

# Bahrain, 78 nations condemn drone attack near UAE nuclear plant

Joint statement warns of radiological risks and calls for accountability

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Bahrain joined 78 countries and the European Union in condemning a drone attack targeting electrical infrastructure near the Barakah Nuclear Power Plant in the UAE, describing it as a serious threat to international peace and security.

In a joint statement issued on Monday, the countries denounced the May 17 attack, carried out by Iraqi armed groups, and warned of the potential radiological and environmental risks posed by strikes near nuclear facilities.

The statement described the attack as a flagrant violation of international law and the principles of the United Nations Charter, stressing the need to protect critical infrastructure associated with peaceful nuclear programmes.

Signatories called for accountability and urged the international community to prevent attacks on nuclear facilities, warning that such incidents could endanger civilian lives and have consequences extending beyond national borders.

The targeted facilities were located outside the Barakah plant's inner perimeter but close enough to trigger international



The Barakah Nuclear Power Plant is the Arab world's first operational nuclear power plant, located in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

**This attack entailed serious risks to the lives of civilians and the potential for severe cross-border radiological consequences**

JOINT STATEMENT

## Iran's attacks harmed millions, GCC tells UN Council

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The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Jordan have accused Iran of violating the rights of millions of people through attacks on civilian infrastructure during a United Nations Human Rights Council session in Geneva.

The statement was delivered by Bahrain's Permanent Representative to the UN Office in Geneva, Ambassador Abdullah Abdullatif Abdullah, on behalf of the GCC member states and Jordan during a High Commissioner's oral briefing held under Human Rights Council Resolution 61/1.

The bloc said the attacks caused significant damage to civilian infrastructure and disrupted essential services, affecting citizens and residents across the region.

It warned that the impact extended beyond the immediate damage, with disruptions to energy facilities and other critical infrastructure affecting economic stability and access to essential services.

The GCC and Jordan held

concern over potential safety risks.

The statement brought together a broad coalition of countries from across five continents,



**Targeting civilian infrastructure is not just physical destruction—it is a violation of the fundamental rights of millions.**

Iran responsible for the broader humanitarian consequences, describing the attacks as violations of state sovereignty, international law, the UN Charter and the principles of

good neighbourliness. The statement reaffirmed the bloc's commitment to peace, dialogue and diplomacy as the means to resolve disputes and maintain regional stability.

including the United States, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and Jordan.

The countries reaffirmed their

commitment to international law and collective efforts to safeguard global security and the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

## Gulf states attacks raised at UN Rights Council



Faisal Fulad, Secretary-General of the Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society

**Call for compensation, documentation, and international accountability**

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The International Coalition to Counter Iranian Regime Aggression has called for compensation for victims, stronger documentation of alleged violations and greater international accountability during the 62nd Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

A delegation led by Faisal Fulad, Secretary-General of the Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS), is participating in the session under Resolution 61/1, which is examining the impact of recent regional

attacks. During the proceedings, the Deputy UN High Commissioner for Human Rights delivered an update on the effects of the attacks on civilians, regional stability and international maritime navigation, including security concerns in the Strait of Hormuz.

In a statement submitted to the Council, the coalition urged the international community to thoroughly document alleged violations, secure compensation for affected individuals and strengthen accountability mechanisms.

The group also called for measures to safeguard international shipping routes and prevent future violations through stronger international oversight.

Fulad said accountability and proper documentation were essential to ensuring justice for victims and preventing impunity.

## Man, 22, arrested over alleged online exploitation of minor

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A 22-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of luring and exploiting a young girl through a social media platform, the Ministry of Interior announced.

The arrest was made by the Cyber Child Protection Unit at the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security following an investigation launched after authorities received a report of the incident.

According to the ministry, investigators carried out search and inquiry operations and gathered evidence that led to the identification and arrest of the suspect. Legal procedures have been completed and the case is being prepared for referral to the Public Prosecution.

The ministry said the case highlights the risks children can face online and renewed

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calls for greater parental supervision of social media use.

The Cyber Child Protection Unit urged parents to educate children about the dangers of interacting with strangers online and sharing personal information or photographs with unknown individuals.

It also encouraged the public to report suspicious communications or any attempts to lure children through digital platforms.

Nani Mohammed Butti, Assistant Undersecretary for Support and Initiatives at the Ministry of Youth Affairs, attended the closing ceremony of the Model United Nations (MUN) programme organised by the North Sehla Youth Empowerment Centre. During the event, Butti honoured participants and winners, affirming the ministry's commitment to supporting initiatives that equip young people with leadership, communication and decision-making skills. She commended the programme's o



## Fake designer caps seized at Bahrain border ordered destroyed

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A court has ordered the destruction of 119 counterfeit LACOSTE caps seized at a Bahrain land port after finding they could mislead consumers into believing they were genuine products.

The caps, packed in 36 parcels and imported by a discount shop, were intercepted by the Land Ports Customs Di-

rectorate after officials found they carried the LACOSTE trademark.

The case was brought by lawyer Hanan Hammoudah on behalf of the trademark owner, seeking to prevent the goods from being released and requesting their destruction.

The court heard that the caps were manufactured outside Bahrain and bore the French brand's crocodile logo without

authorisation. The claimant submitted photographs of the seized goods, a customs report and the shop's commercial registration documents.

Although the defendants were legally notified, they did not appear before the court. Citing Bahrain's GCC Trade Marks Law, the court said trademark owners have the right to prevent the release of goods suspected of carrying counterfeit or misleading marks. After

comparing the seized caps with the registered LACOSTE trademark, the court found that their appearance was likely to cause confusion among consumers and create the impression of a connection to the protected brand.

The court ordered the destruction of the 119 caps at the expense of the discount shop and directed it to pay court costs, including BD50 in legal fees.