

Compensation push

MPs call for urgent action to document Bahrain 'losses' from Iran attacks

● Seeking to file global legal case

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Damage to homes, businesses and vital infrastructure moved to the forefront of yesterday's parliament session.

MPs called for urgent action to document losses and pursue international compensation following recent attacks.

The proposal, submitted urgently by MPs Mohammed Salman Al Ahmed, Bader Al Tamimi, Mohammed Al Refai, Mohammed Al Balushi and Hamad Farooq Al Doy, called on the government to form a specialised committee to record damages and prepare a comprehensive legal case at the international level.

MPs said the attacks, which began in late February 2026, left behind more than physical destruction, affecting livelihoods,



Houses and residential buildings damaged after Iranian strikes

disrupting businesses and creating uncertainty for families and employers alike.

They stressed that without a structured and timely response, these losses risk remaining unaddressed.

The proposal aims to document all damages in detail, including individual losses, com-

mercial impacts, fatalities and wider economic effects, forming a complete file to support legal claims before international bodies.

Recognition

For those affected, the issue goes beyond procedure. It is about recognition, recovery and

the ability to rebuild.

A damaged property can be repaired, but lost income, interrupted work and prolonged uncertainty often carry lasting consequences.

MPs noted that the move aligns with international legal principles that protect civilians and prohibit attacks on non-military

targets, stressing Bahrain's right to seek compensation through recognised global mechanisms.

Coordination

They also pointed to the importance of coordination with Gulf partners and learning from similar international cases to strengthen the process and im-

prove the chances of recovering losses.

As the session concluded, the message was clear, that documenting damage is not only a legal step, but a path towards restoring rights, supporting recovery and ensuring that what was lost is not left without accountability.



Permanent state jobs for Bahraini 'frontline heroes'

● Parliament approves urgent proposal

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An urgent proposal to give unemployed Bahrainis who served on the front lines as volunteers permanent posts in ministries and government bodies was approved by Parliament yesterday.

Put forward by MP Hassan Ebrahim, the recommendation calls for unemployed frontline volunteers to be given priority in public sector recruitment under rules meant to keep the process fair and based on merit.

Hassan Ebrahim said the move was grounded in constitutional principles that protect the right to work and treat public office as a form of service.

Praise

He said those who stepped forward in frontline roles deserved more than praise and



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should be given a fair chance of a government job.

“We look at every volunteer as a soldier of Bahrain, who gave his time and effort without payment,” he said. “That puts a duty on us to stop and recognise these sacrifices.”

He said thousands of citizens had registered through the national volunteering platform, which he said showed strong public spirit and a sincere response when Bahrain needed help.

According to MP Ebrahim, many of those volunteers were

already jobseekers but still chose to serve on the front lines.

Posts

He said that record should count in their favour when ministries and government bodies fill posts.

The lawmaker said the group had already shown it could work in the field and carry responsibility in hard times, making its members well placed to work across government.

MP Ebrahim said giving them priority in hiring would help Bahrainis land quality jobs.

Jobs and labour gaps

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Concerns over labour market imbalances and missed employment opportunities took centre stage in yesterday's parliament session, as MPs examined findings from the Financial and Administrative Audit Bureau report.

MP Ahmed Qarata raised questions about the scale of workforce irregularities, pointing to figures indicating tens of thousands of workers operating outside effective regulatory control.

He warned that gaps in oversight could distort the labour market and affect fair access to opportunities.

MP Abdulnabi Salman highlighted concerns over the continued reliance on non-Bahraini workers in roles that Bahraini citizens could fill, arguing that this trend limits opportunities for citizens and adds pressure to employment pathways.

MP Munir Suroor also pointed to structural gaps in the implementation of nationalisation policies, noting that certain loopholes in how employment ratios are calculated may allow businesses to bypass intended requirements. He suggested that closing these gaps could significantly expand job opportunities.

For many, these issues go beyond policy discussions. They reflect the reality of job seekers navigating a competitive market, where access to stable employment remains closely tied to broader economic structures.

Completion of air traffic recruit training on track

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Bahrain is in the final stages of bringing in and training Bahraini recruits for air traffic work.

This comes as part of efforts to strengthen the Civil Aviation Affairs sector and ensure sufficient staffing levels.

The move follows concerns raised by MPs during yesterday's Parliament session on the 2024-2025 National Audit Office report, highlighting the strain on existing personnel and the need for more trained professionals in air traffic management.

Transportation and Telecommunications Minister, His Excellency Dr Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, said the ministry had already begun working with the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) to recruit Bahrainis for air navigation roles, where staff shortages have meant long hours in one of the state's most sensitive services.

Issue

He said MP Khalid Buanaq was right to raise the issue, describing the unit as one that handles more than 500,000 flights a year.

That, he said, calls for “very high technical accuracy, strong concentration and the provision of all the necessary resources”.

H.E. Dr Abdullah said staff numbers in air navigation were limited, adding that this had added to the pressure on employees.

Candidates

He told Parliament that candidates had already been interviewed by a specialist



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committee in Civil Aviation Affairs and were now close to the training stage.

“We are now in the final stages,” he said. “They will be given the training needed to enable them to manage air traffic in Bahrain.”

He said Bahrain had a long record in the field and that expertise had been passed from one generation to the next.

“Today there are young Bahraini talents we are proud of,” he said. “The team will grow, and the pressure on this department will ease as the working team grows.”

Remarks

The minister also answered remarks by MP Hamad Al Doy on management in government, saying ministries were built on institutional work rather than on people alone.

Bahraini women's leading role reaffirmed

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MP Sabeeka Khalifa Al Fudhala, member of the Shura Council, praised the message delivered by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, affirming that it reflects the distinguished status



MP Sabeeka Khalifa Al Fudhala

Bahraini women enjoy under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

She noted that this status is further strengthened by the continuous support and empowerment provided by the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

MP Al-Fudhala described the message as an expression stemming from a sincere conscience.