

MEDICAL CONDITION LANDS BAHRAINI FAMILY IN DEBT

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A Bahraini family is slipping deeper into debt with its sole breadwinner bedridden with severe health problems.

The husband and father of a 6-year-old was already suffering from diabetes and heart diseases when he was diagnosed with Gangrene, a condition where tissues die due

to insufficient blood supply. The condition has paralysed one of his legs. He was initially

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admitted to Bahrain Defence Force Hospital for 21 days to undertake a surgery to stop

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seeking help from several officials through social media, told DT News, "My husband is currently bedridden and there is no one else but me to nurse him. The physical strain that I take to carry him around has now given me spinal disc problems. This is apart from my own diabetes and hypertension."

She said their financial situation is going from bad to worse. "We are under heavy debts. We have not paid the rent of our house for six

months and have defaulted the three years' electricity bills," she lamented.

Adding to this is the expense of their son, who has just started his first year of school.

The wife confirmed that she recently booked an appointment with a doctor in Salmaniya Medical Complex and is waiting to see what treatment he needs.

"The doctors have said his heart is too fragile to undergo a surgery. I have no idea what lies ahead for me," she said.

Increase in use of public transport buses recorded

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A significant increase in the use of public transport buses was recorded over the Eid Al Adha holiday, according to official statistics released by the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications (MTT) Land Transport Affairs.

Most notably, on the first day of Eid Al Adha the number of bus passengers reached 47,000.

Undersecretary for Land Transport and Post Affairs at MTT, Mariam Ahmed Jumaan, said, "We are very pleased to see these numbers coming in, as they are strong indicators of passenger demand and the quality of service that the new



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public transport system is now offering."

"Since we launched the new operation with Bahrain Public Transport Company (BPTC) in February, we have had over three million passengers

to date. The operator has been serving around 23,046 people on an average per day, since August this year, and passengers continue to grow," she added.

She said MTT is working along with Bahrain Public Transport Company (BPTC) to provide all necessary support to ensure the service's excellence.

"The newly introduced smart prepaid GO card has proved to be a success, as it offers passengers affordable competitive prices. It allows users to buy and top-up the cards in advance and to reuse them instead of buying paper tickets each time they travel.

Bahrain's fair judiciary stressed

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Bahrain Bar Society (BBS) Chairperson Huda Al Mehzaa defended the Kingdom's judiciary as she attended the Turkish Lawyers' Union conference in Ankara.

She cited particularly the establishment of the Special

Investigation Unit (SIU) to ensure trial procedures comply with international human rights conventions.

Al Mehzaa presented a paper on fair trials, focusing particularly on the SIU, established in compliance with Istanbul Protocol.

"Bahrain took a bold step of establishing the unit, as independent statutory body, to consolidate and guarantee fair trial procedures," she said.

She extended an invitation to heads of associations to visit Bahrain and get a close look at the SIU practices.



As many as 60 motorcyclists recently took part in a parade organised to support children suffering from cancer. The move came as part of Smile Initiative of Al Mustaqbal Youth Society. Bahrain Bikers and Route 88 MC teams of Bakers Network participated in the parade that toured the streets of the Kingdom.