



Remote Boat Inspection Service

Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications launched a remote technical inspection service for small boats and jet skis as part of ongoing government efforts to improve public services and accelerate digital transformation.

The upgraded service allows owners of small boats up to six years old and all jet skis to complete mandatory technical inspections through a video call after submitting an online application, paying the required fees and booking an appointment via the Small Ships Registration Portal. The ministry said the service also includes a fully digital process, an improved user interface, a 50% reduction in required approvals and a 25% shorter service delivery time.

Bader Hood Al Mahmood, Undersecretary for Ports and Maritime Affairs, said the initiative reflects the ministry's commitment to adopting innovative digital solutions that improve efficiency, simplify procedures and deliver government services entirely online, in line with Bahrain's public service development strategy.

Lane Closure on Shaikh Isa Bridge

Ministry of Works announced a temporary closure of the right lane on Sheikh Isa bin Salman Bridge in Muharraq heading towards Manama to facilitate scheduled maintenance works.

The ministry, in coordination with the General Directorate of Traffic, said two lanes will remain open to traffic while the maintenance is carried out from 12am on Friday, Aug. 7, until 5am on Sunday, Aug. 9.

Motorists have been urged to follow traffic regulations and exercise caution while travelling through the area to ensure the safety of all road users.

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Alliance Grows Stronger

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa held official talks with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in Cairo, with both leaders reaffirming the strength of Bahrain-Egypt relations and pledging to expand strategic co-operation across various sectors.

President El-Sisi welcomed His Majesty and the accompanying delegation, describing the visit as a reflection of the deep-rooted and distinguished ties between the two brotherly nations.

At the start of the meeting, His Majesty expressed appreciation for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended by President El-Sisi. He also commended the Egyptian President's role in strengthening bilateral relations and wished Egypt and its people continued

progress, security, prosperity, and development.

His Majesty King Hamad also thanked President El-Sisi for Egypt's support and solidarity with Bahrain following the measures the Kingdom took to safeguard its sovereignty, security, stability, and the safety of its citizens.

At the same time, His Majesty reaffirmed Bahrain's condemnation of the attack on Egypt's Port of Damietta and expressed the Kingdom's full solidarity with Egypt, supporting all measures taken to protect its sovereignty, security, and vital infrastructure.

President El-Sisi, in turn, expressed appreciation for Bahrain's steadfast support under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad. He reiterated Egypt's condemnation of the Iranian attacks targeting Bahrain and voiced support for the



Kingdom's efforts to protect its security, stability, and sovereignty.

Both leaders underscored their commitment to continu-

ing joint efforts to strengthen bilateral relations and broaden cooperation in ways that promote sustainable growth and prosperity for both nations.

Bahrain, UAE Sign MoU to Advance One-Stop Air Travel System

Agreement strengthens pre-clearance cooperation, streamlines passenger processing and enhances border security.

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Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Air Ports Affairs Sector of the UAE's Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security to implement the One-Stop pre-clearance project for air travellers.

The agreement was signed in Abu Dhabi by Brigadier Abdulaziz Abdulrahman Al Dossary, Assistant Undersecretary for Ports, Search and Follow-up, representing Bahrain, and Dr. Hamad Saif Al Mashghouni, Executive Director of the Air Ports Affairs Sector at the UAE authority. The signing ceremony was attended by officials from both countries.

The MoU establishes an institutional framework for cooperation in implementing the project and facilitates the exchange of travellers' pre-clearance data in line with the highest stand-



ards of information security and data protection. It also aims to support the integration of electronic systems, improve operational efficiency and enhance the quality of services provided to passengers.

Officials from both sides said the agreement reflects the close cooperation between Bahrain and the UAE and will contribute to strengthening GCC co-

operation, modernising border management systems, enhancing security and facilitating the movement of travellers.

The signing follows the decision by GCC interior ministers at their 42nd meeting to launch the One-Stop initiative as part of wider efforts to strengthen Gulf integration, modernise travel systems and improve the efficiency of security services

through advanced technology.

Bahrain and the UAE officially launched the One-Stop project on February 16, 2026, connecting Bahrain International Airport and Zayed International Airport. The initiative allows passengers to complete entry procedures for their destination country before departure, reducing processing times upon arrival and improving the overall travel experience.

GCC-Europe Parliament Talks Held



A parliamentary delegation stressed the importance of unified Gulf-European positions to address regional and international challenges during the 10th GCC-European Parliamentary Committee meeting, held virtually on Wednesday.

Led by MP Ahmed Sabah Al Salloom, the delegation reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to promoting regional and international security through dialogue and peaceful diplomatic solutions. It also described recent Iranian attacks targeting infrastructure in the region as a serious threat to regional stability, international maritime security and global energy markets.

The meeting reviewed mechanisms to strengthen cooperation between GCC legislative councils and the European Parliament, following previous decisions by GCC parliamentary leaders and discussions between the GCC Secretary-General and European Parliament President Roberta Metsola.

AI Creates New Opportunities



Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfeeqi said artificial intelligence is opening new opportunities for Bahrain's youth, stressing the importance of investing in young people's digital skills to prepare them for the future and support a knowledge-based economy. She made the remarks during the "Hadith" (Dialogue) session at Youth City 2030, titled Inspiring Youth Experiences in Artificial Intelligence.

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