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# Likely candidate to parliament arrested for 'tweeting trouble'

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A potential candidate for the parliamentary elections was arrested yesterday after an MP lodged a complaint against him over sectarian tweets.

Mohammed Al Aradi, 54, a religious scholar who recently announced his intention to compete in the upcoming parliamentary elections was summoned on Friday by the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security.

This came few days after MP Jamal Buhassan complained against Mr Al Aradi for posting tweets that were considered sectarian and insulting.

Northern Governorate Chief Prosecutor Mohammed Salah confirmed this in a statement released yesterday, saying, "The Public Prosecution was notified by the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, with regards to an individual who posted abusive tweets on his social media account. The Prosecution initiated its investigations into the incident and interrogated the accused."



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MR BUHASSAN

Mr Salah added, "The accused was ordered to be remanded for seven days pending further investigation after being accused of insulting a symbol or a person glorified or considered sacred by the members of a particular sect. Legal procedures are continued to refer the case to the concerned court."

Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security Director-General Lieutenant Colonel Bassam Al Miraj announced on Friday that Mr Al Aradi was summoned for posting tweets insulting a particular sect in Bahrain.

He said that Article 310 of the Penal Code states that "a jail term of up to one year or a fine of up to BD100 shall be imposed on any person who publicly insults a symbol or a person glorified or considered sacred by the members of a particular sect".

Mr Al Aradi insulted the companions of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) in a series of tweets while discussing a religious topic online. An act that offended many who called for holding him accountable for such remarks.

This includes MP Buhassan, who criticised Al Aradi and lodged a complaint against him to the the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security.

Mr Buhassan said, "Al Aradi's remarks are rejected and unacceptable. Such actions will not be tolerated as it undermine the civil peace and disturb the coexistence of citizens in the Kingdom of Bahrain."

He also thanked Interior Ministry for arresting Al Aradi and added that "such sectarian behaviours are penalised by the law".

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to reduce government spending. He removed the insulting tweets on Thursday and said, "I have removed a number of

tweets that may be misunderstood by some, especially in the scientific evaluation of history and some of the Companions of

the Prophet (PBUH)."

However, the man had to face a wave of angry comments and remarks over his tweets.

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