

Dreamers, Doers, Achievers

Young Bahrainis Who Are Changing the World Around Them

● **Ministry of Education highlights inspiring stories of students excelling in science, sports and social initiatives**

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One builds machines in a home laboratory. One collects table tennis medals across three countries. One turned her own battle with cancer into a lifeline for other children. Three students, three very different stories, all featured in the Ministry of Education’s “Our Students Inspiring Stories” campaign.

Sayed Mohammed Sayed Hadi Ebrahim, a third-year intermediate student at Al Bilad Al Qadeem Intermediate Boys School, is turning curiosity into innovation — one invention at a time.

Spending countless hours experimenting between his school laboratory and a home lab he built himself under the guidance of science teacher Jaffar Hasan Al Zayer, Sayed Mohammed has transformed ideas into

practical solutions designed to improve everyday life.

Among his creations is a multi-purpose “green car” capable of ploughing land, planting seeds and automatically irrigating crops while analysing soil conditions. He has also developed a smart sunflower-inspired device that follows sunlight to improve energy efficiency, along with a remote security system using sensors and cameras to alert property owners about potential gas leaks and fires.

Perhaps his most meaningful invention is a school bus safety system equipped with seat sensors, designed to help ensure that no child is accidentally left behind. He is also working on a project aimed at reducing electricity consumption in school buildings.

For Hessa Abdulrahman of Al Orouba Primary Girls School, success has come through determination, discipline and a table tennis paddle.

The young athlete has built an impressive sporting record



Sayed Mohammed Sayed Hadi Ebrahim

The young inventor is developing a seat-monitoring system for school buses, using technology to improve safety procedures and provide an additional layer of protection for students.



Hessa Abdulrahman

Hessa’s 2025-2026 season included a series of international achievements, including podium finishes at the West Asia Under-11 Championship and the Arab Championships in Morocco.



Ruqaya Abdulraouf Ebrahim Ashkanani

Turning personal adversity into a mission of hope, Ruqaya has created awareness content, coordinated messages from influencers and visited young patients to offer emotional support and encouragement.

ence with cancer, Ruqaya launched an initiative dedicated to supporting children facing the disease, using her voice to spread awareness and encouragement.

Through social media campaigns, she shares messages of hope, collects supportive video messages from influencers and public figures, and raises awareness about the challenges faced by young cancer patients. Her efforts earned her an invitation to participate in the One Billion Followers Summit in the UAE.

Beyond awareness, Ruqaya personally visits young patients, offering encouragement, listening to their stories and bringing small gifts to brighten their days. “My goal is to deliver my voice, and the voice of every cancer fighter, to the world, and to show that we can overcome hardship,” she said.

Together, Sayed Mohammed, Hessa and Ruqaya represent a new generation of Bahraini students — creative thinkers, determined champions and compassionate leaders whose achievements extend far beyond the classroom.

Dubai, and her second Bahrain primary schools championship title — following previous victories in 2023 and 2025. Ruqaya Abdulraouf Ebrahim Ashkanani of Busaiteen Intermediate Girls School, personal hardship became a source of hope for others.

Inspired by her own experi-

Hunt for Underwater Heritage

Bahrain and Japan Join Forces to Explore Sunken Heritage



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Bahrain has launched a landmark underwater archaeological research initiative, bringing together the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), the Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB), and Japan’s Teikyo University Institute of Cultural Property Research.

The partnership aims to use advanced technology to locate, document, and study submerged archaeological remains and historic shipwrecks in Bahraini waters — shedding new light on the Kingdom’s deep-rooted maritime history.

BACA President Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa said the initiative reflects the authority’s commitment to heritage preservation, adding that such partnerships open new horizons for archaeological research and documentation.

He said the collaboration extends beyond fieldwork, offering a platform to explore Bahrain’s maritime culture by combining cutting-edge technology



with archaeological expertise.

The initiative also highlights the enduring bond between Bahrain and the sea — a defining feature of the Kingdom’s identity and cultural heritage

shaped across centuries.

Officials said the project marks a significant step in advancing Bahrain’s archaeological research methods and uncovering its historical legacy.

Food Costs Push Living Index Up 0.9pc

June rise matches January as highest monthly increase recorded in first half of 2026

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Food prices drove the cost-of-living index up 0.9pc in June, matching January’s rise as the sharpest monthly increase in the first half of 2026. Food prices drove the cost-of-living index up 0.9pc in June, matching January’s rise as the sharpest monthly increase in the first half of 2026.

Food and non-alcoholic drinks leapt 6.5pc from May, the largest rise among all spending groups that month and the chief cause of the climb in the consumer price index.

Recreation and culture costs rose by 1.2pc, while alcoholic drinks and tobacco went up by 0.7pc. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels were 0.5pc dearer, with furniture, household equipment and routine home repairs edging up by 0.1pc.

The index rose in four of the first six months of the year. It fell in February and was unchanged in April.

June’s rise came after a 0.4pc increase in May, when restaurants and hotels led the way with a 1.1pc rise.

Furniture, household equipment and home repair costs climbed by 0.9pc, followed by food and non-alcoholic drinks at 0.7pc. Clothing and footwear rose by 0.3pc, as did housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels.

April brought no change in the headline index, but the figures beneath it told a different story. Recreation and culture costs soared by 22.5pc, the largest



June 2026 Price Index

- Overall consumer price index: +0.9pc
- Main driver: Food and non-alcoholic drinks
- Food price increase: +6.5pc
- Recreation and culture: +1.2pc
- Alcoholic drinks and tobacco: +0.7pc
- Housing and utilities: +0.5pc
- Furniture and household equipment: +0.1pc

monthly rise for any spending group during the first half of the year.

Restaurants and hotels rose by 1.5pc, transport by 0.9pc and alcoholic drinks and tobacco by 0.6pc. Furniture, household equipment and routine home repairs increased by 0.4pc. The index had risen by 0.4pc in March, after food and non-alcoholic drink prices jumped by 4.8pc.

Transport costs went up by 1.3pc and communication prices by 0.2pc. Education prices did not change.

February was the only month in the six-month spell to show a fall in the headline rate, though several household costs still went up.

Clothing and footwear rose by 1.5pc, miscellaneous goods and services by 1.1pc and alcoholic drinks and tobacco by 0.5pc. Housing and communication costs each increased by 0.3pc.

January opened the year with a 0.9pc rise from December 2025.

Recreation and culture prices climbed by 5.9pc, transport by 3.5pc and restaurants and hotels by 1.3pc. Miscellaneous goods and services rose by 1.1pc, while communication costs increased by 0.3pc. Across the half-year, the biggest price rises were seen in food and non-alcoholic drinks, recreation and culture, restaurants and hotels, transport, household goods and housing costs.