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## GCC Secretary-General condemns attacks on Palestinians

The Secretary-General of the Riyadh-based Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Abdulrahman Al-Attiyah, condemned the ongoing Israeli attacks on Palestinian civilians. In a statement, Al-Attiyah said that such escalation suggests an Israeli intention to undermine Palestinian unity. He added that the arrest of Palestinian officials is not in line with positive efforts to achieve peace and security in the region.

Al-Attiyah also condemned the international silence on Israel's actions and called on the international community, in particular the United Nations Security Council, to move quickly to stop the bloodshed in the region and protect the Palestinian people.

## EDUCATION

### Saudi historians honored

Four Saudi historians were honored by Prince Salman, the Governor of Riyadh and Chairman of the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives (KAFRA), in Riyadh on May 22, as reported by the Arab News on May 23.

The historians were honored for submitting research studies in the category of "Pioneers of Arabian Peninsula Studies".

At the event, Prince Salman also introduced the first complete encyclopedia on the history of Saudi Arabia. "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 100 Years: Research and Studies" is an encyclopedic set consisting of 15 volumes.

KAFRA is a government funded program, founded in 1972, that specializes in researching and promoting the heritage and culture of the Arabian Peninsula and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### Arab Interior Ministers Council calls for disaster management cooperation

The Secretariat General Arab Interior Ministers Council has called for greater cooperation among Civil Defense administrations and Red Crescent Societies in the field of disaster management.

In a statement, the Secretariat General also urged taking the appropriate measures to protect the environment while pursuing sustainable development.

