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Iran links found to online terror

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Representative picture. (Courtesy of cnbcfm)

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Accounts caught posting terrorist materials in the Kingdom through social media platforms were found to have direct links to terrorist elements in Iran, Qatar, Iraq and European countries. An investigation by the Director-General of Anti-corruption and Economic and Electronic Security found fugitives convicted in absentia here are also targeting the Kingdom from abroad. The alarming findings emerged following a probe conducted by The Director-General of Anti-corruption and Econom-

ic and Electronic Security into social media accounts spreading seditious contents online. The uncovered accounts and their activities, the Director-General said, were managed by Yousif Al-Muhafdhah and Hassan Abdulnabi (Al Sitri) - both fugitives living in Germany and Australia. Their activities, focused on implementing a systematic plan to defame the reputation of Bahrain and its people, seemingly emanated from fake accounts linked to Iran, Qatar, Iraq and some European countries such as France, Germany and Australia. The investigation found that

the accounts were interconnected and are backed by e-cells pumping false information from inside the country, and engaged in promoting their agenda.

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Cabinet orders clamp down on harmful social media accounts

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa condemned in strongest terms misleading attempts made by some websites and social media accounts to sow sedition in the Bahraini society. They are “disseminating fallacies and rumours in a bid to target the kingdom’s closely-knit social fabric,” HRH the Premier said warning that those attempts are made by “internal and external plotters and enemies of the nation.” Such efforts, HRH the Premier said, proved a failure thanks to “the cohesive Bahraini society’s awareness and keenness to foil the goals of those malicious accounts, and thwart their evil attempts.”

HRH Premier gave directives to the Ministry of Interior to deal strictly with offending social media networks, through intensifying monitoring and follow-up.

“The origin of those terror cells has been identified and the government is taking necessary legal steps,” the Director-General said.

The statement warned that legal actions will be taken against those posting illegal content or information on social media accounts to hamper “civil peace and social fabric”.

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The Premier also ordered to take strict and stringent legal measures against those in charge of them and the cyber cells that cooperate with them.

The director-general also stressed not to deal or interact with those accounts and networks to avoid accountability.

The official called on citizens and social media users to be cautious when posting information and avoid reposting allegations and malicious rumours that harm security and civil peace.

Bahrain gets 100 varieties of fruits and vegetables from 130 countries



People buying vegetables from a shop



An official doing quality checks

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Markets here are flush with fruits and vegetables, thanks to more than 100 varieties of fruits and vegetables flown in from more than 130 countries around the globe. This process, Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning said, ensures a constant supply of vegetable

and fruits in the Kingdom’s market. The Ministry further said it examined close to 8000 agricultural consignments at the Kingdom’s shipping ports in the first four months of this year. Of the 7960 agricultural consignments, 6790 were for fruits and vegetables. All of the consignments were

inspected and found to be safe. Concerned department at the Ministry issued 1354 licenses including 415 for importing vegetables and fruits and 939 for importing plants. 35,000 agricultural consignments were received at Bahrain’s ports last year, which included 330 thousand tons of vegetables and fruits. “The department has thor-

oughly inspected agricultural products entering the Kingdom via King Fahad Causeway, Bahrain International airport and more,” a Ministry representative said. “Every step is taken to ensure that the agricultural products are safe and hygienic at the same time speed up procedures so businesses do not lose time.”

Stepdaughter’s murder: Court rejects woman’s appeal

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A Yemeni woman convicted of beating her 9-year-old stepdaughter to death lost her final appeal yesterday at the Court of Cassation, confirmed Public Prosecution. Family and Child Prosecution Chief Prosecutor, Ibrahim Al Binjassim, said the court confirmed the seven-year prison term awarded to the woman by the Fourth High Criminal Court on 11 April 2018.

The seven-year jail term is the maximum punishment that could be given in situations like this.

It’s worth noting that the High Criminal Court also called upon the Bahraini legislative body to increase the punishment for “such horrendous acts”.

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including burns on her back and neck.

The medical examiner who carried out Zahra’s autopsy told the court that the kid suffered brutal violence for years.

Zahra lived with her father, stepmother, three siblings and two step-siblings at an apartment in Hidd since 2013 after the father was granted her custody by a Yemeni court.

The girl’s father, a Bahraini of Yemeni origin, was also tried for the same charge but was acquitted for lacking evidence.