



Teen student's body found on rooftop

Manama

A teenaged boy's body was found on rooftop near Zubara Avenue in Manama yesterday.

The deceased was identified as 16 years old Shreyas Manoj, who hailed from the Indian state of Kerala.

Shreyas, son of Manoj and Rose Manoj, was a Plus One student at the Indian School Bahrain, according to sources. Sources added that the family has been living in the Kingdom for 20 years now.

The parents had alerted the police after the boy went missing since yesterday morning. Sources added that the body of the boy was found later in the evening.

Police have begun a probe into the death.

Bahraini families affirm allegiance to His Majesty

Manama

Many Bahraini families including Al Romaihi, Al Thawawda and Al Kaabi have reiterated their absolute allegiance to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

They rapped Qatar's heinous attempts to erode Bahrain's community fabric and damage national gains.

"Such acts show the hostile agendas of Qatar regime towards Gulf Co-operation Countries and peoples," the Al Romaihi tribe said in a statement issued yesterday.

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The tribe reiterated firm allegiance to the leadership of HM the King, paying tribute to all Bahrainis, hailing from different sects and segments, who reject the policies of the rogue state, adamantly targeting landmark national gains and success, achieved by the Kingdom in all fields.

Al Thawawda family strongly condemned the Qatari regime's targeting of Bahrain's security, and attempts to undermine its social fabric and cohesion.

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with lies and fallacies, which are the usual qualities of the regime, noting that such stances by the regime and its suspicious media channels run by mercenaries do not reflect those of the brotherly Qatari people and its tribes.

On behalf of Al Kaabi tribe, Juma Al Kaabi reiterated standing by His Majesty to defend the homeland's security and stability.

Mr Al Kaabi said the Qatari conspiracies would make the people of Bahrain much stronger and united under the leadership of HM the King.

placed it alongside the evil camp, whose agenda of terrorism and misinformation it has adopted, a statement by Al Thawawda Ma-

jlis said.

The statement added that the programmes aired by the Al Jazeera satellite channel are filled

Tanker tensions soar

UK government calls emergency meeting as Iran seizes British tanker in Strait of Hormuz

Netherlands liable for deaths

Amsterdam

The Netherland's highest court has upheld a ruling holding the country partially liable for the deaths of Muslim men at Srebrenica in 1995, where 8,000 were massacred by Bosnian Serb forces.

The Dutch Supreme court said on Friday that Dutch troops, acting as UN peacekeepers, had a 10 per cent liability in the in the deaths of 350 Bosnian Muslims after they were expelled from a United Nations base nearby the staging ground for the grisly massacre, the worst mass murder in Europe since World War Two.

The ruling could set a crucial precedent establishing the liability of national governments for the actions of their troops while in UN peacekeeping roles. The Associated Press reported that the ruling, the final chapter in years of legal wrangling and appeals, has been the longest running-legal battle by the launched by the families of the victims of Srebrenica.

● UK government convened an emergency COBRA meeting to formulate its response.

● The Stena company responsible for the ship also released a statement.

Tehran

Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps announced yesterday they had confiscated a British tanker in the strategic Strait of Hormuz for breaking "international maritime rules," while a US official told CNN that Iran had seized a second tanker, the British-owned, Liberian-flagged MV Mesdar, according to reports.

The Stena Impero tanker "was confiscated by the Revolutionary Guards at the request of Hormozgan Ports and Maritime Organisation when passing through the strait of Hormuz, for failing to respect international maritime rules," the Guards' official website Sepahnews announced.

The UK government convened an emergency COBRA meeting to formulate its response and a foreign ministry spokesperson said:



A file photo of the Stena Impero.

"We are urgently seeking further information and assessing the situation following reports of an incident in the Gulf."

Prime Minister Theresa May's office declined to comment.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office relayed a statement from foreign minister Jeremy Hunt, in which he appeared to confirm the seizure of a second vessel. He said: "I'm extremely concerned by the seizure of two vessels by Iranian authorities in the Strait of Hormuz."

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range of nationalities, but we understand there are no British

citizens on board either ship.

"Our Ambassador in Tehran is in contact with the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to resolve the situation and we are working closely with international partners.

"These seizures are unacceptable. It is essential that freedom of navigation is maintained and that all ships can move safely and freely in the region."

Arab News contacted Col. Robert Stewart, Conservative MP and former UN commander in Bosnia, who said that the UK government would have to "look at all the options" in its response to Iran's behaviour, adding that Iran's actions were an escalation too far, "of course."

Refinitiv data showed the Stena Impero was a British-flagged

vessel owned by Stena Bulk. It showed the vessel's destination as the Saudi port of Jubail on the Gulf.

The map tracking the ship's course showed it veering off course with a sharp turn north at about 15:17 GMT on Friday and heading towards the Iranian coast.

Meanwhile, the head of the UK Chamber of Shipping said on Friday that further protection must be provided for merchant vessels after the seizure.

"We condemn unreservedly the capture of Stena Impero as she transited the Strait of Hormuz earlier today," the Chamber's chief executive, Bob Sanguinetti, said in a statement.

"This incident represents an escalation. Whilst we call for measured response, it is also clear that further protection for merchant vessels must be forthcoming to ensure enhanced security to guarantee free flow of trade in the region."

Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei earlier this month accused the UK of "piracy" after the Royal Marines and Gibraltar police seized a tanker believed to be carrying Iranian crude oil to Syria on July 5, and the Iranian government has demanded its immediate release. The ship was detained on suspicion it was breaking European sanctions by taking oil to Syria.

TROUBLE IN STRAIT

US Navy ship 'destroyed' an Iranian drone

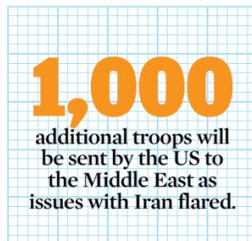
Washington

President Donald Trump said Thursday that the USS Boxer downed an Iranian drone that came within 1,000 yards of the Navy ship and ignored "multiple calls to stand down" -- marking yet another escalation in the already tense situation playing out between Washington and Tehran.

Speaking at the White House, Trump said the drone was "threatening the safety of the ship and the ship's crew" in the Strait of Hormuz and was "immediately destroyed."

The drone was destroyed using electronic jamming, according to a US defence official.

The crew of the Boxer took de-



fensive action after the drone came within a threatening distance of the US ship, the official said.

A US Navy official told CNN that there were several other interactions between the US warship and Iranian military forces prior to the downing of the drone. An unarmed Iranian navy Bell 212 helicopter flew close to the Boxer, coming

close to the ship's deck before a US helicopter was able to "chase" it away, the official said.

Several Iranian speed boats were in the vicinity as well and maintained a safe distance, but a larger Iranian vessel came as close as 500 yards to the Boxer, a distance that typically merits a warning from US naval vessels, they added.



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