

Al Jazeera documentary reflects Qatar regime’s ‘conspiracy against Kingdom’

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Foreign Affairs Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khal-

ifa, has stressed that the documentary titled “The Hidden is more Immense”, aired by the Qatar-based Al Jazeera satellite channel last night, was filled with “clear and blatant lies and fallacies”.

“It is the latest episode in a series of conspiracies staged by a rogue state against the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the security and stability of the entire region,” the minister said.

“This affirms, beyond any doubt, that this country has become the most serious threat to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), as it is constantly seeking to undermine its march, foment strife among its countries and sow divide among its peoples,”



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the Foreign Minister added.

The Foreign Minister stressed the need for the GCC countries to “confront this country’s hostile practices and irresponsible conduct, and to take all resolute measures to deter it and compel

it to respond, in a transparent manner, to the just demands of the boycotting countries and implement the agreements it had signed”.

“This would preserve the GCC, and maintain its achieve-

ments, as well as help attain further development, prosperity and progress for the best interests of its countries and peoples,” the Foreign Minister added.

A few days ago, Information Affairs Minister Ali Al Romaihi rapped the same channel for carrying out false news and programmes blatantly targeting the Arab countries and peoples.

“Al Jazeera channel made several attempts to contact me and other officials in the ministry from unidentified telephone numbers, which is against media ethics.

“They tried to record the conversations without their official consent. And the channel also

attempted to provoke officials in the ministry using despicable methods.”

Mr Al Romaihi said that all these showed to the unacceptable levels to which Qatari media have stooped.

“They have become totally unwise, detaching and drifting away from genuine Arab values.”

He pointed out that the mercenaries or intruders camouflaged as journalists representing the channel are worsening the situation.

“These mercenaries have no values, no ideas, no philosophies or principles. They are only bothered about their monthly wages.”

Ministerial resolution shuts down five societies

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A ministerial resolution has asked for the shut down and liquidation of five societies.

The societies include social associations, a society for hearing impaired, an Islamic society and an orphan care society.

An accounting and auditing firm has been assigned to oversee the liquidation process.

“The members of the associations are prohibited from continuing any activity related to the associations.

“The associations must hand over all documents pertaining to liquidations to the assigned firm and co-operate with the liquidation process,” the Ministry of Labour and Social Development stated.

Meanwhile, a prominent society is in dispute with the ministry over its decision concerning its recent elections.

The ministry had stressed that the society was not acting in compliance with the rules during the recent meeting.

However, the society has disputed the decision.

Tribune reported in March



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about allegations put forward by a lawyer, saying that certain social clubs in Bahrain were ‘abusing powers’ and were ‘discriminating against Bahrainis’.

The allegations come amidst multiple lawsuits being filed against members of the executive committee of a prominent

social club in the Kingdom.

Members of the executive committee of the social club involved has been sued for abuse of power, discrimination and for unfairly imposing a ban on its chairman.

Speaking about the issue, lawyer Hasan Al Ajooz said that many social clubs have been systematically discriminating against Bahrainis.

“Some social clubs are excluding Bahraini citizens from discussions and discriminating against them.

“They are not following the rules and regulations set by the authorities,” Mr Al Ajooz said.

He had also urged the authorities to take urgent action against the violating clubs.

Bin blaze



A rubbish bin caught fire in Juffair yesterday. Civil Defence team instantly rushed to the spot and put out the fire, according to sources. Reasons that led to the fire are unknown, sources added. No-one was injured in the fire.

Pharmacy closure ordered after violations

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A pharmacy in the Kingdom was closed down after authorities discovered serious violations related to selling of unlicensed drugs.

The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) shut down the pharmacy for three months after it found serious violations, it is learnt.

The pharmacy was found to have been dealing with unlicensed medications. The NHRA also served the pharmacy with a one year suspension for its import activities.

“The steps were taken after the alleged violations were confirmed after an investigation.

The violations were related to import of drugs that are not licensed.

“The pharmacy was found to have been in non-compliance more than once,” an NHRA official stated.

Around 40 violations were found last year at the pharmacies in Bahrain related to selling, pricing and licensing of medicines.

The findings follow close to 600 inspection visits by NHRA inspection teams in 2018.

One of the most common types of violation detected during NHRA inspections was medicine-related violations.

The authority spotted 15 of them. Altogether NHRA spotted five types of violations which



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were recurring.

The second most detected violation was related to pricing. NHRA found eight during visits.

Others were pharmacy set up violations (5), licensing violations (6) and temperature/humidity/fridge violation (6).

The NHRA said there are currently 263 licensed pharmacies

in the Kingdom, an increase of 50 from the prior year.

In 2017, there were 213 pharmacies. Of the 263 pharmacies, 59 are associated with hospitals, while 204 are private pharmacies.

As of now, there are a total of 95 pharmacies in the Capital. Closely following is Northern Governorate in the second spot with 61 pharmacies.

Southern has 57 and Muharraq 51.

Capital Governorate also enjoys the record for new pharmacy openings in 2018.

A total of 27 new pharmacies were launched in the capital last year - Eight in the Northern Governorate, four in the Muharraq Governorate and 13 in the Southern Governorate.

Kingdom’s cybersecurity expertise to be showcased at SmartSec Conference

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The Kingdom’s cybersecurity expertise will be showcased at a conference to be held from September 3 to 5 at Gulf Convention Centre Hotel, under the patronage of Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza, Bahrain Technology Companies Association (BTECH) announced.

In a statement issued, Ubaydli Ubaydli, chairman of BTECH said: “SmartSec Cyber Security and Blockchain Conference provides a platform that aims at highlighting the most important issues related to providing cyber security for infrastructure projects against cyber-attacks to the public and private sectors.

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“SmartSec provides attendees with a unique opportunity to get acquainted with the latest trends, innovation, and solutions featured by the international cybersecurity and blockchain community through workshops and discus-



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sion panels,” added Mr Ubaydli.

He further noted that the conference aims to bring the best of the best international professionals in the field of cybersecurity and blockchain.

The conference’s sessions will tackle topics related to Artificial Intelligence to automate real-time threat hunting, applying artificial intelligence and machine learn-

ing in preventing cyber-attacks, developing a cybersecurity ecosystem, cloud security and cryptocurrency challenge, and telecom service operators and cyberwarefare.

The three-day event will be jointly organised by Bahrain Technology Companies Society ‘BTECH’ and WorkSmart for event management.