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## **Qatar behind online hatred campaigns**

Move aimed at damaging Bahrain-Saudi ties as well as destroying the Kingdom's economy

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versial cases stirred up in Bahrain through the different social platforms during the past few weeks, Interior Ministry confirmed in a statement yesterday.

The ministry affirmed that a number of sensitive matters raised on social media, mainly Twitter and Instagram, jeopardises the Kingdom's interests and harms its social unity.

Bahraini-Saudi relations, the municipal and parliamentary elections, the new pensions law and other domestic issues of Bahrain.

has shown a systematic targeting of Bahrain to compromise its national interests by influencing public opinion on various issues, including naturalisation," the ministry's statement read.

The ministry stressed in its statement that the posts are aimed at "damaging the close and special Bahrain-Saudi relations and hit the economy by circulating false information through fake accounts run from Qatar and by the wanted

fugitives facing justice".

### Passport for sale?

One of the topics that were recently raised by several social media accounts, which were revealed to be backed by Qatar, was the alleged sale of Bahraini citizenships for BD35,000 to BD85,000 by Arab brokers.

The posts included a copy of a written advertisement allegedly posted on a regional advertising website where it was claimed that the Bahraini passport is being sold for SR350,000 (BD35,000).

Another post that raised controversy was a recording of a man, apparently a broker, speaking about "a new investment", with regards to selling the Bahraini citizenship for SR850,000 (BD85,000). The posts raised a nationwide public outcry for

a couple of weeks, with some accounts claiming A copy of one of the ads posted online claiming that Bahraini atar has been behind a handful of contro- that "the Bahraini naturalisation system is harming the interests of neighbouring countries, including Saudi Arabia".

This was until yesterday when the ministry's statement was released, clarifying that the rumours were created by the Qatari accounts and wanted fugitives to disturb the kingdom's public order and harm the strong Bahraini-Saudi relations.

"Interior Ministry clarifies that such accounts This includes the naturalisation of citizens, the tend to instigate disturbances and sedition, and incite hatred, in an attempt to tear into Bahrain's social fabric," the ministry underlined.

The ministry also mentioned the campaigns "The monitoring of recent social media posts targeting the upcoming municipal and parliamentary elections emerging recently, stating that



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passports are available for BD85.000 each.

such campaigns aim to "jeopardise the upcoming parliamentary elections by negatively focusing on a number of issues, including the new pensions scheme, to negatively swing the public opinion and distort the Bahraini identity to project it as having negative characteristics".

#### Vigilance

The ministry called upon citizens and residents to remain vigilant to such threats and advised them to be cautious from falling prey to similar hatred campaigns online.

"The Ministry urges everyone to assume responsibility to control the risks posed by the social firm in the face of threats and avoid drifting towards destructive ideas," the statement read.

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security and safety, and on account of its legal responsibility to maintain security and order, through the General Directorate of Anti-corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, continues to monitor the social media accounts that violate the law and harm civil peace and the social fabric. Legal action has also been taken in this regard."

"These threats constitute a purposeful assault against the citizens, although they are immune to the risks such attempts pose and have proven through history their firm stand on national values, thanks to their awareness and sincere determination to foil all attempts targeting security and social peace," it was added in the statement.

#### Rumours

The ministry also underscored in its statement the importance of avoiding rumours, which harms the civil peace and security of Bahrain.

It called upon the public to "be cautious and avoid recirculating false reports, as the current stage requires joint efforts, unity and awareness to protect the nation's supreme interests and civil peace", stressing that "the strengthening of national unity is the responsibility of all".

The ministry said, "Interior Ministry affirms the constitutional principles that protect the citizens' rights, especially their freedom of expression, and urges them to follow the laws relating to such rights and ensure that the information they circulate is credible by obtaining it from official sources. They should not post malicious rumours that go against security and civil peace."

The ministry concluded its statement by advising citizens, journalists, media figures and all organisations in the Kingdom to "perform their media and reduce its negative impact. The current role in spreading awareness to protect the society phase is crucial and requires everyone to remain from the threats posed by the social media and ensure positive public opinions that challenge such campaigns through the commitment to the "The ministry with a view to inform the public law and consideration for the Arab values and

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posed dividend - 1,091,747		1,091,747	Re			2018 Reviewed	2017 Reviewed	2018 Reviewed	Duraha	INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of property, plant and equipment					<b>(2,779,367</b> ) (172,											
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