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# HM King hails Bahraini medical professionals

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa praised the dedication, accomplishments, and contributions of Bahraini medical and healthcare professionals, both locally and internationally.

He highlighted their role in advancing the Kingdom of Bahrain's healthcare system and their growing presence in leading regional and global medical institutions.

HM the King made the remarks while receiving senior members of the royal family, senior officials, citizens, and a group of distinguished medical professionals at Sakhir Palace.



HM the King meets senior royals, top officials, and achievers

Following a recitation from the Holy Quran, His Majesty delivered a royal address reaffirming Bahrain's long-standing tradition of direct engagement with all segments of society.

He underscored the impor-

tance of honouring citizens whose achievements in national service bring pride to the Kingdom.

HM King Hamad noted that Bahrain's healthcare system, with roots dating back to the late 1800s, has achieved remarkable

growth, driven by national development and the outstanding efforts of its professionals.

He commended the sector's most notable achievements, shaped by Bahraini expertise, which continue to enhance the

system and inspire future generations.

His Majesty expressed appreciation to the Minister of Health and all healthcare professionals for their contributions to improving healthcare quality and

consolidating Bahrain's prominent standing in this vital sector.

Following the address, the medical professionals had the honour of greeting HM the King, who congratulated them on their achievements, expressed gratitude for their service to public health, and extended best wishes for their continued success in serving the Kingdom.

Health Minister, Her Excellency Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hasan, delivered an address in which she expressed, on behalf of herself and all personnel in Bahrain's healthcare sector, gratitude and appreciation to HM King Hamad for the ongoing support received by the health sector.

## Heavy vehicle ban on King Hamad Highway from Sep. 1

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The General Directorate of Traffic has announced that, effective September 1, the King Hamad Highway will be added to the list of roads where heavy vehicles weighing over three tonnes are prohibited during peak traffic hours – 6:30am to 8:00am and 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

The measure, part of ongoing efforts to improve traffic flow and enhance safety on key roads, excludes emergency vehicles and pre-authorised public service vehicles.

The Directorate urged all companies, institutions, and drivers to comply with the restrictions, emphasising that cooperation among road users is essential for maintaining public safety and ensuring smooth traffic movement.

It also confirmed that field inspection campaigns will be intensified to ensure compliance.

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- Stricter laws planned
- 500 cameras coming
- Shift from awareness

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Bahrain is ramping up its traffic enforcement with a proposed overhaul of penalties for serious violations and the installation of 500 new surveillance cameras, in a major move to enhance road safety and public accountability.

The new measures come in implementation of the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and are part of broader legislative and legal steps initiated by the Interior Ministry to deter reckless driving and reduce fatalities.

### Policy shift

Major Khalid Buqais, Director of Traffic Culture at the General Directorate of Traffic, said during a televised interview that the proposed amendments would

modernise Bahrain's traffic law by increasing fines and introducing custodial penalties for severe violations such as running red lights, excessive speeding, and reckless driving.

"These changes reflect the leadership's vision to align the law with today's traffic realities and reinforce discipline on the roads," he said on Bahrain TV's 'Shams Al Bahrain' programme.

The reform will also allow for licence suspensions and vehicle confiscations in cases involving serious injuries or fatalities. Buqais

## Safety Overhaul

Legislative overhaul and 500 cameras mark safety shift



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Major Khalid Buqais

noted that enforcement efforts by the General Directorate of Traffic are continuous and not limited to special campaigns or periods.

He underscored that public awareness remains crucial, but added that traffic education must begin at home and in schools. "Awareness is not optional, it's a social necessity," he said.

### Tech-driven enforcement

One of the most notable developments is the rollout of 500 new traffic surveillance cameras, as which Buqais described as

a "qualitative leap" in enforcement capacity. The cameras are expected to enhance monitoring, deter violations, and support investigations.

This move, officials say, aims to position Bahrain among the leading countries in traffic safety through a combination of legislative reform, public education, and smart technology.

Buqais reaffirmed the General Directorate's commitment to 24/7 efforts to safeguard lives and property across Bahrain's road network.

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