

Infant dies due to neglect and lack of medical care

● Verdict set for April 14

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The First High Criminal Court has set April 14 for the verdict in a case involving the death of an infant under seven months old, who suffered neglect and mistreatment by his parents and a family associate.

According to investigations, the mother (35), father (26), and the mother's colleague (39) failed to provide necessary medical care for the infant during and after birth.

They also did not report the birth or death to the authorities and buried the child near the mother's workplace without notifying the proper authorities.

It was also revealed that the mother and her colleague were residing in the country illegally, with expired residency permits.

Witnesses, including a colleague who worked with the mother, stated that the mother initially claimed the baby was healthy. However, the mother's colleague later revealed that the child had died two days after birth and was buried near the workplace.

'Grave security threat'

Shura chairman backs Kingdom right to defend itself against Iran aggression

● Royal leadership hailed

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Shura Council chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh opened yesterday's sitting by condemning Iran's missile and drone attack on Bahrain, and backing the Kingdom's response and its right to defend itself under international law.

At the start of the session, Al Saleh said the strike on Bahrain and other Gulf states was "a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of states" and "a grave threat to the security and stability of the region".

He said the Council stood behind His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and backed the steps taken to protect Bahrain's security, sovereignty and the safety of citizens and residents.

He said Bahrain retained "its legitimate right to respond in accordance with international laws and conventions".

Royal care

Al Saleh also praised HM the King's close watch on developments in the region, saying it



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showed the leadership's care for readiness and for the country's safety and stability.

He said Bahrain would stick to peace, dialogue and coexistence, while retaining its rights.

The lawmaker praised His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Prime Minister

and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, for leading this stage "with wisdom and ability", raising the readiness of state bodies and keeping basic services running.

Cost

He also welcomed the order by HRH the Crown Prince and

Prime Minister for the government to cover the cost of repairing homes damaged in the attack. Al Saleh said the move showed direct care for citizens' safety and support for them in hard times.

The chairman praised the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) for repelling the attack "with high efficiency and constant vigilance".

He also thanked the Interior Ministry and other security bodies for keeping public order and reassuring people, while praising the media for reporting accurate information and the ministries and state bodies for meeting essential needs.

Unity

Al Saleh said Bahrainis had shown "an honourable picture of national unity" during the attack, rallying behind their leadership and showing that Bahrain's real strength lay in "the unity of its people and the cohesion of its national fabric".

He urged citizens and residents to follow instructions from the authorities, check information before sharing it and avoid rumours.

"We stress the importance of taking news from official sources," he said.

Malkiya Beach knife attack trial

● March 15: Next hearing

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The First High Criminal Court has begun the trial of a 24-year-old Bahraini man accused of stabbing another man at Malkiya Beach, leaving the victim with a permanent disability estimated at 1%.

The court adjourned the case to March 15, 2026, to bring the defendant from detention.

According to the Public Prosecution, the defendant assaulted the victim on October 20, 2025, stabbing him in the middle of the chest with a knife and causing injuries described in the forensic medical report, which resulted in a permanent disability of 1%.

An officer at the Ministry of Interior testified that police received a report of a fight at Malkiya Beach, after which the victim was transferred to Salmaniya Medical Complex.

Upon meeting the victim, officers observed a stab wound in the middle of his chest.

Shura approves abortion exception in two cases

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Fatal foetal defects and danger to the mother are the only two grounds on which legal abortion would be allowed under a proposal passed by the Shura Council yesterday.

The measure keeps abortion a criminal offence as a rule, but rewrites Article 19 of Decree-Law No. 7 of 1989 to allow an exception in two cases only, with written consent, specialist reports and treatment confined to licensed hospitals.

Supporters said in the chamber that the change was meant to bring the law into line with modern medical diagnosis while keeping the exception within a very small field.

Information

Dr Jameela Al Salman, Head of the Services Committee, said medical progress now gave pregnant women clearer information in cases where a foetus had a grave abnormality. Speaking by video link, she



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said the committee had looked at laws across the Gulf and had chosen wording she said was narrower than that used else-

where.

"They refer to severe malformation," she said. "Our proposal says severe malformation and that life would not be possible after birth."

She told members: "This is a restriction to very specific cases, not an expansion of abortion."

Life

Under the text passed by the council, abortion would be allowed where there is no other way to save the pregnant woman's life, provided this is confirmed by a medical committee made up of three consultant doctors licensed to practise in Bahrain.

The procedure, or any drug given for that purpose, would have to take place in a government hospital or an authorised private hospital and be carried out by a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology.

Written consent from the woman would also be required, save in emergency cases calling for immediate surgery.

Gulf Air to operate repatriation flights

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Gulf Air has confirmed that, amid the ongoing closure of Bahrain's airspace, it will operate repatriation flights from Dammam to assist Bahraini citizens and residents.

The scheduled flights include departures from London Heathrow at 09:30 arriving in Dam-

mam at 19:20, from Manchester at 10:15 arriving at 20:15, and from Singapore at 20:00 arriving in Dammam at 23:05.

Passengers are reminded to arrive at the airport only with a valid, confirmed ticket. Travelers from Dammam to Bahrain must arrange their journey independently, including fulfilling all Saudi Arabia visa requirements.

Gulf Air emphasized that passenger and crew safety remains its top priority and expressed regret for any inconvenience caused by the temporary airspace closure. The airline also confirmed that regular operations will resume once the Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs confirms the safe reopening of Bahrain airspace.

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SILAH GULF B.S.C.

Invitation to the Annual General Meeting (the "AGM") of Silah Gulf B.S.C. (the "Company")

The Board of Directors of Silah Gulf B.S.C. (72853) are pleased to invite the Shareholders of the Company to attend the AGM due to be held at 10 AM (Bahrain time) on Monday 30th of March 2026, conducted virtually via Zoom to discuss and approve the following agenda items. In the absence of legal quorum to hold the meeting, the second meeting date will be on Monday 6th of April 2026, and if a third meeting is required, it shall be on Monday 13th of April 2026 at the same time and platform. Please refer to the Notes below and Proxy Form for further details and information on participation and registration.

The Agenda of the Annual General Assembly Meeting

1. Approval of the minutes of the past Constituent General Meeting of the Company held on 17th February 2026.
2. Discuss and approve the Board of Directors' Report on the Company's activities for the year ended 31 December 2025.
3. Listen to the external audit or report for the year ending 31 December 2025.
4. Discuss and approve the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.
5. Approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to allocate the profit for the year ended 31 December 2025 as follows:
 - a) Distribution of Cash Dividend to registered shareholders of 7% of share nominal value which is equivalent to 7 fils per share amounting to BD 381,720 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Event	Date
General Meeting Date (Shareholders' approval date)	30 March 2026
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	31 March 2026
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	1 April 2026
Record Date (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	2 April 2026
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	13 April 2026

- b) To transfer of 10% of the net profit amounting to BD 47,080 to the statutory reserve in accordance with Article 224 of the Commercial Companies Law.
 - c) To transfer the amount of BD 41,998 to the retained earnings.
6. To approve the disbursement of the remuneration to the members of the Board of Directors in the sum of BD 47,000 for the financial year ended 31st December 2025, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
 7. To approve the Company's purchase of its own shares (treasury shares) up to 10% of its issued and paid-up share capital for the purposes of optimizing capital structure and to authorize the Board of Directors, or anyone authorized by the Board, to execute the purchase, or disposal of such shares in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.
 8. Notification of transactions carried out during the financial year ended 31 December 2025 with any of the related parties as presented in Note 21 of the audited Financial Statements, in line with Article 189 of the Commercial Companies Law.
 9. Discuss and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 regarding the Company compliance status with Central Bank of Bahrain and Ministry of Industry and Commerce regulatory requirements.
 10. Absolve the Directors from liability for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.
 11. Discuss any other matter in accordance with Article 207 of the Commercial Companies Law.

Important notes to Shareholders:

1. All shareholders who intend to attend the meeting, or whom they authorize, are kindly requested to register in advance to receive the invitation and the meeting link, by adhering to the required steps as per the following link: <https://www.bahrainclear.com/ba/>
2. Registration for participation in the virtual AGM will take place from 22 March 2026 and shall close 24 hours before the meeting time by visiting the above link of Bahrain Clear. Attendees will be sent a registration link followed by access details to attend the AGM.
3. Shareholders whose names are registered in the share register of the Company on the date of the meeting are entitled to participate in the AGM or appoint a Proxy to attend the AGM and vote on behalf of such shareholder provided such Proxy is not the chairman, members of the board, or employee of the Company, however, this shall not prejudice the right to appoint a proxy for relatives to the first degree of relationship.
4. If the shareholder is a legal person (a company), the authorized person who attends the meeting must submit a proxy form from the shareholder authorizing him/her to attend and vote on his behalf, and the proxy form must be in writing and issued by the authorized person in the company and stamped with the company's seal.
5. Proxy Forms can be obtained from the website for the Share Registrar: www.bahrainbourse.com or the Company's website: www.silahbh.com or from the office of Bahrain Clear Company - Bahrain Financial Harbor, 4th Floor, Phone: +973 17208833, Fax: +973 17228061, email: registry@bahrainbourse.com. Please e-mail the completed and signed Proxy Forms (digitally signed or scanned copy of the physically signed Proxy Form) to registry@bahrainbourse.com at least 24 hours prior to the AGM. Proxies will also be required to be uploaded on the eAGM website. Please note that proxies submitted after the deadline are not valid for the purpose of the meeting.
6. Proxyholders shall present an identity card with signature as proof of identity.
7. It is not possible for the shareholder to change his/her vote after he/she has voted, and this is based on the resolution of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce No. (63) of 2021 regarding measures for meetings by electronic means and the conditions and controls of the electronic voting system in the general assembly of the joint-stock company.
8. Resolutions to be adopted in the AGM will be subject to the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Central Bank of Bahrain.
9. The meeting will be recorded electronically, in audio and video, for record-keeping purposes.
10. We recommend you to attend the e-meeting from your computer or laptop in order to have better quality service; also, you have the option to attend the meeting using your tablet or smartphone (Mobile).
11. Electronic copies of the meeting documents will be available at the company website: www.silahbh.com and at Bahrain Clear website: <https://www.bahrainclear.com/ba/>
12. The financial statements are available on the company's website (www.silahbh.com) and Bahrain Bourse's website.
13. For further inquiries, you may contact us through Phone: +973 17155200 or Email: info@silahbh.com

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

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