

# Trafficking claims

Witness footage captures suspect hiding heroin and methamphetamine beneath stone

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The High Criminal Court has scheduled March 17 to deliver its verdict in a case involving a man in his twenties accused of trafficking heroin and a psychotropic substance, after a witness managed to film him placing narcotic materials beneath a stone.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendant with possessing, storing, and selling heroin and the psychotropic substance methamphetamine with intent to traffic, in violation of the law.

He was also charged with possessing methamphetamine for personal use outside legally permitted circumstances.

**Evidence**

During the hearing, defense

lawyer Zahra Ali submitted a pleading requesting her client's acquittal, arguing that the arrest and search were invalid due to the absence of sufficient evidence linking the defendant to the alleged crimes.

She stated that the legality of arrest and search—whether the suspect is present or not—requires the existence of adequate indications of criminal conduct, whether a misdemeanor or felony.

In the absence of such indications, arrest and search procedures are unlawful.

**Report**

Ali also challenged the validity of the preliminary investigation report for failing to appoint a translator, denied the trafficking charge while acknowledging drug use, and emphasized that the defendant is presumed in-



Zahra Ali, defense lawyer

nocent and maintains his denial.

According to testimony by an undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior, at approximately 9:30 a.m. he received a phone call from a confidential and reliable source reporting that an Asian individual had placed an item beneath a group of stones in a passageway, suspected to be

part of a drug handover using the “dead drop” system.

The source also provided a video recording of the individual.

After reviewing the footage, the official coordinated with the relevant authority and proceeded to the location with a police patrol.

**Narcotics**

Upon arrival at the site, officers found a small transparent bag containing a white powder suspected to be narcotics.

The crime scene team was then summoned to carry out the necessary forensic procedures.

During this time, the individual shown in the video was spotted near the location and attempted to flee. He was chased and apprehended by the police patrol and identified as the same person appearing in the footage.

# New fees set for Halal auditors

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The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture has set new fees for registering and accrediting halal auditing bodies and for licensing the use of the national halal mark, under Decision No. 7 of 2026.

The decision fixes charges for organisations seeking recognition as halal conformity assessment bodies.

An application to register, or renew registration, will cost 500 dinars.

Registering a branch will cost 250 dinars, while adding a new scope will cost 200 dinars.

The technical review of documents will cost 250 dinars, and issuing an accreditation decision valid for four years will also cost 250 dinars.

A separate set of fees applies to the use of the national halal mark.

A licence application, or renewal, will cost 100 dinars, while adding a new product will cost 20 dinars.

The technical review of documents will cost 100 dinars.

The decision also sets a daily rate for on-site technical assessments covering restaurants, hotels and other activities that fall under field evaluation.



H.E. Wael Al Mubarak  
Assessor

The charge is 125 dinars per working day for each assessor.

Licences to use the national halal mark will be issued for three years, with a 100-dinar fee set for issuing the licence approval.

The Minister, His Excellency Engineer Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, issued the decision after reviewing Decision No. 61 of 2024 on halal products in the Kingdom of Bahrain, with reference to Articles 4 and 11.

It was based on a submission from the undersecretary for agriculture and animal resources affairs and followed Cabinet approval.

The decision will take effect from the day after its publication in the Official Gazette, with implementation assigned to the undersecretary for agriculture and animal resources affairs.

# Autumn Fair 2026 concludes with resounding success

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The 2026 Autumn Fair concluded its activities at Exhibition World Bahrain, attracting a large public turnout and dis-

tinguished international participation, which enhanced its position as one of the Kingdom of Bahrain's most prominent commercial and entertainment events.

The 36th edition of the fair achieved notable results, with more than 200,000 visitors during its ten-day run.

Dana Osama Al Saad, Deputy CEO for Resources and Projects

at the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, said the success of Autumn Fair 2026 reflects the effectiveness of the integrated partnership between the public and private sectors.



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Delmon Poultry Company S.S.C

TENDER INVITATION

Delmon Poultry Company B.S.C. invites qualified & specialized companies to submit their bids for the following tender:

Tender Ref.	Tender Title	Tender Document Fee
ADM /01/2026	Appointment of a Customs Clearance Agent	BHD 50 (Non-refundable)

Tender Publish Date	03 FEB 2026
Last date for purchasing tender documents	09 FEB,2026 (By 01:00PM)
Tender Closing Date	12 FEB 2026 (By 01:00PM)
Bid opening Date	To be advised

**Brief Description:**  
Delmon Poultry Company B.S.C intends to appoint a customs clearance agent to handle import and export shipments via airport, seaport and King Fahad causeway, along with transportation services, labour and unloading.

**Guidelines for submission of bids:**

- Tender documents may be collected from the Purchasing Department at Delmon Poultry Company's Head office in Hamala (Building 701 – Road 101 – Block 1012) from **Tuesday, 03 February 2026, to Monday, 09 February 2026, during office hours (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m).** Tender documents may be purchased by bank transfer to the Company's IBAN. Upon sending the payment confirmation to the Purchasing Department, an electronic copy of the tender documents will be issued.
- Documents to be enclosed with the bids:
  - A valid copy of the Commercial Registration (CR)
  - A copy of the certificate of the compliance with the Bahrainisation / manpower employment percentage, issued by the Ministry of Labour.
  - All documents submitted with the bid must be stamped with the company's official seal.
  - Proposal envelopes must include both the technical and commercial offers together with all required documents. Envelops must be sealed, clearly labeled with the tender title, and addressed to the Manager of Purchasing Department and deposited in the tender box at the Head Office address stated above.
  - This Tender Invitation is supplementary to the tender documents. In event of any discrepancy between this Invitation and the tender document, the tender document shall prevail.
- For more information, please contact us at 17 608 260 or 17 608 282 (ext. 250), or email us at tenders@dawajen.bh



Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Chief of Staff, received Capitan Sandeep Singh, Defence Attache at the Indian Embassy. The Chief of Staff commended the distinguished relations between the two countries, particularly in the military field.



The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) has signed a grant agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Syria, valued at \$2 million, to support the rehabilitation of damaged homes for returning families in Al-Zarbah district in the rural Aleppo governorate and the city of Harasta in Rural Damascus. The agreement comes as part of ongoing efforts to improve living conditions and enhance stability in areas affected by the crisis. The agreement was signed on behalf of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation by the Acting Secretary-General, Ibrahim Dalhan Al Dosari, while it was signed on behalf of UNHCR in Syria by the Representative of the High Commissioner, Gonzalo Vargas Llosa, in the presence of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Damascus and Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Syrian Arab Republic, H.E. Ambassador Waheed Mubarak Sayyar.