

Iron-Firm Justice in National Security Cases

● Courts Hand Down Heavy Sentences

● Up to 10-year sentences in 22 cyber-related cases

● Court rules in cases tied to Iran-linked attacks

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Bahrain's judiciary has issued a series of major rulings in separate national security-related cases, including prison sentences of up to 10 years for dozens of defendants and life imprisonment in espionage cases involving alleged links to foreign intelligence services, the Public Prosecution said on Tuesday.

10-year sentences

The High Criminal Court sentenced 24 defendants to prison terms ranging from five to 10 years in separate cases involving alleged support for hostile

acts targeting Bahrain.

One additional defendant received a one-year prison sentence and a fine of 2,000 Bahraini dinars. The court also imposed fines in some cases and ordered the confiscation of seized materials.

According to the Public Prosecution, the defendants were accused of supporting hostile activities, sharing restricted and sensitive information, photographing prohibited locations, and spreading false news and rumours through social media platforms during a period of regional tensions.

Authorities said the cases stemmed from cybercrime

investigations into online accounts allegedly used to circulate content deemed harmful to public security and stability.

The prosecution said forensic analysis of electronic devices confirmed the allegations. It also stressed that while freedom of expression is guaranteed, it must be exercised within legal limits and not used to threaten national security.

Life sentences

In a separate set of rulings, the High Criminal Court sentenced five defendants to life imprisonment in two espionage cases involving alleged links to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary

Guard Corps (IRGC), according to prosecutors.

One defendant was acquitted, while Afghan nationals involved in the cases were ordered to be deported after completing their sentences. The court also ordered the confiscation of seized items.

Prosecutors said the first case involved an Afghan defendant allegedly recruited to collect intelligence on sensitive facilities inside Bahrain in exchange for payments, later recruiting another individual to assist.

The second case involved Bahraini defendants allegedly recruited through contacts abroad and tasked with monitoring and photographing vital installations and transmitting information to foreign entities.

Investigations included interrogations, witness testimony, and forensic examination of electronic devices, which prosecutors said confirmed the alleged activities.

The Public Prosecution said espionage for foreign hostile entities represents one of the most serious threats to national security. It added that it is reviewing the acquittal ruling and considering an appeal.

Shura Speaker Backs Citizenship Revocations

Shura Council Speaker Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh said revoking citizenship from individuals who sympathise with hostile acts is a sovereign right aimed at safeguarding national security.

He said such measures reinforce the rule of law and apply to individuals involved in activities that threaten Bahrain's security, including contacts with foreign entities.

Al Saleh praised the leader-



ship's efforts to protect national stability and said citizenship is based on loyalty and responsibility, not only legal status.

Human rights report to include civil society input

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The national human rights report on the impact of Iranian attacks will include input from civil society groups, following a coordination meeting held by the National Institution for Human Rights, officials said.

Representatives from several organisations contributed observations and field insights during the session, which will be included in a dedicated section of the report reflecting community perspectives.

Participants reviewed available data and discussed ways to align monitoring and documentation processes with international

standards to ensure accuracy and consistency.

Officials stressed the importance of cooperation between national bodies and civil society, saying joint efforts in monitoring, verification and analysis would enhance the credibility of the report.

The meeting also discussed the role of a specialised committee responsible for documenting violations, focusing on expanding civil society participation in field reporting.

Training and capacity-building were highlighted as key elements to support the process, alongside continued coordination to ensure comprehensive findings.

Bahrain leads urgent talks on Hormuz crisis at UN



Germany



Singapore



Panama

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Bahrain's Foreign Minister Abdullahatif bin Rashid Al Zayani held a series of meetings with counterparts from Germany, Singapore and Panama in New York on Tuesday, on the sidelines of UN Security Council sessions.

In talks with German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl, the two sides reviewed long-standing bilateral relations and explored ways to expand cooperation across various sectors.

Al Zayani also met Singapore's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zaqqy Mohamad,

where discussions focused on strengthening ties and advancing cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

In a separate meeting with Panama's Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Arturo Hoyos, both sides discussed enhancing bilateral cooperation and coordination, particularly within the UN Security Council.

Across the meetings, officials exchanged views on regional and international developments, including concerns over Iran's actions and the impact of the Strait of Hormuz closure on global trade, maritime navigation and the world economy.



"Bahrain is reinforcing its diplomatic outreach through active engagement with global partners, underscoring a shared commitment to strengthening cooperation and addressing pressing regional and international challenges."

Army Chief Meets US Marine Commander



Bahrain's Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Dhiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, met with Lieutenant-General Joseph Clearfield, commander of US Marine Forces at US Central Command. During the meeting, the two sides discussed military cooperation and coordination between Bahrain and the United States.

MPs Demand Answers on 59,000 Unfilled Jobs

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A parliamentary inquiry called on the Labour Ministry to explain why tens of thousands of job vacancies did not result in actual employment between 2023 and 2025, urging a minimum 70% hiring rate for roles submitted to the authorities.

The committee recommended a full technical review to determine why vacancies remain open, annual assessments of the causes, earlier activation of appeals mechanisms, and stricter monitoring of companies where Bahraini employees leave within their first year. It also proposed issuing warnings after an initial refusal of suitable job offers.

MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen said the findings highlighted "a clear gap between the vacancies offered and the jobs actually filled," calling for a shift towards measuring "real employment outcomes rather than numerical indicators." She also urged an upgrade of the National Employment Platform using artificial intelligence to improve job matching.

MP Zainab AbdulAmeer described the figures as "deeply concerning," calling for the case to be referred to senior authorities and the Public Prosecution. She questioned whether some reported vacancies were genuine, referring to them as "phantom opportunities," and raised concerns over job stability and companies' use of state employment support schemes.

Committee member MP



Zainab AbdulAmeer, MP



Maryam Al Dhaen, MP



Yousuf Khalaf, Minister of Labour



Mahmoud Fardan, MP



- 59,177 vacancies remained unfilled (2023-2025).
- In 2025, 33,406 were registered, 14,089 filled, 19,317 unfilled.
- Over 100,000 vacancies received in total, with 41,310 filled.