

Council to resolve waste bag issue

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The Southern Municipal Council has announced that it will convene an extraordinary session on Monday dedicated to addressing the waste bag distribution issue, following growing concerns raised by council members over delays and disruption to a core municipal service. Members stressed that the problem cannot be left without resolution and requires urgent intervention.

During the council's eleventh meeting of the fourth legislative term, municipal member Mohammed Hussain Darraj highlighted persistent complaints regarding slow processing of services and overlapping responsibilities between several authorities involved in waste management.

He stressed that citizens are often left without clear answers, with requests being rejected or delayed due to uncertainty over jurisdiction, adding to public frustration.

Southern Municipal Council member Ali Al Shaikh focused on the need for clearer coordination and stronger on-site supervision.

Rising burdens

MPs seek public debate on government measures to address escalating living expenses and business costs

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Parliament has asked for a public debate to question the government on how it is dealing with the social and economic strain linked to rising prices, after recent changes that MPs say have pushed up household costs and business bills.

The request calls for an open discussion in Parliament to press ministers on their plan for coping with higher living costs and inflation-linked pressures.

The MPS behind it named MP Hassan Ibrahim to speak first.

"This request comes against the backdrop of a range of fast-moving economic changes," Ibrahim said, pointing to fuel price changes, higher electricity and water bills, and increased labour market fees, along with rising costs for some key inputs used by businesses.

Impact

He said the impact was being felt in day-to-day life and in running costs across the economy.

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duced cumulative, direct and indirect effects that have reached various aspects of daily living," he said. "They have affected the ability of many national institutions, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, to continue and to meet their contractual and financial obligations."

Ibrahim said steps with a wide financial reach should come with clear support to ease the hit on households and firms.

"Any decisions with wide financial impact should be accompanied by supportive policies and clear mitigating measures," he said, adding that these



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steps should take account of different incomes and levels of spending power.

Protection

MPS want the government to explain how it plans to strengthen consumer protection as prices rise, and to spell out how fuel prices are reviewed and how decisions are weighed against people's ability to pay.

They are also asking what will be done to deal with older contracts and tenders that have become harder to deliver because costs have risen, and what support is planned for contractors and suppliers facing new bills

that were not expected when agreements were signed.

The request presses for details on support for the private sector as operating costs rise, including steps meant to help national firms avoid financial trouble, keep the job market stable and prevent any knock-on effect on citizens or service quality.

It also asks about projects already under way, including how higher energy and service costs are affecting financing and whether contracted firms can keep work moving.

Clarity

MPS want clarity too on the role of the Labour Fund Tamkeen in rolling out support schemes and new initiatives to help firms cope with changes in energy and service pricing.

Another key point is the middle class, which MPS describe as heavily exposed to repeated rises in living costs while not always covered by support aimed at lower-income groups. MPS want the government to explain its plans.

Drugs found hidden in dried fish

Two suspects held

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A man and woman were intercepted at Bahrain International Airport after customs officers became suspicious of their suitcases.

Using a sophisticated method to conceal narcotics among dried fish and shrimp, the defendants attempted to pass through customs.

Upon inspection, officers discovered drugs hidden in six transparent bags inside the fish and shrimp, as well as in clothing, making them difficult to detect.

The defendants denied the charges before the High Criminal Court (First Circuit), which scheduled a verdict date while ordering the defendants to remain in custody.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendants with importing and possessing narcotics for the purpose of trafficking in 2025, in violation of the law.



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Delmon Poultry Company B.S.C.

TENDER INVITATION

Delmon Poultry Company B.S.C. invites specialized companies to submit their proposal for the following:

| Tender Ref. | Tender Title | Tender Document Fee | Initial Bond Fee |
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| ADM /01/2026 | Appointment of a Customs Clearance Agent | BHD 100 (Non-refundable) | BHD 1000 |
| Tender Publish Date | | 05 FEB,2026 | |
| Last date for purchasing tender documents | | 09 FEB 2026 - 01:00PM | |
| Tender Closing Date | | 18 FEB 2026 - 01:00PM | |
| Bids opening Date | | To be advised | |

Brief Description:
Delmon Poultry Company (B.S.C.) hereby announces the opening of a tender for the provision of medical insurance scheme for all its employees. The insurance contract will start on 15 March 2026 for one year. The total number of individuals covered under this policy, including employees and their dependents (spouses and children), is 318.

Guidelines for submission of bids:

- Collect the tender documentation from the Purchasing Department in the Delmon's Poultry Company Head office located in Hamala (Building 701 – Road 101 – Block 1012 (starting from **Thursday 05. Feb.2026 until Monday 09. FEB.2026 (during office hours 8 am till 1 pm)**).
- The initial bond should be in the form of a Certified cheque, Bank Guarantee (or as specified in the tender documents).
- Documents to be enclosed with the bids:
 - A copy of the commercial registration certificate for the current year
 - Bahrainisation Certificate issued by the Ministry of Labour for (Bahrain-based companies only).
 - All the documents submitted with the tender must be stamped with the company's official seal.
 - Proposal envelopes (With technical and commercial offers + required documents) must be sealed and have the title of the tender, and must be addressed to the Head of Purchasing.
 - Department and deposited in the tender box at the same address mentioned above.
 - This Tender Invitation is considered supplementary to the tender documents. In case of any discrepancy between the Invitation and the tender document, the tender document prevails.
- The submitted bids will be evaluated by the company's management in coordination with the appointed **insurance broker**.
- For more details, please contact Tel: 17 608 260 or 17 608 282 (ext. 250) tenders@dawajen.bh

Milestone as ICAI Bahrain Chapter crowned best overseas chapter for tenth consecutive year



Making Bahrain and India proud

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The achievement is a testament to the sustained efforts of successive Executive Committees, mentors, volunteers, and sponsors, all backed by a highly active membership base in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

into a vital pillar of the Kingdom's financial ecosystem.

By hosting high-impact technical seminars, international conferences, and student-focused initiatives, the Chapter has consistently bridged the gap between global professional standards and local industry needs.

Expressing their gratitude, Chapter representatives credited the ICAI leadership for their unwavering guidance.

They emphasized that this collective triumph belongs to every past and present chairperson and member who worked tirelessly to build the Chapter's formidable legacy.

This 10-year milestone not only celebrates past achievements but also reinforces the Chapter's future commitment to elevating professional ethics and strengthening Bahrain's position as a hub for financial excellence.

The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has etched its name in history by securing the 1st Prize for the Best Overseas Chapter – 2025 (Category II). This prestigious win marks an unprecedented milestone of ten consecutive years of global excellence for the Chapter.

The grand announcement was made during ICAI's premier global event, the World Forum of Accountants (WOFA 2.0).

Chapters worldwide were rigorously evaluated on several key performance indicators, including professional development initiatives, member engagement, community outreach, and their overall contribution to the accounting profession.

Over the last ten years, the Bahrain Chapter has evolved