

## Court raises payout for injured diver to BD9,400

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A Bahraini diver hit while crossing a road has been awarded BD9,400 after a court found his injuries and time off work justified more than the original payout.

The man had been stepping into the road in Riffa when a driver failed to spot him and knocked him down.

He suffered a fractured skull, broken ribs, shoulder damage, limited movement in his left arm, and ongoing dizziness.

Doctors put his permanent disability at 15 per cent.

### Sum

The Appeals Court raised the sum from the BD8,900 awarded earlier, ruling that the extent of the harm and the earnings lost during recovery called for a higher figure.

The insurer, which had covered the driver's car, challenged the first ruling.

It denied responsibility, claimed the amount was too high, and argued the diver bore some blame.

The court dismissed all of that.

The diver's lawyer, Hassan Al Amar, said his client was crossing the main road when he was struck by a car driven by an Asian national.

### Injuries

A Ministry of Health report listed the injuries: a fractured bone in the forehead, a stitched head wound, bruising to the chest, cracked ribs, damage to the left knee, and a broken upper arm that left him with reduced motion and ongoing dizziness.

The driver was convicted in criminal court. The diver then brought a civil case.

The lower court awarded BD8,500 for physical harm and emotional distress, along with BD400 for the suffering caused to his young son.

It also ordered the insurer to pay BD90 for the medical panel and BD100 in legal fees.

The diver appealed, saying the award fell short.

# Hopes for jobless medical graduates

Taqaddum Parliamentary bloc supports Tamkeen's new package of training and employment steps

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The Taqaddum Parliamentary bloc has backed a new package of training and employment steps announced by Tamkeen, aimed at drawing more young Bahrainis into the health sector.

The bloc described the move as long overdue and said it had been made possible by coordination between Parliament and the government, following directions from His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

In a statement yesterday, the group said the seven steps, focused on doctors, dentists and nurses, would offer a real chance to those who have waited years for a foot in the door.

Linking training with actual job placements, it added,



The Taqaddum bloc, from left, Dr Mahdi Al Shuwaikh, First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman, and Eman Shuwaiter

could finally help bridge the long-standing gap between graduation and work for medical students.

Taqaddum said the plans would not have seen daylight without the interest shown by the government led by His Royal

Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and the backing of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

It said both had helped move talks between the two branches of power into a workable set of

actions.

Hospitals and clinics across Bahrain, the bloc said, will need to lend a hand if the effort is to go beyond announcements.

It warned that without buy-in from those doing the hiring, the plans could stall.

Still, it voiced hope that practical decisions from the executive side would clear any snags and smooth the process for hospitals in both sectors.

The group said it had long pushed for faster ways to absorb Bahrainis into key areas, especially healthcare.

It pledged to keep backing any route that gives priority to locals in work placements, calling on the rest of the country's sectors to follow suit.

Taqaddum called for every new job scheme to draw on past lessons, stressing that Bahrain's own people remain its best bet.

Home-grown skill, it said, is the only way to keep the country steady, moving forward and on a firm path to growth.

## Youth Defend Consumers

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Bahrain has launched the Gulf's first national programme to train young citizens as ambassadors for consumer protection, reflecting a growing national effort to empower youth through practical civic engagement.

The 'Consumer Protection Ambassadors' initiative was unveiled by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

Open to Bahraini youth aged 24 to 30, the programme will run through July and August and aims to build legal and com-



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munication skills while deepening awareness of consumer rights.

### Groundbreaking model

H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, said the initiative stems



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from the Ministry's belief in involving youth in shaping the nation's future.

Participants will receive both classroom instruction and hands-on experience in the Consumer Protection Directorate, including the handling of

real consumer complaints.

"This programme offers a comprehensive training environment that includes workshops, legal briefings, and actual field participation," the Minister said, adding that participants who complete the course will be formally recognised as Consumer Protection Ambassadors and receive experience certificates and incentives.

H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, praised the collaboration between the two ministries, calling it an "exceptional model" for how national institutions can jointly prepare a qualified, socially responsible generation.

## Tech Awards Close Soon

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With just over a week left to go, Bahrain's Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) has reminded innovators, government entities, private firms, and individuals to submit their entries for the 2025 edition of the eGovernment Excellence Award before the deadline on Sunday, July 13th.

The award recognises outstanding digital initiatives across the Kingdom and has become a leading national platform to highlight innovation, digital transformation, and public service enhancement.

### Categories across sectors

This year's award categories reflect Bahrain's evolving digital priorities.

Public and private entities can compete in categories including Best Website, Best Practice in eParticipation, Best Integrated eServices, Best Work Environment for Digital Innovation, Best Utilization of Artificial Intelligence, and Best Project for Digital Transformation.

In addition, the private sector has a dedicated category for Best Applications for Smart Devices, while individuals can compete for the Best Digital Initiative Award.

The iGA noted that the deadline extension was granted in response to participant requests, allowing extra time for applicants to meet submission requirements.

Entries must be submitted through the official portal at [www.egovaward.bh](http://www.egovaward.bh).

### Showcasing innovation

By spotlighting digital projects that improve the quality and accessibility of public services, the award serves as a reflection of Bahrain's long-term digital vision.

It not only recognises high-impact technologies but also positions the Kingdom's achievements on regional and global stages.

Participants are also encouraged to follow @iGABahrain on social platforms for updates leading up to the award deadline.

# Community Honours Departing Diplomat

● • Jain hailed for compassion

● • Bahraini MP attends event

● • Farewell held in Adliya

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The Indian community in Bahrain came together this week to bid farewell to Ravi Kumar Jain, the outgoing First Secretary (Community Welfare & Commerce) at the Embassy of India, in a gesture that reflected



Outgoing diplomat Ravi Kumar Jain receives a fitting farewell from the Indian community

deep gratitude for his years of dedicated public service.

Hosted by the Pravasi Legal Cell (PLC) Bahrain Chapter at Indian Darbar Restaurant in Adliya, the farewell ceremony drew an array of attendees from senior Indian embassy officials to Bahraini dignitaries and grassroots

community leaders.

### Trusted representative

Jain was widely praised for his hands-on approach in supporting the welfare of Indian nationals during his tenure.

Known for his accessibility, advocacy, and calm presence in

times of need, he was described by organisers as a bridge between the embassy and those most in need of help.

Speaking at the event, Sudheer Thirunilath, Global PRO and President of PLC Bahrain, highlighted Jain's impact.

"His proactive engagement

and compassionate diplomacy set a high bar for community service. He stood by the people when it mattered," he said.

Among those in attendance was Bahraini Member of Parliament Dr. Hassan Eid Bukhammas, whose presence underscored the cross-cultural ap-

preciation for Jain's work.

Senior embassy figures, including Ravi Singh, Second Secretary (Consular Affairs), and Sandeep Singh, Defence Attaché, also paid tribute.

Members of the PLC's Governing Council and Working Committee joined voices with local leaders to acknowledge Jain's role in easing consular concerns, supporting vulnerable workers, and fostering unity among Indian expatriates in Bahrain.

As Jain prepares for the next phase of his diplomatic career, the farewell event served as a reminder of the profound connections that can be built through consistent service and human empathy.