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Saudi to reopen Qatar embassy in coming days - Saudi minister



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Saudi Arabia expects to re-open its embassy in Qatar in the coming days, Saudi's foreign minister said yesterday.

It is just a matter of logistics, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan told journalists in Riyadh when asked about embassy reopening.

Full diplomatic relations will resume, he added.

Iran fires long-range missiles

Dubai

Iran's Revolutionary Guards yesterday fired long-range ballistic missiles into the Indian Ocean on the second day of a military exercise.

"One of our most important defence policy goals is to use long-range ballistic missiles against enemy warships, including aircraft carriers and warships," state media quoted Guards commander Major General Hossein Salami as saying.

With these missiles, which have a range of 1,800 kilometres, he said, "we can now strike moving targets in the ocean."

US designates UAE, Bahrain as 'major strategic partners'

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The United States has designated the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain as its major strategic partners, the White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany said.

"Today, we are announcing the designation of both the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Bahrain as 'Major Security Partners' of the United States," McEnany said.

The designation is a status unique to the UAE and the Kingdom of Bahrain, she added. "It recognises our exceptional security partnership, exemplified by their hosting thousands of United States

soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines, and the commitment of each country to countering violent extremism across the region. Most notably, both countries have participated in numerous United States-led coalitions over the past 30 years," McEnany said.

"Today's decision demonstrates a new level of partnership between the United States, the UAE, and Bahrain, and represents an enduring commitment to economic and security cooperation. It also reflects their extraordinary courage, determination, and leadership in entering into the Abraham Accords," the press secretary said.



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Bahrain won't abandon its citizens: HM the King

HM the King holds phone call with Bahraini bodybuilding champ Sami Al-Haddad



Kingdom will help its citizens with "all support" and "care" required "wherever they are"

HIS MAJESTY THE KING



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Bahrain is committed to serving all its citizens, no matter where they are, said His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, yesterday.

"The state's effort is to serve all its citizens, HM the King said,

adding the Kingdom remains committed to this pledge.

HM King Hamad made clear that the Kingdom will help its citizens with "all support" and "care" required "wherever they are."

HM, the King was holding a telephonic conversation with Bahraini bodybuilding champion Sami Al-Haddad.

Al Haddad expressed utmost thanks to HM the King for the call, his noble directives, and

great interest in releasing Bahraini fishermen. He also extended thanks to HM the King for the care accorded to all Bahraini citizens

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Qatar from captivity following strong interventions by Bahrain.

Interior Ministry, as directed by the Cabinet chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, took necessary measures to release Bahraini citizens detained by Qatar and facilitate their return to the Kingdom.

Al Haddad and his compatriots were arrested by the Qatari Coastal and Border Security on 8th January 2021, while on a fishing trip.

Al Haddad's arrest was also the third such incident reported in recent months.

Upon landing in Bahrain, Sami Ibrahim Al-Haddad, Muhammad Yusef Al-Dossary and Habib Abbas were given a warm reception by Muharraq Governor Salman bin Isa Bin Hindi Al Mannai. Later, in a statement to *ALAyam*, Habib Abbas described his days in Qatari prison as "harsh and painful".

Qatari officials, he said, behaved rudely, and, until the day of release, "I was not allowed to take a shower."

"I was not even allowed to change my clothes, as well," he told *ALAyam*.

"We were taken into custody by force under the pretext of us crossing their border, thought marine maps confirmed that our vessel was not."

"So, they confiscated the device as well."

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TOTAL TESTED
2541873

ACTIVE CASES
2871

DEATHS
358

DISCHARGED
94039

NEW CASES
248

CRITICAL
18

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