

Leading Qatari business denies fabricated story published in Alarabiya.net

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Nothing exclusive about lying – Alarabiya publishes false story about leading Qatari businessman

In a piece published by Alarabiya dated 15/10/2018 and entitled Exclusive: A Qatari “whitewasher” lands in US coinciding with Khashoggi crisis, a number of falsified, fabricated and patently untrue statements have been made about Hassan Ali bin Ali, an established Qatari businessman and philanthropist with interests around the world.

The piece claims that “a Qatari whitewasher lands in US” during the Khashoggi crisis which began on the 2nd of October 2018 and refers to Mr Bin Ali. Mr Bin Ali is currently outside the USA and has not been there during the past four months. His last trip was to New York City in June 2018 where he conducted entirely personal visits.

The piece also claims that he has been instructed by the Qatari government to mend ties between the US and Qatari governments. Mr Bin Ali holds no government brief whatsoever at this time and has never claimed to do so. His last connection with the Qatari government ended with the end of his chairmanship of the Doha 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games bid in 2008.

There are also further ludicrous claims about a conference taking place this week with a poor attempt at linking various attendees with Mr Bin Ali. Ironically, and with respect to those individuals, Mr Bin Ali has never met with or heard of any of them.

Mr Bin Ali’s business dealings have always been subjected to the highest scrutiny by world-class auditors and accountants. It is therefore entirely unacceptable and libellous for Alarabiya to refer to him as a ‘crooked’ or ‘extremist’ businessman.

Unfortunately Alarabiya has stooped to a new low in sensationalist journalism and has published an entirely fictitious and slanderous piece. Furthermore he is an exponent of moderation and is certainly not an extremist of any kind. We expect the website to retract the article to partially repair the damage this has done to Mr Bin Ali’s reputation.

Mr Hassan Ali Bin Ali is the international co-chair of the committee of the Congressional gold medal, a bi-partisan award given to exceptional world leaders from around the world. Previously awarded to Nelson Mandela and Shimon Peres among others, the award is the highest civilian medal given by Congress. Furthermore, he is an honorary board member and ambassador for the International Paralympic Committee. He has also promoted peace and dialogue among faith groups and societies within the Arab world.

Mr Bin Ali has business interests that span real estate, FMCG, media, and medical sectors. He comes from a distinguished trading family that has a long history within the State of Qatar and enjoys excellent relations with all sectors of society there. Mr Bin Ali has and will always be a loyal patriot who has been proud of his nation and loyal to its leader HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and also to the father Emir HH Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani and HH Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

Mr Hassan Ali Bin Ali reserves the right to pursue legal recourse in the event that a sufficient retraction and apology are not given by Alarabiya.net

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