

Unpaid wages remain top concern

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The Migrant Workers Protection Society (MWPS) announced plans to launch a dedicated African Communities Help Desk to strengthen assistance for migrant workers, as it reported 42 cases in the first quarter of 2026, with an 85 per cent resolution rate.

The announcement was made during a press briefing held at the headquarters of YK Almoayyed & Sons, where MWPS said April 2026 alone recorded a 45 per cent case resolution rate.

The new help desk will focus on supporting African nationals, including communities from Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan, Kenya, Uganda and Cameroon.

It will coordinate with community leaders and consulates in regional hubs such as Riyadh and Abu Dhabi to provide legal aid, repatriation support, immigration clearance assistance, and access to basic services.

"This is not just a hotline – it is a bridge," said MWPS Chairperson Mona Almoayyed, adding that the initiative aims to overcome language and administrative barriers faced by workers.

The organisation said it will also approach authorities to re-



MWPS Vice Chairperson Evone Bhaskaran, Treasurer Kavitasree Suvarna, and Media Committee Head Raji Unnikrishnan attended the briefing.

instate a three-month summer midday work ban, which had previously been agreed but not fully implemented.

MWPS said most cases in early 2026 were linked to rent and living costs, immigration penalties, medical assistance, travel costs, and unpaid wages. It noted that salary-related disputes accounted for around 80 per cent of complaints.

Other recurring issues include repatriation support, legal assistance, and delays in visa cancellations or job transfers after termination.



MWPS Case Overview (2024-Q1 2026)

- 2024: 39 cases handled
- 2025: 86 cases recorded, 77 resolved (90% resolution rate)
- Q1 2026: 42 cases reported, 85% already resolved
- April 2026: 45% monthly resolution rate

However, the society said cases involving domestic abuse and illegal residency have declined, crediting government measures and increased awareness among workers.

Youth Identity Launch Unveiled

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Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiq, Minister of Youth Affairs, attended the launch of the new visual identity of Al Bait Al Oud Authority at Bin Matar House in Muharraq. Officials, youth advocates and a group of creative young participants were present.

Speaking at the event, the minister described the unveiling as a key milestone in the kingdom, highlighting a strategic approach focused on empowering young people and

involving them in shaping national programmes.

She said the initiative aligns with the vision of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, to strengthen the role of youth in preserving Bahrain's cultural heritage.

The Minister added that the associated hackathon reflected an advanced model of youth-driven creativity, translating national values into a modern visual language that reinforces Bahraini identity and deepens a sense of belonging.

Economic Relations Strengthened



His E.H. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, received Moon Byung-jun, Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, in a meeting that underscored the growing Bahrain-South Korea partnership and explored further cooperation in trade, economic development, and areas of mutual interest.

AUBH: HM the King's remarks reinforce loyalty and national unity

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Acting President Dr Wafa Al Mansoori

American University of Bahrain said remarks by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa reflect a firm national vision placing the kingdom's security, sovereignty and stability as top priorities essential for sustaining development.

In a statement, the university said the King's comments to the media underline Bahrain's national cohesion and highlight

the importance of unity and solidarity behind the leadership to safeguard achievements and confidently confront challenges.

The university affirmed that educational institutions play a key role in instilling values of loyalty, belonging and national responsibility among younger generations, while preparing qualified national cadres to contribute to the country's progress.

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Mansoori said the king's remarks carried "noble national messages" reinforcing unity and belonging, adding that the university is committed not only to academic excellence but also to fostering civic values and responsibility among students.

The university concluded by renewing its pledge of loyalty to the leadership and expressing hope for continued security, stability and prosperity in Bahrain.

Pilgrimage Mission Sent



Field Marshal Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, Commander of the National Guard, received the head and members of the National Guard's annual Hajj mission. Lieutenant General Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa, Chief of Staff of the National Guard, where he conveyed greetings from HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, wished the delegation success in performing Hajj, and praised the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's efforts in serving pilgrims. (By Rehab Mohammad)

Women Leadership Review



The Equal Opportunities Committee at the Labour Market Regulatory Authority, chaired by Noura Issa Mubarak, Deputy Chief Executive for Legal Enforcement and Protection, held its periodic meeting to review progress on gender balance and workplace inclusion. The session focused on enhancing equal opportunities, strengthening women's representation in leadership roles. (By Rehab Mohammad)

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain supports Friendship Society for the Blind through community footprints initiative

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The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain proudly presented a charitable cash donation to the Friendship Society for the Blind as part of its ongoing commitment to community engagement through The Ritz-Carlton Community Footprints program.

The donation was made possible through funds raised during the hotel's recent Farmers Market and Bentley Aquathlon events, which brought together guests, partners, and the wider community in a shared spirit of giving, reinforcing its dedication to supporting meaningful causes within the Kingdom.

The handover was attended by the hotel's General Manager, Bernard de Villele, who commented, "At The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, we believe in the power of community and the responsibility we share to uplift those around us. Our continued support to the Friendship Society for the Blind reflects our ongoing commitment to creating meaningful impact in the Kingdom of Bahrain, empowering individuals and supporting initiatives that enhance lives. It is through these collective efforts that we continue to build



Bernard de Villele, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain General Manager, hands over the symbolic cheque to Mr. Ali Mohamed Haji Husain on behalf of the Friendship Society for the Blind, in the presence of the hotel's senior leaders

a more inclusive and compassionate society."

In attendance were senior leadership, reflecting the organization's collective commitment to making a tangible difference.

The contribution was received on behalf of the Friendship Society for the Blind by Mr. Ali Mohamed Haji Husain.

Established in 1981, the Friendship Society for the Blind is a non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting individuals with visual im-

pairments through education, training, and social integration initiatives.

The society continues to play a vital role in empowering its members and enhancing their independence within the community.

Support

With the support of the ownership, the hotel's leadership, and its Ladies and Gentlemen, guided by the principles of Community Footprints, The

Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain remains committed to creating meaningful connections and driving positive impact within the communities it serves.

For additional information about The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, please call the hotel directly at (+973) 1758 0000, or visit The Ritz-Carlton website at ritzcarlton.com/bahrain.

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Advancing Market Vision



Bahrain Bourse convened its second 2026 town hall, led by CEO Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, to review progress on its Strategic Roadmap 2026-2028 and align teams on key priorities driving market growth, transparency, and long-term sustainability in Bahrain's capital markets.