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Lawyer on trial over paternity row case leak

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A lawyer has been sent to court after publishing material about a paternity dispute she was handling, according to the Cyber-crime Prosecution.

The Public Prosecution acted on a report from the Cybercrime Directorate at the Ministry of Interior, which stated that local on-line newspapers and social media pages had circulated details tied to an ongoing legal case.

Investigators traced the source of the information to a lawyer representing one of the parties.

She was brought in for questioning and shown the articles in which the disputed content appeared.

The Prosecution released her afterwards but referred her to trial on a charge of disclosing information linked to a paternity suit in breach of the law.

Two Africans die in bus and truck collision in Hafira

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Two African nationals, aged 33 and 37, were killed in a collision between a bus and a truck in the Hafira area, the Ministry of Interior announced yesterday morning.

The ministry confirmed the fatalities through its official account on the social media platform X, stating that the incident occurred earlier in the day and that relevant authorities were on-site conducting necessary procedures.

Further details about the cause of the accident and the number of people involved have not yet been released. An investigation is underway.

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Concerns grow over addiction and public health dangers

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Parliament is preparing a debate on banning vapes amid rising alarm about their spread among teenagers, according to MP Jalal Kadhem.

Kadhem said the draft law, due to come up soon in Parliament, targets electronic shisha and vapes because they pose a clear health risk, especially to children and adolescents.

The plan draws heavily on similar restrictions already enforced across the Arabian Gulf, as well as in Canada, India and Singapore.

Spike

Teen vaping has spiked dramatically in Bahrain and across the Arab world, Kadhem said.

Attractive sweet flavours, easy availability and slick social media adverts promoting vaping as safer than ordinary cigarettes have all fuelled its rapid spread.

Medical research quoted by Kadhem indicates vaping liquids contain chemicals harmful to lungs and immune systems, particularly among younger users whose bodies remain fragile.

The studies also warn of teen-



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agers quickly becoming hooked on nicotine through vaping, opening the door to cigarette smoking or worse substance

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- MP JALAL KADHEM

abuse later in life.

Kadhem urged health authorities to abandon lenient approaches towards vape sales. In-

stead, he recommended tougher checks and stronger regulation to control distribution.

He also called for school-based information campaigns to raise awareness among younger age groups, emphasising the key role of parents in keeping teenagers away from vaping.

With pressure mounting from local community groups, the proposed measures also include a ban on online ads for vaping products and strict rules on retail points, alongside targeted anti-vaping messaging aimed specifically at teens.

46 illegal marine traps seized across Kingdom



Seized evidence
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Coast Guard patrols have seized 46 illegal marine traps, known locally as gar-goer, in separate incidents across various areas of the Kingdom.

The move was part of continued efforts to protect Bahrain's marine environment and uphold maritime security.

The Coast Guard Command confirmed that legal procedures were taken in response to the violations.

Authorities reiterated their commitment to ongoing monitoring and surveillance operations aimed at curbing unlawful maritime practices.

The Command emphasised its dedication to safeguarding marine resources by enforcing national laws and regulations, underscoring its role in promoting environmental security and ensuring long-term marine sustainability.

Revolution anniversary

Bangladesh to unveil democratic overhauls

AFP | Dhaka

Bangladesh's interim government said yesterday it will release its slate of democratic overhauls on August 5, the one-year anniversary of the overthrow of the previous autocratic administration.

The South Asian nation of around 170 million people has been in political turmoil since a student-led revolt ousted then-prime minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5, 2024, ending her 15-year rule.

System

Muhammad Yunus, the 85-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner who is leading the caretaker government as its chief

Protests began on July 1, 2024, with university students calling for reforms to a quota system for public sector jobs.

adviser until elections are held, has said he inherited a “completely broken down” system of public administration.

Yunus previously pledged to unveil a “big package” to overhaul democratic institutions.

But efforts to reach agreements have made slow progress as political parties jostle for power ahead of elections, slated for early 2026.

Political power

Yunus's government has

warned that political power struggles risk jeopardising the gains that have been made.

On July 29, Yunus said he was working to “build a broad national consensus around a renewed political system - one that delivers inclusive, participatory, and credible elections”.

Yunus's office said yesterday that the “July Proclamation” would be “presented to the nation... in the presence of all political parties involved in the mass uprising”.

Wings of tradition



Kyrgyz eagle hunters, also known as berkutchi, riding horses prepare to release their golden eagles during the hunting festival “Salburun”, in the village of Bokonbayev, near Lake Issyk-Kul. (AFP)