

Families Moved Safely

Affected residents moved to Madinat Salman as repairs continue in Sitra

● Residents praise swift government response

● No families left in makeshift shelters

● Community unity highlighted during recovery efforts

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Families whose homes were damaged in the recent attack on Sitra have been relocated to temporary seafront flats in Madinat Salman, as repair work continues on affected properties.

The Ministry of Housing provided the units as part of emergency support measures, offering residents fully serviced apartments with parking and coastal views until their homes are restored. Residents say the move has eased the impact of displacement, with many describing the accommodation as a significant improvement over temporary shelter conditions.

Several residents expressed gratitude for the swift response, highlighting the sense of safe-



ty and reassurance provided. One resident praised the leadership of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the efforts of government teams that responded on the ground following the incident.

Others noted that author-

ities acted quickly to assess damage and arrange alternative housing, ensuring families were not left in makeshift conditions. Residents described the flats as spacious and well-equipped, with access to essential services.



“Even after the damage, we feel safe in our own country.”
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“They came, they worked, and they did not fall short.”
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“Bahrain stands together-people and leadership as one.”
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Some families have begun adapting to their new surroundings; the seafront location offers opportunities for leisure activities such as walking and fishing. One resident said he shared images of the area with relatives abroad, describing it as one of the best temporary housing arrangements provided.

Officials said the relocation is temporary and part of ongoing efforts to support affected communities while reconstruction work in Sitra is completed.

Motorcycle Licences Double Since 2018

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Motorcycle driving licences in Bahrain rose from 2,387 in 2018 to 5,350 in 2025, the highest number recorded across the eight years covered by figures from the General Directorate of Traffic.

The data, published through Bahrain's Open Data Portal, covers private, public and motorcycle licences issued between 2018 and 2025.



Private licences stayed far ahead of the other two groups each year, while public licences remained the smallest category.

Private licences stood at 56,125 in 2018, before falling to 53,892 in 2019 and 40,430 in 2020. The number then rose to 42,385 in 2021 and 43,409 in 2022, dipped to 41,796 in 2023, and moved up again to 42,054

in 2024 and 44,433 in 2025.

Motorcycle licences moved unevenly at first, then climbed more sharply in the later years. They rose from 2,387 in 2018 to 2,433 in 2019 and 2,512 in 2020, before slipping to 2,380 in 2021. They then jumped to 4,044 in 2022, fell to 3,584 in 2023, rose to 3,986 in 2024 and reached 5,350 in 2025.

Public licences stayed low throughout the same span. The figure fell from 342 in 2018 to 245 in 2019 and 118 in 2020, before rising to 166 in

2021. It reached 158 in 2022, 226 in 2023, 275 in 2024 and 254 in 2025.

The figures point to a wide gap between the three licence types. Private licences made up the largest share of those issued each year. Motorcycle licences ended the period well above their 2018 level, while public licences remained in the low hundreds.

Combat Drug Threats

Authorities Unveil New Prevention Strategy

An awareness drive aimed at strengthening community protection against drug abuse was launched at Country Mall in the Northern Governorate, in the presence of Governor Hassan Abdullah Al Madani.

The exhibition, organised by the governorate in cooperation with the Drug Control Directorate at the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science and the “Together” programme for combating violence and addiction, focuses on highlighting the health, psychological, and social dangers of drug use.

Al Madani said the initiative supports broader community



safety efforts and aligns with the governorate's Healthy Cities Programme in partnership with the World Health Organization, underlining the role of collective action in protecting youth and preventing addiction.

The event included interactive awareness tools such as a virtual reality experience

demonstrating the impact of drugs, as well as educational electronic games designed to build decision-making skills among young people. It also featured awareness materials from the Criminal Information Section and introduced the “Recovery” programme under the national anti-drug strategy.

Family's Crash Payout Raised to BD20,270

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A family whose son was injured in a road crash has had its court award raised to BD20,270 after an appeals medical panel assessed his permanent disability at 30pc instead of 20pc.

The Civil Appeals Court changed the earlier ruling and ordered the driver and her insurer to pay the sum jointly. The award now includes BD18,000 for the injured son, BD1,000 for his father, BD1,000 for his siblings, and BD270 in treatment costs.

The court also ordered the driver and the insurance company to pay the medical panel

fees, court costs and lawyers' fees.

Lawyer Maryam Al Shaikh, acting for the injured son's father and family, said the case followed a road crash caused by the driver, whose car was insured by the second defendant. She said the driver had failed to drive with due care and attention before hitting the claimant. The father then filed an urgent application asking for a medical panel to assess the injury.

The first medical report assessed the son's permanent disability at 20pc. The family said the crash had left them with financial loss and psychological harm.

A final criminal judgment was later issued against the driver. The family then filed a civil claim against the driver and insurer, asking for BD18,000 for the injured son, statutory interest, BD1,500 for the father, BD1,500 for the siblings to be divided equally, and BD270 in treatment costs.

The court of first instance awarded BD15,000 to the father as his son's legal guardian. It also awarded BD770 to the father personally and BD600 to be divided among the injured son's three siblings.

It further ordered the driver and insurer to pay statutory interest, lawyers' fees and the medical panel fee.

Resilience Amid Challenges

● Focus on education, health, AI, and human capital

● Non-oil sector exceeds 86% of GDP (2025).

● Aligned with Vision 2030 and Vision 2050. recovery efforts

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strategic partnerships, while also working on Bahrain Economic Vision 2050 to ensure long-term sustainability and alignment with global changes.

The key messages highlighted Bahrain's response to unlawful Iranian attacks targeting civilians and critical infrastructure, stressing that priority was given to protecting citizens and residents, maintaining healthcare services, and safeguarding national achievements in line with the principle of leaving no one behind.

They also outlined national progress across key sectors, particularly education and health, including curriculum development, expanded digital and creative learning, and training programmes in modern fields such as artificial intelligence to enhance workforce competitiveness.

In healthcare, Bahrain's efforts in precision medicine were highlighted, including the use of AI and genome sequencing to reduce genetic and chronic diseases.

The statement also emphasized environmental protec-

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tion, cultural preservation, and national identity as pillars of sustainable development, alongside continued economic diversification efforts under Bahrain Economic Vision 2030. Non-oil sectors now account for more than 86% of GDP based on preliminary 2025 figures.

The submission serves as a preparatory step for Bahrain's presentation of its third Voluntary National Review at the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in New York in July.