

eKey 2.0 Wins Digital Identity Innovation Award

iGA highlights secure digital access and Bahrain's continued digital transformation efforts

Bahrain's eKey 2.0 system won the Digital Identity Innovation Award at the Bahrain Smart Cities Summit 2026, recognising its contribution to enhancing secure digital services and improving user experience.

The Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) Chief Executive Mohammed Ali Al-Qaed said the achievement reflects Bahrain's commitment to developing advanced digital solutions and delivering integrated government services aligned with the Kingdom's digital transformation goals.

Al-Qaed highlighted that eKey 2.0 has reached a high level of technological maturity, providing users with



secure and privacy-focused access to government and private sector services through enhanced features and capabilities.

The system, developed by the iGA

in partnership with Beyon Connect, supports Bahrain's efforts to provide seamless digital services for individuals, businesses and government entities in line with international best practices.



FROM THE COURT
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Courts Reject Legal Claims

Award Compensation in Inheritance Dispute

A legal dispute involving an inheritance representation complaint ended with the rejection of allegations against two lawyers and a BD1,000 compensation award for moral damages. The Lawyers Disciplinary Council dismissed the request to disbar lawyers Abduladheem Abbas Hubail and Sayed Ali Mahfoodh after the complainant's mother confirmed she had not authorised him to file the complaint on her behalf.



Lawyer Abduladheem Abbas Hubail

The complaint accused the lawyers of forgery, misuse of legal representation and harming an elderly person after they represented the mother in an inheritance-related civil case. However, the Lower Civil Court found that the lawyers had acted with proper authority and legally represented the parties involved.



Lawyer Sayed Ali Mahfoodh

The court ruled that while individuals have the right to file complaints, they must act in good faith. It concluded that the complaint had harmed the lawyers' professional reputation and ordered the complainant to pay BD1,000 in compensation.

Municipal Councils Start 60-Day Summer Break

Service follow-ups and public projects to continue despite suspension of formal meetings

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Municipal councils have started their annual 60-day summer recess following the conclusion of the fourth sitting round of the sixth legislative term. Officials confirmed that public services and project follow-ups will continue.

While regular council sessions and committee meetings will pause during the break, municipal officials said work on residents' requests, service issues and coordination with government entities will remain ongoing.



Abdulaziz Al Naar, Chairman of Muharraq Municipal Council



Dr Shubber Al Wadaei, Chairman of Northern Municipal Council

Muharraq Municipal Council Chairman Abdulaziz Al Naar said the council would continue monitoring ongoing projects and addressing service matters across the governorate.

He highlighted recent efforts covering road improvements, infrastructure upgrades and follow-up on the Muharraq development scheme aimed at pre-

serving the area's historic identity and enhancing its urban environment.

Al Naar added that road and sewage projects would continue, while a redevelopment project to add parking spaces along Shaikh Hamad Street is expected to begin next month.

Northern Municipal Council Chairman Dr Shubber Al Wadaei said the council would continue tracking residents' needs and coordinating with relevant authorities during the recess.

Public Prosecution Launches Student Training Programme



The Public Prosecution has launched a specialised training programme for university students aimed at providing practical experience in the legal field and strengthening national competencies.

Running from July 1 to August 30, 2026, the programme allows students to gain insight into judicial work, enhance their legal knowledge, and connect academic learning with real-world practice.

First Attorney General and Head of the Judicial Inspection Department, Counsellor Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al Hamadi, said the programme provides students with field experience through placements across various general and specialised



prosecution offices.

Students will learn about the responsibilities of different departments, legal procedures, and the work carried out by Public Prosecution members under the supervision of the Judicial Inspection Department.

The programme also includes field visits to criminal courts, the Physical Evidence Department, the Minors' Funds Administration, and the State Lawsuits Authority to provide students with a wider understanding of Bahrain's justice system.

Summer Skin Risks

How to Protect Against Heat, Sweat and Sun Damage?

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As temperatures and humidity levels rise, skin problems become more common during the summer months, with heat, sweating and sun exposure increasing the risk of irritation and damage.

Dermatology, Laser and Aesthetic Specialist Dr. Ranya Kayed says common seasonal concerns include heat rashes, fungal infections and sunburns, many of which can be prevented through simple daily skincare routines.

She explained that excessive sweating can clog pores, weaken the skin barrier and cause itching and irritation.

Heat Rash and Infections

Dr. Ranya identified heat rash, also known as prickly heat, as one of the most frequent summer conditions. The issue appears as small red bumps and itching, often caused by trapped sweat.

She recommends wearing loose cotton clothing, reducing prolonged heat exposure and keeping the skin dry to lower the risk.

High humidity can also encourage fungal and bacterial growth, leading to conditions such as ringworm, athlete's foot and sweat-related follicle inflammation.

"Drying the body properly after showering is one of the most important prevention steps," she said, highlighting that moisture creates an environment where infections can develop.



"Dry skin properly after showering – moisture can create the perfect environment for irritation."

– DR. RANYA KAYED, DERMATOLOGY SPECIALIST

Sun Protection

Dr. Ranya warned that ultraviolet (UV) rays are among the biggest threats to skin health, contributing to sunburn, pigmentation, dark spots and premature skin aging.

She advised using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher, applying it regularly, and using additional protection such as hats and sunglasses.

She also cautioned against prolonged sun exposure for tanning, noting that it can increase long-term skin damage.

MP Office Forgery Appeal Rejected

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The Fifth High Criminal Appeals Court upheld a one-year suspended jail sentence against a woman accused of forging an MP's signature on a secondment cancellation document. The court also ordered the confiscation of the forged document.

Prosecutors said the woman helped create and use a forged House of Representatives document in 2025 by submitting a form that falsely appeared to carry the MP's approval. The MP later reported that the signature was not his and that he had not authorised her to sign on his behalf.

A forgery expert confirmed that the disputed signature was not written by the MP, while the court found that the evidence supported the conviction. The appeal was rejected and the original sentence was maintained.

Accountant Cleared in Missing Funds Case

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A company accountant has been acquitted of allegations that he stole company funds after the court found insufficient evidence linking him to the missing money. The Public Prosecution had accused him of taking company cash in 2025 through his work duties.

The defence argued there was no direct proof that the funds had ever been in the account-

Company Ordered to Pay BD40,239 Debt

A commercial dispute between two companies over unpaid contracting services ended with the High Commercial Court ordering a company to pay more than BD40,000 in outstanding dues. The case involved payments for supplied materials, equipment rental and labour services provided under a credit agreement.

The claimant company filed a lawsuit seeking BD40,239,940, stating that the defendant had acknowledged the debt but failed to settle the amount. The court reviewed documents submitted in the case and found the evidence sufficient to prove the outstanding obligation.

As the defendant company failed to appear in court or provide evidence of payment, the court ruled in favour of the claimant and ordered payment of the debt, along with legal costs and attorney fees.

ant's possession and challenged documents and signatures presented in the case. The court also noted that the company's cash handling procedures were unclear.

After reviewing expert reports and financial records, the court found that other employees had handled some deposits and that no documents proved the accountant received or misused the funds. The court ruled that doubts remained and acquitted the defendant.

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of "SICO Funds Services Company B.S.C. (Closed)"

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