

Britain's Manama envoy accuses Iran of supporting violence in Bahrain
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The British ambassador to Bahrain has accused Iran of providing support to those behind spreading violence and terrorist activities in the tiny Persian Gulf island nation.

Iain Lindsay claimed that there was "increasing evidence" that Iran was "providing support to people here who are bent on violence".

He made the allegation shortly before a British parliamentary delegation is due to arrive in Manama as part of an inquiry into the UK's relationship with Bahrain.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has time and again dismissed allegations of supporting opposition groups in Bahrain and called on al-Khalifa regime to stop its brutal crackdown on pro-democracy protesters and answer their call for change.

The Bahraini uprising began in mid-February 2011, when the people, inspired by the popular revolutions that toppled the dictators of Tunisia and Egypt, started holding massive demonstrations.

The Manama regime launched a brutal crackdown on the peaceful protests and called in Saudi-led Arab troops from neighboring states.

Dozens of people have been killed in the crackdown, and the security forces have arrested hundreds, including doctors and nurses accused of treating injured revolutionaries.

Nevertheless, Bahrainis stress that they will continue holding demonstrations until their demand for the establishment of a democratically elected government is met.

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