

## Ex-con husband attacks former wife with acid



The victim suffering deep burns

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A Bahraini ex-convict acid-attacked his former wife after she refused to surrender to him when he tried to rape her at his house in the Capital Governorate few weeks ago.

According to the victim, a 38-year-old Bahraini mother of two, the perpetrator, 42, was recently released from prison after serving a 10-year sentence for his involvement in drugs-related cases.

The woman said her husband lured her to his apartment within his father's house in Sitra, after convincing her that he needed help with cooking and ask her to teach him how to use the oven.

The victim claimed that the man suddenly locked the door of the kitchen and attempted to rape her, while threatening to attack her if she refused.

# Electronic housing services upgraded

Housing Ministry launches five new e-services on bahrain.bh portal for citizens and residents

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Housing Minister Engineer Bassem bin Yaqoub Al Hamer has announced the launch of five new electronic services as part of its first phase of e-transformation plan.

The new services on the bahrain.bh national portal website include the provision of the housing application, housing requests inquiry, contact, bank account information update, and the submission of request.



Minister Al Hamer attends the virtual inauguration of the new services

The inauguration, which was held virtually, was attended by Muhammad Ali Al-Qaed, CEO of the Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA), Shaikh Khalid bin Hammoud Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Housing, Dr Zakaria Ahmed Al Khajah, Executive

Vice President for E-Transformation at the Authority, and Dr Khaled Al Haidan, Assistant Undersecretary for the Ministry of Housing.

On this occasion, Minister Al Hamer affirmed that the launch of these services came within the framework of the commit-

ment to achieve the aspirations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa which emphasises the importance of achieving digital transformation and employing modern technologies in various fields to improve all services and systems offered to citizens.

It also came in implementation of the decisions issued by the Council of Ministers regarding the importance of working to quickly activate the plans for digital transformation of government agencies, and work to accelerate the pace of transformation of the services provided by these bodies to citizens and residents.

The Minister added that the electronic housing services also come in line with the unified

framework for government programmes in its updated second version, with regard to developing electronic services in order to facilitate procedures for customers, indicating that the bulk of the axes of the Ministry of Housing's digital transformation plan are scheduled to be completed by the middle of this year.

It is planning to add some electronic services such as the right to dispose of the electronic contract and others, provided that the Ministry begins after that to develop a plan for the application of artificial intelligence in electronic services.

Eng. Al Hamer also expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the iGA for the efforts made to achieve the digital transformation of the Ministry's services, stressing the continuation of this cooperation and coordination, which aims to complete the stages of launching all electronic housing services.

The Minister emphasised that launching this package of services aim to facilitate the procedures for providing services of the Ministry of Housing through accessible electronic channels for citizens, especially in light of the large volume of transactions that it handles annually, which amounted to approximately 45,000 transactions, which will be dealt with through electronic channels.



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The volume of transactions that the Housing Ministry handles annually.

## Zain Bahrain opens new shop at new airport terminal



The new Zain branch inauguration

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Zain Bahrain, a leading telecommunications operator in the Kingdom of Bahrain, recently announced the opening of its new shop at the Bahrain International Airport's (BIA) new Passenger Terminal building.

Zain Bahrain offers a wide range of products and services at the new facility, ensuring international travellers stay connected while visiting the Kingdom.

The opening of the new 24-hours Zain shop reaffirms the company's continuous efforts in meeting its customers' needs and aspirations and delivers on its promise to offer the best in quality and value and the latest innovative services to those travelling to the Kingdom and Zain customers.

At the new shop, Zain Bahrain provides an enhanced in-store experience to customers alongside services that offer a wide variety of suitable call and internet data packages. New SIM cards and a wide range of

devices, gadgets and accessories will also be available at the outlet.

As part of Zain Bahrain's digital transformation journey, the outlet will host a "Smart Branch"; a self-service machine which will allow consumers to purchase new pre-paid, post-paid, and home broadband plans without the need to talk to a Zain Bahrain representative. This service is considered the first digital self-service touchscreen of its kind launched by a telecom company in Bahrain.

Commenting on the opening, Ammar Al Ketbi, Director, Consumer Marketing and Sales, Zain Bahrain said: "We are committed to providing our customers in Bahrain with a seamless experience. We have taken significant steps towards increasing customer experience and as a part of our strategy to drive digitalisation we have enhanced our recently launched eShop that enables customers to purchase premium electronic items online. The addition of the Smart branch facility at the

newly opened shop will take care of different micro needs of the digital-savvy customers providing fast and effective service indicating Zain Bahrain's commitment to provide the best technological solutions for its customers."

He further added, "As a leading telecommunications operator in the Kingdom, Zain Bahrain is proud to have contributed to the development of the country's communications ecosystem and continues to support the government's strategy by deploying and leveraging the latest technologies that will enable the Kingdom of Bahrain to enjoy limitless connectivity opportunities."

With the opening of the new shop at the airport, Zain Bahrain currently has 15 shops in the Kingdom.

The company constantly looks at ways to improve the retail experience for its customers, including providing them with the latest solutions to better serve their needs through the biggest network of branches in Bahrain.



Zain Bahrain B.S.C.

### Announcement Regarding Nomination for Board Membership

Zain Bahrain B.S.C. would like to announce the opening of receiving nominations for the election/appointment of seven Board of Directors' membership for a three-year term (2021-2023), as per Article 21 of the Company's Articles of Association. The relevant ballot process will be carried out during the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 31 March 2021.

#### Conditions for Nominations

- He/ She shall enjoy the legal capacity to act.
- He/ She shall not be previously convicted for an offence of bankruptcy by default or fraud nor for any crime affecting his/ her honor or integrity nor for an offence by reason of his/ her breach of the provisions of the Commercial Companies Law unless he/ she has been reinstated.

#### Required Documents

- Candidate's /Representative's CV
- Passport copy
- Nomination request for corporate shareholders signed by the company's authorized person

Every candidate wishing to nominate himself/herself or a representative is invited to furnish the Company with all required documents mentioned in this announcement either by submitting by hand or via renowned international courier service to be delivered to the Company's address as follows:

Corporate Communications and Investor Relations Department  
Zain Tower  
Road 2806, Building 401, Block 428  
Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

Such documents need to be provided to the Company no later than 16 March 2021.

The Candidates' names and a summary of their biographies will be disclosed on the Bahrain Bourse's and Company's website, at least five days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on (+973 36031000), (compliance@bh.zain.com).

**Ahmed Bin Ali Abdulla Al-Khalifa**  
Chairman

1 March 2021

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