

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Muharraq Nights-Vibe

Bahrain winter climate starts where Muharraq Nights begins as an annual celebration in the event calendar. Throughout December Muharraq nights blended with music, art, heritage and different culinary traditional items . Fortunately enough to visit Muharraq Nights this time along with my friend on the 2nd day of the event for the first time .I feel the pleasant climate is attracting families along with children to spend the evening outside to chill the vibrant time which is memorable during December weather with light decoration in the streets along with light music background everywhere here nearby Muharraq bus stand and surrounding places.

I can feel and see the vibe across muharraq nights is something different in any other events if we compare. I also felt that a comfortable visit in the narrow areas with special transportation arranged in buggy cars was an added benefit while coming with family and kids . We visited museums in different locations here along with traditional handmade household items and clothes that were interesting in this heritage model tour. We can also feel and taste a variety of culinary delights across the streets on live cooking which is attractive except for finding a parking space and rounding there before starting the real round trip in a buggy car.

I request the authorities to arrange much better parking zones before the road entrance instead of finding a place to round and round in our vehicles coming from the Manama side. I appreciate the comfort facilities and arrangements made by the various departments to entertain the crowd in Muharraq Nights in the coming days with a variety of performances and cultural shows in a traditional way.

Shukran Lakkum ...  
- Sunil Thomas, Ranny

Two-Wheelers Everywhere, But Safety Nowhere

Anyone who travels around Bahrain lately would have noticed a sharp increase in two-wheelers whether it's delivery bikes, electric scooters, or cycles weaving through traffic. While they are convenient, affordable, and environmentally friendly, the sudden rise has also created new challenges for everyday road users.

For drivers, it has become common to see bikes slipping between lanes or stopping unexpectedly to find an address. For pedestrians, scooters sometimes appear on sidewalks or crossings without warning. Even cyclists themselves face risks due to limited dedicated lanes and fast-moving traffic around them. With so many different types of vehicles sharing the same roads, small mistakes can quickly turn dangerous.

This is not about blaming anyone. Many delivery riders work long hours, and cyclists are simply looking for a healthy way to move around. But what we need is better road discipline, clearer rules, and safer infrastructure. Simple steps like more dedicated cycling paths, stricter lane discipline, and clearer signage would help create a safer environment for everyone.

Two-wheelers and cycles are here to stay, and they benefit our modern lifestyle. With a bit more structure and awareness, Bahrain's roads can be safer and more comfortable for drivers, riders, and pedestrians alike.

- Wilson

Urgent Call for Action on Manama's Parking Crisis



I am writing to highlight a significant problem causing widespread frustration and financial burden for drivers in Manama: the unreliability of public parking valets. The core issue is that the mechanisms or systems (what you referred to as “polls”) for these valets are not functioning correctly, or perhaps the service itself is insufficient and poorly regulated. This failure directly results in drivers struggling to find legitimate parking, forcing them into illegal spaces simply to go about their daily lives. The predictable consequence is a surge in traffic fines, penalizing citizens and residents for a systemic failure. I urge the relevant authorities to urgently investigate and rectify the management and operation of parking valets and public parking solutions. Drivers need reliable, accessible, and affordable options to avoid being unjustly fined.

Sincerely, Rakesh Ramesh  
A Concerned Manama Driver



Brush strokes in the sky . Photo by Sandeep A Mehta



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When Did Water Turn Into a Luxury at Restaurants?

You sit down for a quick meal, ask for a small bottle of water, and sometimes the price is higher than what you paid for it in the supermarket. Something that should be basic and affordable is turning into a luxury item on the table.

For families dining out, students grabbing a quick bite, or workers on their lunch break, these small extra costs add up quickly. On a hot day, asking for water shouldn't feel like a luxury decision. It's something everyone needs, and it should be priced fairly if not free of cost.

Some restaurants do offer reasonably priced water or provide filtered water on request, and these efforts deserve appreciation. They show awareness of customers' daily needs.

I hope more eateries across Bahrain adopt a similar approach. Keeping water affordable and transparent in pricing would make dining out more comfortable and fair for everyone.

- Sharon



A parent referred to authorities after leaving a child alone outside a kindergarten.



TOP COMMENTS

**4nxmika**  
My parents wouldn't even leave me alone at our house as a kid, how can they do this?

**cjdl 85**  
This happens a lot. I've seen parents drop kids before the school building is open n just leave them in the playground

**umelianna**  
Maybe provide free childcare services many parents have no one to turn to this is an underlying issue needed attention.... as the generation evolves ...

**terracegardenbh**  
There should be more creches across the country. Parents are working , sometimes parents dont hv an option. Bahrain is a very safe country, hence they can trust to leave the kid alone for smtime.

**hajerayahiya**  
They should wait till the child goes in...may be in reaching the job on time they thought it is open otherwise how come daily dey might drop dier kid dey might know the time...i really appreciate some kindergarten open quite early before time just to recieve children properly for working parents

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