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HRH Crown Prince hails BDF's role in Bahrain's security, stability



HRH the Crown Prince during an Iftar banquet held yesterday evening at the BDF officers' club

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Bahrain Defence Force plays a vital role in protecting the Kingdom's security and stability, said HRH the Crown Prince. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister was attending an Iftar banquet of senior officers at the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Officers' Club. Upon arrival, HRH the Crown Prince was received by the BDF Commander-in-Chief,

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Minister of Defence Affairs, Lieutenant General Abdulla bin Hassan Al Noaimi, the BDF Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqer Al Noaimi, and several senior BDF officers. The Crown Prince commemorated the Kingdom's fallen servicemen and hailed BDF's contribution to protecting regional security in partnership with Saudi Arabia's Armed Forces. HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa accompanied HRH the Crown Prince during the banquet.

Attacks 'imminent'

US orders non-emergency embassy staff to leave Baghdad, Arbil

Washington, United States

The US State Department yesterday ordered all non-emergency staff to leave its embassy in Baghdad and consulate in Arbil, as tensions mount between the United States and Iraq's neighbour Iran. Washington has ramped up pressure on Tehran in recent days, accusing Iran of planning "imminent" attacks in the region, and bolstering the American military presence in the Gulf. "Numerous terrorist and insurgent groups are active in Iraq and regularly attack both Iraqi security



Mike Pompeo (R) walks with Acting Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department David Satterfield (L), and Charge D'affaires at the US Embassy in Baghdad Joey Hood

forces and civilians," a travel advisory warned. "Anti-US sectarian militias may also threaten US citizens and West-

ern companies throughout Iraq." The US last year shut its consulate in the protest-hit southern Iraqi city of Basra, blaming "indirect fire" by Iran-backed forces and warning its rival of retaliation for any damage. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo last week paid a surprise trip to Baghdad in a move to bolster ties with Iraq as it pushes ahead with its "maximum pressure" against Tehran -- a US arch-rival, but an ally of Iraq. He told reporters he had made the trip because Iranian forces are "escalating their activity" and said the threat of attacks were "very specific."

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