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GCC rallies behind Manama as Shura Council chief warns the attack undermines regional peace efforts

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Iran launched a drone assault on Bahraini territory in the early hours of Saturday, June 27, drawing fierce condemnation from Manama and its Gulf neighbours. Officials described the assault as a direct affront to international law and a betrayal of recently-brokered peace commitments.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued its strongest possible denunciation, declaring the strikes a flagrant violation of national sovereignty and a naked threat to the safety of citizens and residents. The ministry pointedly noted that Iran had signed the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding on June 17—just ten days prior—pledging a permanent halt to military operations and respect for regional sovereignty.

“Peace is not built through in-



timidation, and security is not seized through aggression,” the ministry said, warning that Tehran bore sole responsibility for undermining regional de-escalation efforts.

The condemnation was swift and unified across the Gulf. Saudi

Arabia issued its strongest denunciation of what it called “brutal Iranian aggression.” Qatar condemned the strikes as a flagrant breach of international law, reaffirming full solidarity with Bahrain and urging a return to dialogue. Kuwait called the attacks

a dangerous threat to regional peace, while the UAE added its voice to the chorus of regional rejection.

Meanwhile, Shura Council President Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh described the strikes as a direct threat to security and stability, rallying national unity behind His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Bahrain’s foreign ministry invoked UN Security Council Resolution 2817—co-sponsored by GCC states and Jordan and backed by 136 nations—and called on the Security Council to enforce its mandate and hold the aggressor accountable. The kingdom affirmed it retains its full legal right to defend its sovereignty under international law.

Appreciation for national efforts



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa praised the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, for successfully organizing this year’s Ashura commemorations, highlighting strong coordination and support across all sectors.

HM King commended the efforts of government bodies, especially the Ministry of Interior and religious affairs authorities, along with scholars, Ma’atam organisers, committees, and volunteers, for ensuring smooth security, services, and facilitation of rituals.

He noted that the Ashura commemorations were held in an atmosphere of discipline and organisation, reflecting Bahrain’s commitment to religious freedom, social harmony, and respect for diverse traditions.

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Prisoner Swap Gets Bahrain Backing

The Kingdom welcomed the success of the United Arab Emirates’ mediation efforts between the Russian Federation and Ukraine, which led to a new prisoner exchange involving 320 prisoners from both sides.

Bahrain described the exchange as a positive humanitarian step that supports de-escalation efforts and strengthens hopes for a peaceful resolution to the Ukrainian crisis. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs praised the UAE’s diplomatic and humanitarian efforts, noting its role in facilitating the release of 7,791 prisoners through 25 mediation operations since the beginning of the crisis.

Survivors Pulled From Rubble



A screengrab taken from a video posted on social media, shows a newborn held by rescuers after being pulled out alive from the rubble of the city of La Guaira, Venezuela, following the twin earthquakes hit the country.

The death toll from twin earthquakes in Venezuela rose more than thousand, with tens of thousands reported missing as international rescue teams boosted a desperate and slow-moving search for survivors. **Read more on page 6-7**

Arab Unity Ensures Stability

Strong reaffirmation of Bahrain’s stance on the Palestinian cause

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The Chairman of the Shura Council, Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, has reaffirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain’s firm commitment—under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa—to safeguarding national sovereignty, upholding international law, and advancing peace, dialogue and peaceful co-existence.

His remarks were delivered during the Eighth Conference of the Arab Parliament and Speakers of Arab Councils and Parliaments, held at the headquarters of the Arab League in Cairo. The high-level gathering, organized in cooperation with the Arab Parliament and the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union, brought together Arab parliamentary leaders and delegations, including representatives from Bahrain.

Firm Commitment

Al Saleh emphasized that Bahrain remains steadfast in defending the sovereignty and independence of all states, rejecting any form of external interference, and supporting the sovereign right of nations to choose their own development paths.

He underscored that lasting regional stability requires full adherence to international law,



principles of good neighbourliness, and the rejection of force or coercion in resolving political disputes.

The Shura Council Chairman warned that Arab security is deeply interconnected and indivisible, stressing that any violation of one Arab state’s sovereignty directly impacts the stability of the entire region.

He called for a unified and decisive Arab stance in rejecting any aggression or infringement on sovereignty, describing Arab unity as the foundation for regional security, stability, and development.

De-escalation

Al Saleh reiterated Bahrain’s consistent support for diplomatic initiatives aimed at achieving comprehensive, just and sustainable peace.

He welcomed recent understandings between the United States and Iran on ceasefire and de-escalation measures, describing them as an important step toward reducing tensions and rebuilding trust in the region.

He also commended mediation efforts led with the involvement of Pakistan, and supported by Saudi Arabia and Qatar, highlighting the importance of continued dialogue and peaceful conflict resolution.



Palestinian Cause Reaffirmed

He reaffirmed that the Palestinian issue remains the central cause of the Arab world.

Al Saleh reiterated Bahrain’s firm support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including the establishment of an independent state along the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, in line with international legitimacy and the Arab Peace Initiative.

He also stressed the importance of ensuring safe, sustained and unhindered humanitarian assistance to affected civilians.

Digital Sovereignty

Al Saleh highlighted that rapid global technological transformation has made data, knowledge and innovation central to national power, introducing digital sovereignty as a critical component of modern security.

He called for stronger Arab cybersecurity systems, enhanced

protection of critical infrastructure, and the development of updated legislation to govern artificial intelligence and emerging digital technologies.

He further urged Arab parliaments to take a leading role in establishing legal frameworks that protect data sovereignty while encouraging innovation, economic growth and digital transformation.

Al Saleh welcomed the outcomes of the conference, particularly the forthcoming document titled “Strengthening Arab Digital Sovereignty and Protecting National Privacy in the Age of Digital Transformation”, describing it as a major step toward unified Arab digital policy.

He praised Egypt’s historic role as a centre of Arab culture and a key pillar of joint Arab action, alongside the efforts of the Arab Parliament and its leadership in advancing regional cooperation.

Para-Athletes Arrive in Czech Republic for Grand Prix



The Bahrain Paralympic athletics team has departed from Bahrain International Airport to the Czech Republic to participate in the Czech Paralympic Open Women’s Grand Prix 2026.

The championship will take place in Olomouc till July 5, 2026, bringing together leading female para-athletes from various countries.

The Bahrain delegation is headed by Her Highness Shaikha Fatima bint Salman Al Khalifa and includes delegation administrator Noura Al Enezi, technical director Abdulrazzaq Suwaisa, and coaches Mousa Hassan and Hassan Muftah.

Athletes Rouba Al Omari, Maryam Al Humaidi, and Fatima Al Sayed Ahmed will represent Bahrain in the tournament, competing with the ambition of delivering strong performances and achieving positive results.

