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## Country 'united as one family against threats'

**MANAMA:** Bahrain's people must stand "as one family" against any foreign interference, Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala said yesterday.

He spoke as he met officials from Bahraini co-operative societies and charity organisations.

Mr Al Sho'ala said that the meeting was held under the directives of Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa, because of the distinguished role

of these societies in the consolidation of national unity and solidarity.

The Prime Minister later sent a cable of thanks to Mr Al Sho'ala praising the Minister and the Labour Ministry staff for their noble patriotism and love and allegiance to Bahrain.

The Premier also thanked the General Committee for Bahrain Workers for their patriotism and appreciated the Ministry's efforts to boost development.

Mr Al Sho'ala briefed the officials on

the dimension of the plot against Bahrain by a group who "lost the path of truth and distanced itself from the national unity".

He also briefed them on the latest security developments and the measures taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of the nation and preserve its developments and achievements.

This plot could not stop the process of the welfare and progress and prosperity witnessed in Bahrain under the wise leadership of HH the Amir Shaikh Isa bin

Sulman Al Khalifa and his wise government, led by the Prime Minister and with the support and backing of the Crown Prince and BDF Commander-in-Chief Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, said Mr Al Sho'ala.

He said the plot was a result of Iranian government interference in the internal affairs of Bahrain, by exploiting a "lost group", but it had failed.

Public Security forces would remain

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# Bahrain 'is one family'

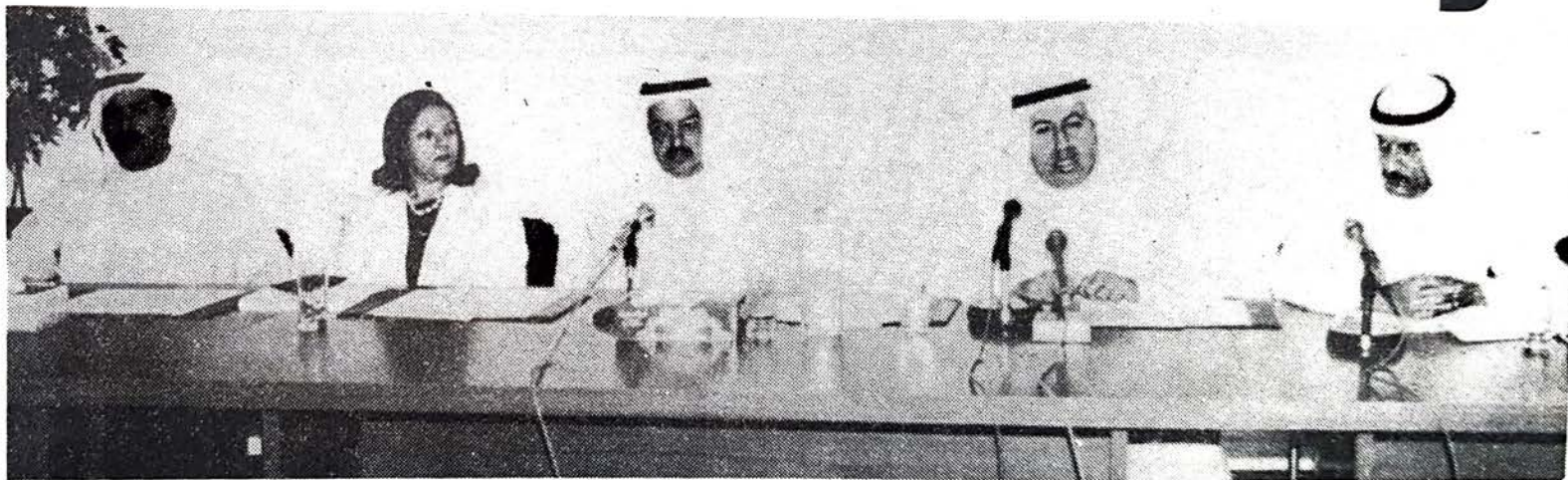
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vigilant to protect Bahrain's security from any foreign intervention, but this could not be achieved unless the citizens stood firmly behind its wise leadership and worked together in the spirit of one family, said Mr Al Sho'ala.

He said Bahrain enjoyed widespread support from all GCC states, Arab and friendly countries.

They all stood solidly behind the principles of the good neighbourliness and non-interference in the internal affairs of



■ Mr Al Sho'ala with officials from co-operative societies and charity organisations

others, said Mr Al Sho'ala.

The officials pledged their full allegiance to the country's leadership and their support and backing for all the measures taken by the Government to safeguard the country and the nation's security and stability.

All pledged their support for the unity of the country and to stand as one behind their wise leadership.

It was agreed to form a delegation, headed by Al Eslah Society president Shaikh Isa bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, to con-

vey to the Amir, the Premier and the Crown Prince the organisations' congratulations on the exposure of the plot.

They also sent cables to the Amir, the Premier and the Crown Prince yesterday, pledging their loyalty and support and de-

nouncing the interference in Bahrain's affairs by the Iranian regime.

It was also decided to form a joint committee with the ministry, to educate and guide young people to cement the ties of national unity.