

## Headlines:

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## Details:

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### Bahrain Next to Normalise Relations with the Zionist Entity

Bahrain's aviation authority announced it will allow all flights to and from the United Arab Emirates, including 'Israeli' flights, to fly over its territory. Bahrain is among the Arab Gulf countries following the footsteps of the United Arab Emirates' in normalizing its ties with 'Israel'. Bahrain's monarchy has had a long-standing covert relationship with the Jewish entity. Domestic pushback is also no longer an issue, as the kingdom has effectively suppressed the Shiite-led protest movement that would have opposed normalization. What was for long a secret and for back-door channels in now in the open, our rulers have for long collaborated with the enemy and now they have no shame in making it public.

### China and India Fire Shots Across Border

China and India have accused each other of firing shots on their flashpoint Himalayan border in a further escalation of military tension between the nuclear-armed Asian rivals. The relationship between the two countries has deteriorated since a hand-to-hand combat clash in the Ladakh region on June 15 in which 20 Indian troops were killed. Beijing's defence ministry accused India of "severe military provocation", saying soldiers crossed the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the western border region on Monday and "opened fire to threaten the Chinese border defence patrol officers". "According to the Chinese side, Chinese troops approached the India side for negotiations, and then they say some Indian troops fired at the Chinese side." New Delhi was swift to give its own account, accusing Chinese border forces of "blatantly violating agreements" and firing "a few rounds in the air" to intimidate their Indian rivals. "It is the PLA that has been blatantly violating agreements and carrying out aggressive manoeuvres," the Indian army said in a statement on Tuesday. After months of skirmishes India has struggled to deal with China and assumed the COVID-19 outbreak would have halted matters, but China has now made another move and India will need to respond.