

# Winter seaside project proposed for Busaiteen

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A patch of seaside land in Busaiteen may be turned into a winter hangout with food, games and family seating. That is what Muharraq councillor Abdulqader Al Sayyed is aiming for.

He has proposed transforming Plot No. 02029612, an 82,800 square metre strip in Al Saya, into Shitwiyyat Al Saya, a seasonal retreat open during the cooler months.

The plan involves no fixed buildings, only temporary set-ups such as food trucks, open-air seating and small performance spaces.

### Idea

The idea is to make the most of the area’s sea view while keeping its raw feel intact.



Similar project in Saudi Arabia

People could stroll, eat and spend time outdoors, with space set aside for local vendors and children’s play zones. Evenings would be softly lit.

Trees, or at least temporary greenery, would help frame the space. A security presence and

health services are also part of the proposal.

### Public tender

Al Sayyed is calling for a public tender to find a private backer.

He wants the winning bidder to be given six months to get



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the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, with a view to placing it on the agenda for formal discussion.

In his view, this is a chance to make better use of public land and draw people to the coast without altering it beyond recognition.

It is also, he suggests, a way to give residents of Busaiteen and nearby areas something to enjoy closer to home.

### Detailed study

He has already submitted the proposal and a detailed study to

ILA to host ‘India 78: Unplugged’ quiz  
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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA), Bahrain, will host India 78: Unplugged, a special quiz event marking the 78th anniversary of India’s independence, on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Epix Cinema, Dana Mall, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

The competition, open to school teams, corporate houses, and community groups, aims to celebrate India’s vibrant culture, rich history, and enduring legacy.

Participants will face intellectually stimulating rounds covering topics from history and politics to art, science, and culture, offering both an educational and entertaining experience.

### Journey

According to ILA President Mrs. Smitha Jensen, the event is “more than a quiz — it’s a journey through India’s glorious past and dynamic present.”

She added that the response has been overwhelming, with registrations from leading corporate teams and community groups across Bahrain.

Winners will receive attractive prizes, and all participants will gain a deeper appreciation of India’s contributions across various fields. Limited registration slots remain available.

## Cable extension works in Riffa

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The Ministry of Works, in coordination with the General Directorate of Traffic at the Ministry of Interior, has announced the continuation of electricity cable extension works for the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) along Mishtan Street, Noon Street, Umm Al-Nasan Street, and Muharraq Street in the Riffa area until Sunday, August 31, 2025.

The Ministry urged citizens and residents to follow traffic regulations and exercise caution in the area to ensure the safety of all road users.

## Applications open for Imtiaz Initiative until August 30

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The Supreme Council for Women has opened applications for the fifth edition of the “Imtiaz” Initiative, inviting Bahraini female entrepreneurs to showcase their projects and success stories.

The initiative recognises women under 45 with at least three years of entrepreneurial experience.

Applicants must be Bahraini nationals, submit a financial report, and hold a valid business licence with at least 50% ownership in a trade or service-based project.

Applications close on August 30.

The initiative aims to empower women, promote economic participation, and highlight outstanding business models.

# Rare total lunar eclipse to grace Bahrain skies on September 7

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Astronomy enthusiasts in Bahrain and across the Arabian Gulf will witness a rare total lunar eclipse on the evening of Sunday, September 7, coinciding with the full moon of Rabi’ al-Awwal 1447 AH, astronomer Mohammed Redha Al Asfour has announced.

Describing it as one of the most significant astronomical events of 2025, Al Asfour said the eclipse will be visible across the Kingdom’s skies, passing through several phases over approximately five hours and 27 minutes.

The event will begin with a penumbral eclipse, followed by a partial eclipse, reaching its peak during a total eclipse that will last one hour and 22 minutes, when the moon turns a dark red hue — a phenomenon known as the “blood moon.”

The eclipse prayer period in Bahrain will be between 7:27pm



A visual illustration of the celestial phenomenon. Inset, Bahraini astronomer Mohammed Redha Al Asfour

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and 10:56pm local time, coinciding with the partial and total phases.

Al Asfour noted that this will be the first total lunar eclipse visible in Bahrain since July 2018 and will not occur again until December 31, 2028.

He encouraged the public to observe and document the spectacle, which can be viewed safely with the naked eye, offering a prime opportunity for both astronomy and photography enthusiasts.

## Talks to promote visual arts scene

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His Excellency Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman of the National Arts Council, held a consultative meeting with the Chairman and Board Members of the Bahrain Contemporary Art Association, as part of efforts to support national cultural and artistic initiatives and to strengthen engagement with institutions involved in the development of the visual arts scene in the Kingdom.

The meeting reviewed the association’s recently organised activities and events, as well as its upcoming plans aimed at supporting Bahraini artists and highlighting their achievements.

## Disney On Ice



The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) announced that the world-renowned show Disney On Ice will take center stage at the Bahrain Summer Festival 2025, offering a spectacular live experience for families from August 12 to 17 at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB). Organised by the BTEA in strategic partnership with Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre, the event underscores the Kingdom’s continued efforts to enhance its position as a leading regional destination for entertainment and family tourism. The live ice skating performance will feature an ensemble of beloved Disney characters including Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, and Goofy, along with fan favorites from Moana, Frozen, Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, Encanto, and Coco.

## Unique artwork



His Excellency Muharraq Governor Salman bin Hindi Al Mannai, graciously received artist Yaqoob Kamal Al-Abdullah, who presented him with a unique artwork celebrating Bahrain’s national identity. He lauded Bahrain’s talented youth, crediting their success to the leadership’s unwavering support in cultivating their skills.