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Activate Siren Alert on "MyGov" App

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The Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA) has called on all citizens and residents to activate the alerts and sirens feature available on the "MyGov" app, as part of precautionary civil protection measures to enhance public safety. This feature aims to ensure that notifications issued by the relevant official authorities reach the public during emergencies.

The IGA emphasized that the alerts and sirens feature on the "MyGov" app serves as an effective digital channel in times of emergency to boost individual readiness and raise community awareness. It noted that this feature complements an integrated system for sending messages and alerts through multiple communication channels, ensuring that official information and instructions reach the widest possible audience and enhancing community response efficiency under all circumstances.

To benefit from this service, the IGA explained that users need to update the "MyGov" app to the latest version via official stores on iOS, Android, and Huawei devices, and activate the "General Notifications" option within the app's settings. Citizens and residents can download the "MyGov" app by visiting the eGovernment App Store at bahrain.bh/apps.

US steps up Iran-related sanctions as Mideast attacks flare

Washington, United States

The United States issued new Iran-related sanctions Friday, taking aim at the procurement of machinery for the country's defense industry at a time when war is flaring in the Middle East.

The US Treasury Department said it was targeting an individual and eight entities over their roles in the sourcing and transshipment of "sensitive machinery for Iran's defence industry."



Russia, Bahrain may launch Gulf wheat hub, says Putin

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St. Petersburg: Russia and Bahrain are exploring the creation of a regional hub for Russian wheat exports, President Vladimir Putin announced during the plenary session of

the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum on yesterday. "Together with our friends from Bahrain, we are going to create a hub for shipping wheat from Russia," Putin said, adding that there is strong interest from

many Arab countries in receiving Russian wheat supplies. "We will move in this direction step by step," he noted.

Russia remains the world's largest wheat exporter, with projections for the current export season (ending June 30)

reaching 44 million tonnes, according to Agriculture Minister Oksana Lut. In 2024, Russia harvested 125.9 million tonnes of grain, including 82.6 million tonnes of wheat.

Spare Bushehr Start talking

Gulf faces nuclear catastrophe if Bushehr is hit, says IAEA

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A military strike on Iran's Bushehr nuclear reactor could unleash a nuclear catastrophe across the Gulf, the UN's nuclear watchdog chief warned, calling for urgent restraint amid spiralling tensions. Even targeting the power lines that supply the facility could trigger a meltdown, said Rafael Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

"This would cause a very high release of radioactivity," Grossi told the UN Security Council, noting that Bushehr contains thousands of kilograms of nuclear material. "Countries of the region have reached out directly to me in recent hours to express concern," he added.

Grossi warned that the fallout would not stop at Iran's borders.

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In a worst-case scenario, areas within several hundred kilometres of the site — including major population centres in Gulf Arab states — would face emergency evacuation orders, food restrictions, and the need for iodine distribution to counter radiation exposure.

While the IAEA has not detected any radiation leak so far during Israel's ongoing

military campaign against Iran, Grossi stressed that Bushehr — the Middle East's first civilian nuclear reactor — remains a high-risk target. He confirmed that, as of now, the site appears to have been spared.

Bushehr's construction began in the 1970s under the West-

ern-backed Shah of Iran. German engineers initially led the project, which was later completed and main-

tained by Russia after the 1990s.

Grossi urged all sides to pursue diplomatic solutions, reiterating the IAEA's role in verifying Iran's compliance with non-proliferation commitments. "We can guarantee, through a

watertight inspection system, that nuclear weapons are not being developed in Iran," he said, offering once again to personally mediate a resolution.



Israeli army chief warns of 'prolonged campaign' in Iran

Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel's military chief Eyal Zamir warned yesterday that his country should be "ready for a prolonged campaign" against Iran, as the longtime foes exchanged fire for the eighth day.

"We have embarked on the most complex campaign in our history to remove a threat of such magnitude, against such an enemy. We must be ready for a prolonged campaign," Zamir said in a video statement to Israelis.

Israel launched attacks against Iran last Friday which have combined targeted assassinations of key military personnel with strikes on Iran's nuclear and missile facilities.

Zamir said the Israeli military had prepared for "years" for the campaign against Iran, even while Israeli troops continue their devastating campaign against Hamas in Gaza.

Iran media reports arrest of 'European spy'

Tehran, Iran

Iranian authorities have arrested a European on suspicion of espionage, local media reported yesterday.

"A European citizen who sought to spy on sensitive areas of the country" was arrested in southwestern Iran, Tasnim news agency said, without specifying the nationality of the suspect or the arrest date.

"He had been visiting the country as a tourist at the time of the brutal attack by the Zionist regime," it added, referring to Israel's June 13 strikes that triggered the war.

Europe powers urge Iran to keep up diplomacy

Geneva, Switzerland

European powers yesterday urged Iran to revive diplomatic efforts with the United States, but Tehran warned it could only consider diplomacy once Israel halted its bombardment. British, French, German and EU top diplomats held talks in Geneva with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi. "The good result today is that we leave the room with the impression that the Iranian side is ready to further discuss all the important questions," said German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl.

For regional peace

Thousands protest in Tehran and the region against Israel

Tehran, Iran

Thousands of people rallied in Tehran, Baghdad and Beirut yesterday after weekly prayers to protest Israel's strikes on Iran, chanting slogans against Israel and its main back-

er, the United States. Images on Iran's state television showed protesters in Tehran holding up photographs of commanders killed since the start of the war, while others waved the flags of Iran and the Hezbollah.

According to state television, protests took place in other cities around the country, including in Tabriz in northwestern Iran and Shiraz in the south.

