

Security Not Open to Bargaining

Lawmakers stress unity and national sovereignty

● “Red line” with no room for bargaining or compromise.

● Unity, national loyalty, and accountability

● Public trust tied to protecting national interests.

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Members backed remarks by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, stressing that national security and sovereignty are “not open to bargaining” following recent tensions linked to Iran.

Lawmakers said the King’s speech set firm red lines on protecting the country, warn-



“The King spoke clearly about the nation’s challenges and everyone’s duty.”
MARYAM AL SAYEGH, MP



“Unity at home is the strongest guarantee of security and stability.”
JALAL KADHEM, MP



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ing that any cooperation with external threats would face legal action. They described the message as reinforcing unity, loyalty and the rule of law. MPs also underlined Parliament’s

responsibility to uphold national interests and avoid conduct that harms public trust, calling representation a “public duty, not a privilege.”

They praised the leader-

ship of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, as well as the armed forces and security agencies, for their response and efforts to safeguard the country.

Betrayal of nation ‘unacceptable’

Bahrain’s Housing and Urban Planning Minister said the remarks of the country’s leadership underscore a firm commitment to national stability and sustainable development, while stressing that betrayal of the nation constitutes an unacceptable breach of national values.

Minister Amina bint Ahmed Al Romaihi said the statements of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa reflect a “clear national vision” aimed at safeguarding security, preserving development gains and strengthening social cohesion.

She said the King’s remarks demonstrate a “deep awareness of current challenges” while reaffirming Bahrain’s policy of protecting its achievements and reinforcing unity between leadership and citizens.

Al Romaihi added that any justification or tolerance of actions that undermine national security amounts to a violation of responsibility and loyalty to the country.

She noted that the government’s approach, under the directives of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, focuses on translating royal guidance into practical policies that reinforce



“Bahrain remains committed to safeguarding national stability, strengthening unity and advancing sustainable development while protecting the nation’s achievements and security.”

stability and ensure the continuity of development.

The minister said Bahrain’s stability during the current era reflects the strength of its national institutions and its ability to safeguard achievements while balancing security requirements with development goals.

Sports Clubs Face KPI-Linked Funding



Parliament is set to debate proposals to tighten governance in sports clubs and federations, linking funding to performance while preserving their independence.

A committee report recommends clearer accountability, measurable targets and improved training for board members to raise standards across the sector. It also backs drafting a new sports law to replace the current framework, which officials say is outdated and too broad.

The General Sports Authority said it is preparing a governance charter and new rules, including performance-based funding and stricter oversight of private sports academies.

Clubs and federations have broadly supported the move, calling for transparent reporting, annual assessments and stronger financial controls, while urging a gradual rollout to help smaller organisations adapt.

Lawmakers are expected to review the proposal in the coming sessions.

Stronger Rights for Bahraini Athletes

As Parliament reviewed the state of sports clubs and federations, lawmakers heard calls to strengthen job security, education support and social protection for athletes.

During committee hearings, participants urged authorities to treat athletes not only as competitors but as workers with long-term careers, highlighting gaps in employment rights, university access and legal protections.

A key concern raised was the lack of coverage for athletes under Bahrain’s Social Insurance Law, alongside calls to expand professional contracts and formalise sporting leave policies.

Stakeholders said national team players often face difficulties securing time off from employers, affecting both their careers and Bahrain’s participation in international events. The

issue extends to coaches, administrators and technical staff involved in overseas competitions.

Education support also featured prominently, with proposals for university scholarships and flexible study arrangements to help athletes balance sport and academics.

Officials pointed to ongoing efforts to improve sports infrastructure, including neighbourhood pitch projects and plans to allocate space for facilities in future developments. Meanwhile, reforms to professionalise sports clubs — including converting them into companies — are under way to provide more stable environments for athletes.

Lawmakers were told that athlete welfare requires a co-ordinated approach, linking employment rights, education, infrastructure and governance reforms to ensure sustainable sporting careers

Reaffirms rejection of external interference

Minister of Oil and Environment and special climate envoy Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Dainah said that remarks by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa underscored the kingdom’s “national constants” and reaffirmed that the homeland is a trust carried by all its citizens.

Dr. bin Dainah said the King’s media remarks clearly reinforced state sovereignty, the protection of national security and stability, and the principle that loyalty to the nation overrides all other considerations.

He added that the message carried “firm and clear” signals reflecting the depth of Bahrain’s leadership approach in addressing regional challenges, stressing that pivotal moments distinguish genuine national be-



longing from attempts at doubt or betrayal.

The minister also highlighted the King’s affirmation of the readiness and vigilance of Bahrain’s armed forces, describing it as evidence of the state’s steadfast policy in safeguarding sovereignty and deterring external interference.

He said the call for national unity against external threats and interference reflected a decisive stance that betrayal of the nation is unacceptable under any justification.

Parliament Urges Better Jobs for Bahrainis

Bahrainis should be the first choice for jobs and training, Parliament said, marking International Workers’ Day with a call for better work openings for young people.

The Council said labour policy must put citizens first while keeping laws and oversight in step with the needs of the jobs market.

In a statement, Parliament thanked workers across all fields and sectors for their part in Bahrain’s growth, output and public life.

It said their work had helped the country’s building and development under His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, with the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Parliament said it would sup-



port efforts to create quality jobs for young Bahrainis and make citizens the preferred choice in hiring and training.

It also called for stronger laws, closer parliamentary oversight and better schemes to meet the needs of the labour market as it changes.

The Council praised the gov-

ernment’s work with the private sector and its handling of unemployment and jobseekers.

It said workers’ rights must be protected, their gains preserved and their role in the economy recognised.

Workers, it said, remained one of the main pillars of Bahrain’s economy across all sectors.

Disability Sport Seeks Stronger Backing

Disability and grassroots sports sectors are calling for stronger support, warning that future success depends on clearer talent pathways, trained coaches and better media access.

A parliamentary committee report, based on meetings with federations, clubs and journalists, highlighted gaps in athlete development — from school-level discovery to elite competition — particularly for disabled and deaf players, as well as women and youth.

Sports bodies stressed the need for early talent identification, specialised training, family support and improved transport, noting that logistical barriers often prevent athletes from reaching training.

Federations also called for



fair evaluation systems, more competitions, and better-trained staff able to work with athletes’ specific needs. Journalists, meanwhile, urged improved communication and transparency from clubs and federations.

The report concluded that stronger links between schools, clubs and national teams are essential to ensure young talent is not lost, as Bahrain looks to build a sustainable pipeline for future sporting success.