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Bahraini boat robbed by pirates near northern maritime border

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The Coast Guard has announced that a Bahraini boat carrying a 43-year-old Bahraini seaman and two Asian nationals aged 36 and 38 was subjected to a robbery by pirates near the Kingdom's northern maritime border.

It explained that upon receiving the case from the Main Operations Room regarding the incident, immediate action was taken and coordination with the relevant authorities was initiated.

The pirates had removed the seamen from their boat and taken them into Iranian territorial waters, seizing the boat's contents, before returning them to their vessel three hours after the incident occurred.

The Coast Guard affirmed that it is closely following up on the incident.

Sovereignty issue

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Kingdom of Bahrain has followed with deep concern with the coordinates lists and map deposited by the Republic of Iraq with the United Nations, and what they contained in terms of infringement upon the sovereignty of the State of Kuwait over its maritime areas and its fixed and stable maritime elevations in relation to Iraq, including Fasht Al Qaid and Fasht Al A'ij.

The Ministry affirms the full sovereignty of Kuwait over its maritime areas and maritime elevations.

HRH Prince Salman hails BDF for loyalty and service

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, expressed pride in the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) personnel for their unwavering determination and loyalty in fulfilling their national duty, serving the Kingdom and safeguarding its achievements.

He commended their honourable sacrifices and contributions in advancing the Kingdom's progress.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted that the BDF's advanced level of combat readiness has been achieved under the guidance and support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

Iftar banquet

HRH the Deputy King was speaking as he hosted yesterday a Ramadan iftar banquet for senior officers of the BDF.

Upon arrival, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister was received by His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa



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bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Commander-in-Chief of the BDF.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, and His Highness Lieutenant Colonel Shaikh Moham-

med bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, were also in attendance.

HRH the Deputy King was also welcomed by H.E. Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, the Minister of Defence Affairs; H.E. Lieutenant General

Theyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi, the BDF Chief of Staff; and other senior BDF officers.

Best wishes

On the occasion of the holy Month of Ramadan, HRH Prince

Salman exchanged best wishes with the BDF Commander-in-Chief and senior officers, wishing the Kingdom, Arab and Islamic nations, continued security, progress, and prosperity.

In turn, the BDF Commander-in-Chief extended his wishes for the Kingdom and its people to continue enjoying security, stability, and prosperity under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad.

For his part, and on behalf of BDF personnel, the BDF Commander-in-Chief expressed his gratitude for His Royal Highness' commitment and unwavering support to the BDF and its personnel.

'Dangerous, inflammatory'

Arab, Muslim countries slam US ambassador's remarks on Israel's right to Mideast land

AFP | Jerusalem

Arab and Islamic countries issued a joint condemnation yesterday of remarks by US ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, who suggested Israel had a biblical right to a vast swath of the Middle East.

Huckabee, a former Baptist minister and a fervent Israel supporter, was speaking on the podcast of far-right commentator and Israel critic Tucker Carlson.

In an episode released on Friday, Carlson pushed Huckabee on the meaning of a biblical verse sometimes interpreted as saying that Israel is entitled to the land between the river Nile in Egypt and the Euphrates in Syria and Iraq.

In response, Huckabee said: "It would be fine if they took it all."

When pressed, however, he continued that Israel was "not



asking to take all of that", adding: "It was somewhat of a hyperbolic statement."

Backlash

The backlash widened sharply yesterday as more than a dozen Arab and Islamic governments - alongside three major regional organisations - issued a joint statement denouncing the US diplomat's comments as "dangerous and inflammatory".

The statement, released by the United Arab Emirates' for-

The foreign ministries of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the UAE, Qatar, Indonesia, Pakistan, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Kuwait, Lebanon and Oman issued a joint statement together with the GCC, Arab League and OIC.

eign ministry, was signed by the UAE, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, Pakistan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Lebanon, Syria and the State of Palestine, as well as the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

(OIC), the Arab League and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). They said the comments contravene the UN Charter and efforts to de-escalate the Gaza war and advance a political horizon for a comprehensive settlement.

Iran joined the chorus with its foreign ministry accusing Huckabee on X of revealing "American active complicity" in what it called Israel's "expansionist wars of aggression" against Palestinians.

Earlier, several Arab states had issued unilateral condemnations.

Saudi Arabia described the ambassador's words as "reckless" and "irresponsible", while Jordan said it was "an assault on the sovereignty of the countries of the region".

Kuwait decried what it called a "flagrant violation of the principles of international law", while Oman said the comments "threatened the prospects for peace" and stability in the region.

Sovereignty

Egypt's foreign ministry reaffirmed "that Israel has no sovereignty over the occupied Palestinian territory or any other Arab lands".

