

# Wrong Transfer, Right Trouble

Keeping mistaken money is a crime in Bahrain

TDT | Manama  
Mohammed Darwish

A person who pockets a mistaken Money transfer can be jailed for up to two years, a lawyer has said.

Jassim Al Issa told The Daily Tribune that money sent to the wrong account does not become the property of the person who receives it.

The rule is clear, he said. The cash still belongs to its owner and must be returned once the error is known.

Mobile payment options offered by different apps have become one of Bahrain's most used payment tools, letting people move money in seconds by phone. But a wrong number, a wrong account, or a similar name can send cash to a stranger.

Lawyer Al Issa said the law draws a line between innocent receipt and unlawful taking. Merely receiving money by mistake is not a crime. Keeping it after knowing it is not yours can be. He said Article 396 of Bahrain's Penal Code covers anyone who takes, with intent to own, money that came into their hands by error or force majeure.

The penalty can reach two years in jail, a fine of up to BD200, or both, if the court finds the offence has been made out.



**“Digital payments have not changed the old legal rule money sent by mistake remains the property of its true owner.”**

- JASSIM AL ISSA, LAWYER

Lawyer Al Issa said the recipient need not have caused the mistake. It is enough that they know the money belongs to someone else and still refuse to return it. An error that begins with an innocent transfer can then end as a criminal case. The sender can also bring a civil claim to recover the sum and seek damages if they suffered loss because the money was held from them, he said.

Lawyer Al Issa urged anyone who sends money to the wrong account to keep proof of the transfer, contact the recipient or the bank, and go to the proper authorities if the money is not returned.

Those who receive money by mistake should leave it untouched and return it, or ask the bank to deal with it.

# Hamad Town dog problem triggers ministry action

Field operations launched at archaeological sites after residents raise repeated alarms

TDT | Manama  
Hasan Barakat

The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture launched field operations against stray dogs gathering at archaeological burial mounds in Hamad Town, following repeated complaints channelled through the Northern Municipal Council.

Northern Municipal Council member Abdulla Mubarak Bilal Al Qobaisi flagged the issue after residents reported dog gatherings inside Block 1207's ancient cemeteries, particularly between the fourth and seventh roundabouts — a concern sharpest after dark.

Swift action The ministry referred the complaint to its contracted animal-control company, which verified and mapped the affected sites before beginning targeted removal.

Officials outlined a broader strategy: a new 30-month contract covering capture, sterilisation and temporary shelter at Hafira, plus incoming legislation to register pets by microchip.

“Awareness should come before punishment,” said Mohammed Al Maas, vice-chair-



Stray dogs pictured inside a Bahrain graveyard following complaints from nearby residents.



**“Awareness should come before punishment”**

- MOHAMMED AL MAAS



**“Residents deserve safe and respectful public spaces.”**

- ABDULLA MUBARAK BILAL AL QOBAISI

man of the Bahrain Society for Cats and Dogs, urging organised feeding over outright bans.

Officials confirmed that Bahrain remains rabies-free and called for stronger media awareness campaigns.

# Maqasees Market Must Stay Bahraini, Councillor Says

Northern Municipality urged to take charge of 2,000sqm heritage site

TDT | Manama  
Hasan Barakat

Northern Municipal Council member has called for the new 2,000-square-metre Maqasees market to be managed by the Northern Municipality and reserved for long-standing Bahraini vendors.

Abdulla Mubarak Belal Al Qubaisi, representing the Ninth Constituency, submitted the proposal during the council's latest meeting, warning the project must not lose the popular character it was built to protect.

The market is planned for Hoorat A'ali, near the Farmers' Market.

“The Maqasees market is not merely a place for selling used goods—it is a popular heritage landmark reflecting Bahrain's so-



Councilors discuss the proposal in the last meeting

cial and cultural identity,” Al Qubaisi said.

**Vendors first**

He said leasing priority must go to Bahraini vendors, particularly those from the former Manama and Isa Town markets, with strict rules barring subletting to expatriate workers.

The proposal recommends



The market is planned for Hoorat A'ali, near the Farmers' Market

market operate during evening hours Sunday to Thursday, with morning and evening sessions on weekends.

# Sitra Homes Restored After Iranian Attacks

Government hands over repaired houses to affected residents under royal directives



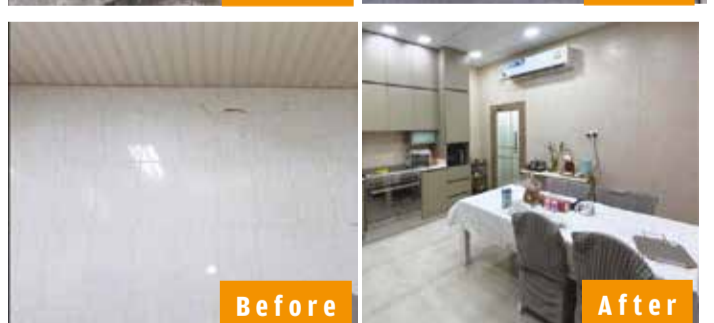
TDT | Manama  
Hasan Barakat

A new batch of homes in Sitra damaged by Iranian attacks has been handed over to residents following the completion of repair works by the Works Ministry and the Housing and Urban Planning Ministry.

The handover followed directives from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and an order from His Royal Highness Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa to compensate citizens whose homes and vehicles were damaged.

Repair works included structural treatment, internal and external finishing, and restoration of affected utilities and services. Specialised engineering teams conducted detailed technical assessments before carrying out the work, which met required quality and safety standards prior to handover.

The Works Ministry confirmed it will continue repairing remain-



ing damaged homes under the approved executive plan, coordinating with relevant authorities to ensure timely and high-quality completion.

Sitra residents praised the swift government response and expressed appreciation for the

royal directives that guided the effort.

“The works helped return our homes to their normal condition,” said one resident, adding that coordination between government bodies had brought reassurance to affected families.

# Breaking the Chain

Bahrain's hospitals and police join forces to free communities from addiction

TDT | Manama

Government Hospitals, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior, held an awareness programme highlighting the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of treatment and rehabilitation.

The event featured educational activities showcasing the specialised services of the addiction treatment unit at the Psychiatric Hospital. A number of recovering patients were honoured for their commitment to overcoming addiction.

Dr. Mariam Al Jalahma,



CEO of Government Hospitals, stressed the need for cross-sector cooperation to strengthen prevention and protect families from drug-related risks.

Dr. Shaima Bucheery, Chief of

Medical Services at the Psychiatric Hospital, said the unit offers comprehensive, evidence-based programmes to help patients regain stability and reintegrate into society.