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Bahrain: Foiled terrorist plot highlights security force capabilities, latent threat of militancy


OVERVIEW

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Notice

 Location:

Bahrain

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Terrorism, Terror plot

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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Bahrain (Low Risk)	25	25	25	25
TOTAL	25	25	25	25

The interior ministry on 6 February announced that a terrorist plot had been thwarted. Explosive devices placed in or near two ATMs belonging to a national bank in the [al-Nuaim](#) area of the capital Manama and nearby [Jidhafs](#) (Capital governorate) on 3 February were found and defused by the security forces. Several suspects have reportedly been arrested. While the incident highlights the capabilities of the security forces, it also points to the underlying threat of militancy. Employees in Bahrain should exercise vigilance and minimise time spent around potential militant targets as a precaution.

MORE DETAIL

There has been no major terrorist incident in Bahrain since late 2017. Nevertheless, several Shia Muslim militant organisations and radicalised opposition groups retain the intent to carry out attacks, particularly against government and security force interests.

In September 2020, the authorities said they had thwarted a terrorist plot earlier that year. International media reported that attacks were planned in retaliation for the January 2020 assassination in Baghdad (Iraq) of Qassem Soleimani, the former commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Quds Force. The security forces also discovered a roadside bomb in the Budaiya area (North governorate), which was reportedly intended for an attack on a foreign delegation.


WHAT WE ADVISED YOUR PEOPLE

Minimise time spent near potential militant targets, including government interests, security force personnel and assets and symbolic foreign interests.

Exercise vigilance and report any suspicious activity or items to the authorities.

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