

Bahrain Wins Arab Scout Support Condemning Iran Attacks

Delegates at Morocco gathering unanimously backed Bahrain's proposal on regional stability



● Arab scouts discuss future events

● Bahrain calls for regional solidarity

● Parliamentary co-operation explored

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Participants at an Arab parliamentary scout meeting in Morocco unanimously agreed to a Bahraini request for a statement condemning Iranian attacks against Bahrain, other Gulf states and Jordan.

The request was put forward by the Bahrain Parliamentary Group delegation during the 18th General Assembly of the Arab Parliamentary Scout Un-

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ion. It calls for a clear stance on regional security and stability, solidarity with the states concerned, and support for steps taken to defend their sovereignty.

The Bahraini delegation was led by MP Mohammed Al Olawi and included Shura Council member Redha Munfaridi and MP Jalal Kadhem.

During the visit, they met Lahcen Haddad, Vice-President of Morocco's House of Councilors, and Abdelmajid Fassi Fihri, Deputy Speaker of Morocco's House of Representatives.

Mr Munfaridi said Bahrain and Morocco shared long-standing ties, strengthened under His

Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and King Mohammed VI of Morocco.

He said parliamentary work between the two kingdoms had grown through shared views, exchanges and co-operation in regional and world forums.

Greetings

The delegation also conveyed the greetings of Parliament Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam and Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh to both Moroccan chambers.

Talks covered joint projects and further parliamentary work between the two kingdoms.

Mr Munfaridi said the links between Bahrain and Morocco were firm, adding that both sides wished to build on their parliamentary co-operation.

On the sidelines of the general assembly, the Bahraini delegation attended part of the sittings of Morocco's House of Councilors. The meeting also discussed the union's administrative and financial reports for 2026, its role, a co-operation protocol with the Mauritanian Scout Association, and a proposal on medals and high honours.

It also reviewed Qatar's invitation to host the 11th session of the Arab Scout Pioneers Union in November 2026, the second Dr Abdullah Omar Nasseeef Award for Scout Work and Innovation, and a conference on scouting, volunteering and economic activity due in October 2026.

MP Proposes Tobacco Shop Closures Over Under-Age Sales

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MP Mohammed Moosa has proposed tougher penalties for tobacco-related offences, including temporary and permanent closures of shops caught selling tobacco products to minors.

The draft amendment to Bahrain's anti-smoking law would impose fines ranging from BD1,000 to BD3,000 on businesses violating rules banning the sale or free distribution of tobacco products to anyone under 18. First-time offenders could face a one-month closure, while repeat violations could lead to permanent shutdowns.

Moosa said the existing penalties are no longer strong enough to deter offenders, particularly with the rise of electronic smoking products and modern tobacco alternatives.

The proposal also includes



Mohammed Moosa, MP

stricter punishments for breaches involving alternative smoking products, with penalties of up to one year in prison and fines reaching BD100,000.

Under the draft, courts would also have the authority to order temporary closures of offending premises and confiscate materials linked to violations.

The lawmaker said the amendments are part of wider efforts to reduce smoking and protect public health, especially among young people in Bahrain.

MPs Call for New Land for Eker Club

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Five MPs have called for Eker Sports Club to be given a larger plot so it can build a sports hall, football pitch and proper grounds for young players.

The proposal says the club's current site can take little more than administrative offices, leaving no room for indoor sport, pitches or the

buildings needed to run wider youth work in the village.

It was submitted by Eman Shuwaiter, Mohsen Al Asbool, Zainab AbdulAmeer, Mohammed Al Riffai and Jalal Kadhem, who are asking the government to allocate a bigger alternative site for the club.

Eker, they argue, has a young community and many players with promise in different sports.

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