Deportation cost to stay with employers

Government rejects plan to shift deportation costs to LMRA

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Aproposal to transfer deportation and body-transfer costs for foreign workers from employers to the Labour sponsible for deportation and costs from the last employer – tory body, not a funding agency, cost recovery.

27(c) of Law No. 19 of 2006 act at the LMRA's expense, but to reclaim what it spends. It also dded.

Similar laws in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman, and Qatar hold employers responsible for deportation and body-transfer expenses

(LMRA) has been rejected by rently, employers must pay for Cassation. the government, which warned a worker's return or, in case of deportation bills with limited repatriating the body if request- tual balance," benefiting em- hold employers responsible for same law and recommended ed by the family. In emergen- ployers at public expense and deportation and body-trans- merging them to avoid duplica-The amendment to Article cies, the Interior Ministry may stripping the LMRA of the right fer expenses, the memo a tion. The government has urged

Market Regulatory Authority repatriation expenses. Cur- a rule upheld by the Court of and that assuming such costs Opinion Commission, tasked

sought to make the LMRA re- the Authority can fully recover noted that the LMRA is a regula-

The government said the pro-rules. Similar laws in Saudi Ara-

Most cases involve depor- plan.

tations rather than deaths, meaning the LMRA would bear heavy costs — including storage, permits, air freight, and consular fees — while recovering

The Legislation and Legal would violate public finance in April 2025 with drafting the MPs' bill, noted overlap with it would leave the state footing death, the cost of preparing and posal would "break the contrac- bia, the UAE, Oman, and Qatar another proposal amending the Parliament to reconsider the

Bill seeks Tamkeen funding for Bahraini doctors' overseas board training



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Tamkeen could soon fund Bahraini doctors pursuing international board certification abroad, under a new bill tabled in Parliament. Lawmakers say the move would ease pressure on limited local training slots, with over 1,000 applicants competing for fewer than 100 seats each

An explanatory note says the existing programme, run jointly by the Supreme Council of Health and Tamkeen, cannot meet demand and leaves many doctors unable to advance. It adds that international board qualifications are globally recognised benchmarks offering stronger theoretical and practical training, which would ultimately enhance healthcare standards in Bahrain.

MPs backing the bill – Dr Hisham Al Ashiri, Mahmood Fardan, Mamdouh Al Saleh, Jaleela Al Alawi and Mohsen Al Asboul — say extending support overseas would raise the calibre of Bahrain's medical workforce, ensure fair access to career growth, and serve as a long-term investment in human capital. The current local training partnership would continue alongside the new initiative.

Bahrain a strong partner in shaping regional future: US Diplomat

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ahrain continues to stand as a strong and reliable partner of the United States across various sectors including key areas that shape the future of the region, said Charge d'Affaires a.i. at the U.S. Embassy in Manama, Elizabeth A. Litchfield.

In an exclusive interview with The Daily Tribune on the sidelines of the opening ceremony of the IISS Manama Dialogue 2025, Litchfield highlighted the depth of cooperation 212 between Bahrain and the U.S.

"Bahrain is a strong partner in many different fields and that includes the future of the region," she said. "There are Elizabeth A. Litchfield



Donald Trump and his adminis- the Middle East and North Aftration are pursuing to achieve, rica to participate as full deleand those will be among the gates at the 21st IISS Manama topics of our conversations."

Meanwhile, the IISS Manama Dialogue Middle East and North Africa Young Leaders' Programme is once again bringing together a new generation join exclusive roundtables with of visionaries to exchange ideas and craft innovative policy in private visits designed to VIISS proposals for the region's most deepen their understanding of pressing challenges.

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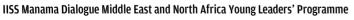
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