago.

The details of the case show that the security forces were tipped-off about rioting and illegal acts being carried out near Al Dulab (Old Juffair) intersection on Al Fateh Highway.

At the scene, the police saw a group of masked individuals burning tyres and garbage containers to block the vital road.

Some of the culprits escaped the scene, but the forces succeeded in the arrest of one of them, who told the police that he received a text message to assemble at the location to block the road.

On 24 February 2014, the Public Prosecution accused both men of intentionally setting fire to objects and endangering the lives and property of people.

The prosecution also charged them of participating with other unknown persons in an illegal gathering of more than five people to disturb public security with Molotov cocktails.

In September of the same year, the court issued a three-year imprisonment sentence against the defendants, including the appellant, who was sentenced in absentia. The Supreme Court of Appeals mentioned in its announced verdict yesterday that the previous case didn't specify if the appellant was informed about the case and its trial sessions.



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