

New Hope in Breast Cancer Surgery

Royal Medical Services Unveils First GEN 3 Breast Surgery System

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The Royal Medical Services (RMS) has introduced Bahrain's first GEN 3 breast surgery system by Hologic, marking a significant step forward in the Kingdom's breast cancer care through the adoption of advanced surgical technology.

The new system is designed to improve the accuracy and efficiency of breast surgeries by using Magseed technology to precisely locate non-palpable breast lesions before and during surgery. It also incorporates Magtrace, which helps surgeons accurately identify the sentinel lymph node, while providing real-time guidance through audio signals and precise digital readings.

Major General Dr. Shaikh Fahad bin Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Medical Services, said the introduction of the system reflects RMS's commitment to adopting the latest global advancements in breast surgery and equipping medical teams with innovative technologies that enhance patient care.

He added that investing in modern medical technologies forms a key part of the Royal Medical Services' strategy to improve clinical performance and deliver healthcare services that meet the highest international standards.



Dr. Edward Rowland, Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Oncology Center, described the GEN 3 system as a major advancement in breast surgery, noting that it reduces dependence on traditional wire-guided procedures and radioactive materials.

Dr. Noof Alshaibani, Head of the Women's Healthcare Center at the Royal Medical Services and Consultant in General and Reconstructive Surgery at the Bahrain Oncology Center, said the technology provides surgical teams with



greater precision and control when treating complex cases, leading to improved surgical planning and better patient outcomes.

Indian Embassy Celebrates Milestones in Bahrain Ties

Consular centre, defence exhibition and cultural programmes underscore deepening bilateral relations.

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The Embassy of India in Bahrain is celebrating a series of milestones this year, highlighting advances in consular services, defence co-operation and cultural engagement that have strengthened ties between India and the Kingdom.

At a recent interaction with Indian community associations and painting artists at The Indian embassy, the Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob said the embassy is marking one year since the opening of the new Indian Consular Application Centre at Bahrain Mall, the first such facility to be established in Bahrain in 15 years.

Another key milestone is the first anniversary of the electronic visa (e-Visa) system for Bahraini nationals. Since its launch, nearly 4,000 Bahraini citizens have used the facility, reflecting growing interest in travel to India and the convenience of the streamlined digital application process.

The ambassador also highlighted the embassy's Permanent Defence Exhibition, now in its third year. The current edition showcases the role of the



Indian Armed Forces in national development, with a special focus on the Indian Navy-led Combined Task Force 154 (CTF-154) under the Combined Maritime Forces, which has been operating from Bahrain since February.

The embassy's Focus State and Union Territory Initiative, launched nearly three years ago, has now featured almost every Indian state and union territory. The Ambassador, H.E. Vinod Jacob, during an interaction with Indian community associations and painting artists, highlighted key milestones

ongoing edition spotlights Kerala and Puducherry, showcasing their culture, tourism, heritage and investment opportunities. The ambassador noted that while the initiative was originally expected to cover all states and union territories within three years, the schedule was affected by regional developments earlier this year.

Cultural diplomacy continues to remain a major pillar of the embassy's engagement, with its annual painting exhibitions entering their third year. This year's programme comprises three exhibitions celebrating the longstanding friendship between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain through art.

The ambassador said these initiatives reflect the depth and diversity of India-Bahrain relations, spanning people-to-people ties, cultural exchanges, defence cooperation and improved public services.

Open Bins Spark Pest and Public Health Concerns

Residents are encouraged to seal rubbish bags, close bin lids and follow collection schedules

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Open rubbish bins are turning housing areas into feeding and breeding grounds for rats, insects and stray cats, a public health pest expert has warned.

Khalid Al Borshaid, a public health pest control expert said bins left open for long spells pose a clear health risk, as waste draws vermin and allows germs to spread.

Cats often tear into rubbish bags and drag waste into the street, he said, leaving foul smells, scattered litter and a higher risk of disease.

Al Borshaid said poor disposal habits worsen the situation. Bags left open, waste dumped beside bins and rubbish thrown at the wrong time can lead to heaps of refuse around homes.

The result, he said, is an ugly and unhealthy sight that has no place in built-up areas. He called on residents to put waste inside bins, close lids and use the right disposal times.

Fixed days could also be named for certain kinds of waste, as happens in other countries, to stop bins overflowing and rubbish piling up nearby.

"Public awareness is the first step in any plan to stop waste being thrown outside bins," Al Borshaid said. He said clean streets were a shared duty for public bodies and residents, while the proper use of bins would help cut pest numbers and keep neighbourhoods in good order.



Khalid Al Borshaid, a public health pest control expert

Al Borshaid also called for a review of where bins were placed. Their sites should be chosen after health and environmental checks, he said, and kept away from schools, places used by children, restaurants, markets and food shops.

Bins should also not stand directly beside homes because of the smell, insects, rodents and nuisance they can cause.

He called for well-built waste points that hide rubbish from view and stop it becoming a daily source of distress for residents and visitors.

Some areas could also be fitted with covered or sealed waste systems to curb smells, keep pests out and improve living conditions.



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Doctor Wins Compensation Over Unlawful Salary Deductions

Hospital Ordered to Repay Deductions and Leave Benefits

The First High Labour Court ordered a private hospital to pay more than BD2,854 to a consultant anaesthesiologist after ruling that salary and housing allowance deductions were made unlawfully.

The court awarded BD1,021.4 for unlawful deductions and BD1,833 for accrued annual leave, while also granting compensation for delayed payment of the doctor's entitlements and ordering the hospital to cover legal costs.

The hospital had argued that the doctor had settled his dues and that leave pay should be based only on his



basic salary, but the court found the evidence insufficient and ruled in the doctor's favour.

Appeals Court Cuts Life Sentence in Cannabis Smuggling Case

One Defendant Gets 15 Years; Other Remains Jailed for Life

The Fifth High Criminal Court of Appeal reduced the life sentence of one defendant to 15 years in a cannabis smuggling case involving 9.5kg of manufactured cannabis hidden inside hair oil bottles.

The court upheld the life sentence for the second defendant, fined both BD10,000 each, ordered the confiscation of the drugs, and ruled that the Asian defendant be deported after serving his sentence.

The drugs were discovered in a postal package arriving from the United Kingdom at Bahrain International Airport. Investigators later arrested the suspects during a controlled operation after tracking the shipment.

During the appeal, the defence argued there was insufficient evidence to prove drug trafficking, but the court upheld the convictions while reducing one defendant's prison term.

Court Cancels BD200 Fine in Bounced Cheque Case

Judge rules defendant cannot be tried twice over the same rental agreement dispute

The First Minor Criminal Court cancelled a BD200 fine imposed on a defendant in a bounced cheque case after ruling that the matter had already been settled by a final court judgment.

The defendant was accused of issuing cheques without sufficient funds in 2025. Although a criminal order fined him BD200, he challenged the decision, arguing that the cheques were part of the same rental agreement and had already been examined in an earlier case.

After reviewing the evidence, the court found that both cases involved the same parties, the same transaction, and the same cause of action.

The court ruled that mul-



tiple cheques issued on the same day for the same transaction constitute a single criminal offence and cannot be prosecuted in separate cases.

The objection was accepted, and the criminal order imposing the BD200 fine was cancelled.

Drunk Driver Detained Over Deadly Bus Crash

Public Prosecution ordered the detention of a driver pending investigation after a traffic accident in Al Saya claimed the life of a bus passenger and injured eight others.

The Deputy Head of the Traffic Prosecution said the Public Prosecution received a report from the General Directorate of Traffic regarding the collision, which resulted in one fatality and eight people sustaining varying injuries.

Preliminary investigations found that the suspect was driving under the influence of alcohol and became distracted from the road before crashing into the

rear of a bus carrying the victims.

The impact caused the bus to veer off course and collide with the road's metal and concrete barriers, resulting in one passenger's death and injuries to eight others.

The Public Prosecution immediately launched an investigation, questioned the suspect, and confronted him with the evidence. It ordered his detention pending further inquiries and authorized the release of the deceased's body to the family for burial.

Investigations are ongoing before referring the suspect to the criminal court.