

??Bahrain parliament pressing to reverse normalization of ties with Israel amid war on Gaza



Manama, November 7 (RHC)-- The deputy speaker of Bahrain's National Assembly says members of the legislative body are pressing to reverse the normalization of relations between the Persian Gulf country and Israel following the occupying regime's devastating war in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Abdulnabi Salman said in an interview with the Arabic service of Russia's Sputnik news agency on Monday that Bahraini lawmakers were demanding an end to diplomatic relations with Israel, three years after the Manama regime signed the US-brokered Abraham Accords.

"The demands of the Bahraini MPs are a reflection of the aspirations of the [Bahraini] people," Salman told the news outlet. "The most important demand is represented by the full cancelation of normalization and cutting all ties, which would mean the cancelation of the Abraham Accords."

Salman added, "Ultimately, any decision on Bahrain-Israel ties is taken by Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifah and his government."

Bahrain's lower house of parliament announced last week that the country had halted its economic relations with Israel amid the regime's brutal onslaught against Palestinians in Gaza. Bahrain also recalled its ambassador to the occupied territories and flights between Manama and Tel Aviv were suspended. At least eight countries, including Turkey and Jordan, have pulled their ambassadors from Israel since it launched the war in Gaza.

The death toll from Israel's brutal aggression on the Gaza Strip surpassed 10,000 on Monday; one month after the occupying regime launched the war on the besieged area on October 7 when Palestinian resistance groups waged the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm against the occupying entity in response to the Israeli regime's decades-long atrocities against Palestinians.

The regime has also cut off one of the most densely-populated places in the world from basic supplies, such as water, electricity, and fuel. Shortage of medical supplies and food has left 2.3 million Palestinians at risk of starvation.

Bahrain and the Israeli regime established diplomatic relations in 2020 as part of the United States-brokered Abraham Accords.

Back in 2021, Bahrain's main opposition group, the al-Wefaq National Islamic Society, denounced Manama's normalization of relations with Israel as "a crime," emphasizing that the ruling Al Khalifah regime's policies did not conform to the will of the Bahraini nation.

The country has witnessed numerous protests ever since the rapprochement, condemning the detente as an instance of "treason."

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