

Steps up autism inclusion

Four students fully integrated in Primary School



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Four students. One classroom shift. And a milestone in Bahrain's growing push for inclusive education. At Buri Primary Boys School, four students with autism have been successfully integrated into mainstream classrooms this academic year, following a structured journey of academic, social, and behavioural devel-

opment. The process began with specialised support in dedicated classrooms, followed by gradual partial integration before full inclusion, under the supervision of qualified special education staff. The most recent case involved student Hassan Abdulaziz Abdulameer, whose transition followed the meeting of readiness criteria, including stronger social interaction and clear academic progress. Special education teacher Ayman Ahmed Haroon said the student's development reflected consistent progress. Learning difficulties specialist Jaafar Abbas Hilal noted that the support plan focused on strengthening language skills and applying them in everyday classroom situations. Officials said Bahrain continues to invest in tailored programmes that help students move step by step towards full inclusion in mainstream education.

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- 1,500 students with special needs in government schools
- 440 students with autism
- Programmes support skills development and integration

Workers Day Tribute



National cadres in Bahrain were praised as a key pillar of development on the occasion of International Workers' Day. The Shura Council Services Committee highlighted their dedication and commitment across sectors, noting their vital role in driving the Kingdom's progress.

Municipal Staff Honoured



The Northern Area Municipal Council marked International Workers' Day with a ceremony honouring its employees for their service and dedication. Officials praised staff contributions to improving municipal services and enhancing institutional performance.

School Labour Awareness



BIS students marked Labour Day with activities promoting respect, empathy, and appreciation for all professions. From creative exercises for younger students to debates and research projects for seniors, the programme encouraged understanding of workers' roles in society. The celebration concluded with a "Wall of Gratitude," reinforcing the value and dignity of every form of work.

Parliament panel flags issues in corporate tax bill



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Parliament's Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee raised constitutional concerns over a draft law introducing corporate income tax while approving the legality of several other legislative proposals. The committee, chaired by Mahmood Mirza Fardan, reviewed several draft laws and proposals as part of its ongoing oversight of legislative compliance with the Constitution. Members found a potential constitutional issue in the draft corporate income tax law and business activities framework submitted under royal decree, which

placed it under further scrutiny. In contrast, the committee approved the constitutionality of a proposal to amend Article 104(b) of the private sector Labour Law. It also endorsed a proposal to introduce a new Article 7 bis to the Judicial Authority Law, referring it to the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee for further review before submission to the Bureau of the Council of Representatives. Under supplementary items, the committee approved amendments to the law regulating industrial areas and a draft law ratifying changes to the GCC unified excise tax agreement.

Labour Concerns



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Bahrain's main trade union federation marked May Day by warning that workers face shrinking job security, weaker trade union representation, rising poverty and a widening gap between rich and poor. The General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions, in a statement for International Workers' Day, said the day should be when workers see the gains they fought for in pay, rights and workplace conditions. It praised the government's measures in Bahrain to limit the damage from the crisis.

BD8000 House Theft



The Interior Ministry announced that the Capital Governorate Police Directorate arrested a 36-year-old man for stealing items valued at around BD8,000 from a house in Manama. The investigation led to the suspect's arrest. Legal procedures were taken, and the case was referred to the Public Prosecution.

US envoy visits American Mission Hospital



Stephanie L. Hallett, the United States ambassador to Bahrain, paid a courtesy visit to King Hamad American Mission Hospital, where she was briefed on the facility's advanced medical services and patient care standards. The ambassador was received by senior management, including chief executive George Cheriyan and group CEO Julia Tovey, who guided her through the hospital's departments and outlined its clinical capabilities. During the tour, Hallett saw the hospital's modern technologies and its approach to patient-centered care, as well as its role in expanding access to specialised treatment in Bahrain. She praised the institution's use of advanced medical systems and the quality of care provided, highlighting its contribution to the kingdom's healthcare sector.