

Call for Arab unity to end Palestinian plight

Parliamentary delegation raps unjust use of force by Israelis against Palestinian people

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Cairo

Members of the parliamentary delegation to the 28th extraordinary session of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU) have called for the need to protect the rights of the brotherly Palestinian people, continue providing them with the necessary support and reject the continuous violations of the Israeli Occupation Forces in the occupied territories.

Shura Council member, Hala Ramzi, expressed her condemnation of the unjustified and excessive use of force by the Israeli occupation forces against civilians in the Gaza Strip, while demanding their just and legitimate rights.

She said that such abhorrent practices contravene all norms,



The Bahraini delegation at the 28th extraordinary session of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union.

traditions and religious principles, stressing the importance of Arab solidarity and cooperation to put an end to such dangerous escalation in the occupied Arab lands.

Member of the Council of Representatives, MP Jamal Dawood,

said that supporting the Palestinian issue requires a comprehensive Arab and international action to stop the massacres and grave violations committed by the Zionist authorities.

The delegation affirmed the support of the Kingdom for the

Palestinian cause and its brotherly people in obtaining their legitimate rights, according to the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative, and based on the two-state solution on the 1967 borders, and all the relevant UN resolutions.

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Bahzad, stressed that the Occupation Forces' incessant violations against the brotherly Palestinian people contravene the International Legitimacy resolutions, as well as all the international conventions, norms and agreements that protect human rights, especially the right to protest which is guaranteed to the Palestinians as per such conventions and covenants.

He added that the AIPU meeting aims to re-assert the Arab firm stance in support of the brotherly Palestinian people's right on their land, and right to establish their independent state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Representatives Council member, MP Mohammed Milad, stressed the need for stepping up Arab coordination, cooperation and consultation to address the current challenges facing the Palestinian cause, the Arab's central cause.

Shura Council member, Dr Mansoor Sarhan, welcomed the convening of the extraordinary session of AIPU to discuss the latest dangerous escalation in the Palestinian territories, calling on the Palestinians to rally together, and urging concerted Arab, Islamic and international efforts to put an end to the Israeli Occupation Forces' illegitimate practices against the Palestinians.

10 years prison for drug seller

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The High Criminal Court sentenced a drug seller to 10 years behind bars in addition to BD5,000 fine.

The defendant was arrested on King Fahad Causeway along with another man and he was carrying hashish weighing 270 grams, court details show.



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The drugs were hidden inside his underwear. He told police officers during questioning that he bought hashish with co-accused from Saudi Arabia with an aim to sell it across the Kingdom.

"I noticed he was nervous and ordered a search, which found he was carrying drugs," the customs officer who nabbed them told prosecutors.

"They said there was nothing in their possession. When I inspected them I found hashish hidden inside his underwear," he added.

The defendant's saliva also tested positive for hashish and other types of drugs.

The defendant revealed to prosecutors that he bought hashish from a Saudi national for BDI,800.

Bahrain shines at British Parliament

London

All eyes were on Bahrain as the Diplomat Business Club organised a unique and highly prestigious seminar at the British Parliament Committee Room titled "Bahrain Opportunities Forum 2018".

The first-of-its-kind event was organised by the President of Diplomat Business Club, Javed Malik who previously served as Pakistan's Ambassador to the Kingdom and now presides the UK-based Diplomat Business Club.

The guests at the high profile forum included British MPs, Lords and senior businessmen including Andrew Rosindell MP, Lord Robertson, as well as Sir Anwar Pervez OBE, who is the owner of Bestway group and the most affluent and successful British Muslim businessman. Speaking on the event, Mr Malik said that "it was a huge success with the venue filled to capacity which indicates the we were able to generate positive interest about Bahrain".

He added, "the presentation by Khalid Al Rumaihi, chief executive of the EDB, was excellent highlighting



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the business, trade and investment opportunities in Bahrain and the participants showed a lot of interest in the excellent opportunities that Bahrain has to offer."

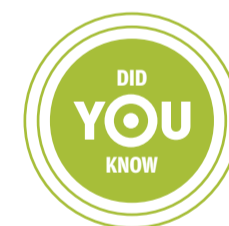
"The huge interest shown by the par-

ticipants was evident from the fact that Mr Al Rumaihi met back to back with various individuals who were almost queuing up to see him post the event."

Mr Malik, further said that "the business delegation led by Samir Nass,

chairman BCCI, who was accompanied by first vice chairman Khalid Mohammed Al Najibi was very instrumental in showcasing Bahrain's business climate".

Andrew Rosindell MP, who is the



Bahrain-UK trade relations have been growing over the years.

honorary chair, of the UK chapter of the Diplomat Business Club said he was delighted to welcome the Bahraini delegation and looks forward to growing business ties between UK & Bahrain.

Mr Al Rumaihi, gave a detailed presentation about the unique and attractive business climate that has been created in the Kingdom to welcome investors from around the world.

Mr Nass in his speech highlighted the tremendous opportunities in Bahrain being the hub of trade and gateway to the Gulf.

Tribute

The President of the Diplomat Business Club was joined by other guests in paying a special tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Mr Malik said, "The wise, dynamic and visionary leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has positioned Bahrain as one of the most business friendly and welcoming societies in the Arab world and His Majesty's policies have made Bahrain an inclusive society that welcomes people from different cultures, faiths and traditions without any discrimination."



Mr Malik and Mr Rosindell honour Mr Al Rumaihi, Mr Al Najibi and Mr Nass.