

MPs Join Riyadh Parliamentary Talks

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The Parliamentary Group will join the 39th conference of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union by video link, with the Riyadh meeting running from 9 to 11 June under the title 'An Arab Parliamentary Vision for a More Stable and Sustainable Future'.

The delegation will be led by Speaker Ahmed Al Musallam, chairman of the executive committee of Bahrain's Parliamentary Group.

The Bahraini side will also take part in the virtual GCC co-ordination meeting held alongside the conference, as well as the 42nd meeting of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union's executive committee.

That meeting will discuss the report of the union's general secretariat, the report of the temporary financial committee, the report of the temporary parliamentary diplomacy committee, and the Arab group's nomination for the presidency of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.



On the sidelines of the conference, the executive committee of secretaries-general will meet, along with the 47th meeting of the Association of Secretaries-General of Arab Parliaments.

Those talks will cover the role of research and infor-

mation centres in guiding parliamentary decisions and improving legislative work.

The Bahraini delegation includes MP Ahmed Abdulwahid Qarata, Second Deputy Speaker; Shura Council member Talal Al Mannai; MP Hisham Al

Awadhi; Shura Council member Fatima Al Kawheji; Mohammed Al Sisi Al Buainain, Secretary-General of Parliament and secretary of the Parliamentary Group; and Karima Al Abbasi, Secretary-General of the Shura Council.

Shura Committees Examine Child, Sport and Rights Laws

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Three Shura Council committees held fourteen meetings during the fourth ordinary session of the sixth legislative term, with members studying a decree-law, a draft law and two proposed laws.

The work was carried out by the Women and Child Affairs Committee, the Youth Affairs Committee and the Human Rights Committee, whose remit also included visits, meetings with public bodies and other groups, talks with guests and experts, and attendance at relevant forums.

The Women and Child Affairs Committee, chaired by Ejlal Bubbshait, held five meetings, completed two reports and provided one specialist view to the Services Committee on a proposed law amending parts of Decree-Law No. 7 of 1989 on the practice of human medicine and dentistry.

It also studied a draft law amending parts of the Child Law, issued under Law No. 37 of 2012, drawn from an amended proposal submitted by the Shura Council.

The same committee discussed another proposed amendment to the Child Law, brought by Dr Jehad Al Fadhel, Jamal Fakhro, Dalal Al Zayed and Dr Ali Al Rumaihi.

The Youth Affairs Committee, chaired by Redha Ebrahim Monfaradi, met three times and studied Decree-Law No. 40 of 2025, which amends parts of Law No. 8 of 2021 on sports professionalism.



H.E. Redha Ebrahim Monfaradi

It also received Brazilian MP Eduardo Nantes Bolsonaro for talks on shared parliamentary interests, including youth and sport, renewable energy, food security and public services.

The committee visited Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club during the eleventh race of the 2025-2026 horse racing season.

The Human Rights Committee, chaired by Dr Mohammed Al Khuzaei, held six meetings and conducted three visits and meetings during the same session.

Its work focused on rights awareness and ties with groups working in the field. The committee held an extended discussion titled 'Human Rights Under Bahraini Legislation' to mark the 25th anniversary of the National Action Charter.

It also met the head of the secretariat of the Sub-Committee on Accreditation at the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.

The committee took part in an event held by the Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society to mark Human Rights Day, and attended a National Institution for Human Rights conference on 'Protecting Children in Cyberspace and Preventive Measures'.

From The Court

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Court of Appeal sets June 15 hearing in forged signature case

Former parliamentary office worker sentenced to suspended jail term after conviction over falsified document dispute

A Bahraini court has set June 15 as the date for hearing appeals in a case involving a woman convicted of forging a signature on an official parliamentary document used to cancel her secondment from a Member of Parliament's office.

The First High Criminal Court of Appeal will hear arguments in the case after the defendant was previously sentenced to one year in prison by a lower court. The sentence was suspended for three years, and the court ordered the confiscation of the forged document.

According to court records, the woman—who had been seconded to work in the office of a member of Bahrain's Council of Representatives—was found guilty of falsifying

a secondment cancellation form by imitating the MP's signature and submitting it to official authorities.

The court said the offences were part of a single criminal plan and closely linked, applying penalties for the most serious charge under Article 66 of Bahrain's Penal Code. It also cited mitigating factors, including the complainant MP's waiver of his complaint, which led to a reduced sentence under Article 72.

The court further suspended the prison term, citing the defendant's circumstances and what it described as her low likelihood of re-offending, under Articles 81 and 83 of the Penal Code.

The Public Prosecution said the defendant worked with an unidentified individual to forge the document and knowingly used it by submitting it to terminate her secondment.



The case began when the MP discovered a cancellation form bearing a signature falsely attributed to him. Investigators found that the document was sent through the MP's office email account while it was in the defendant's possession.

Court to hear final arguments in fatal crash case

The First High Criminal Court has scheduled June 15 for closing arguments and the submission of a civil claim in the case of a Bahraini man accused of causing the death of a pedestrian in a traffic accident.

The defendant, a man in his fifties, has denied charges that he negligently caused the death of an Asian pedestrian on April

11, 2026.

Prosecutors allege that the accused failed to exercise due care and attention while driving, and did not take necessary safety precautions, resulting in a fatal collision. They also claim his driving endangered pedestrians in the area.

According to case documents, authorities received a report that the incident occurred in-

side a farm where the defendant was driving a vehicle. Investigators said the vehicle struck the victim, an Asian national, who died from injuries sustained in the crash.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene at around 5:30pm on April 11, 2026. The court is expected to hear final submissions later this month.

Works Ministry launches digital consultancy service

Processing time reduced from 14 days to 7 under the new system

SERVICE CONSULTATION FOR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

A new digital service aimed at providing consultancy services related to construction works for government, semi-government entities, and civil society organizations.

AFTER DEVELOPMENT	BEFORE DEVELOPMENT
Automation of procedures for applications and reduction of completion stages to accelerate transactions and increase efficiency. 7 Working Days	* Reliance on paper documents, official letters for submitting and signing files, and traditional communication channels (phone or email). * Multiple procedures involved in service completion. 14 Working Days

ASPECTS OF SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

- Standardized service (information published, accessible channels)
- Enhanced user interface (UI) and simplified procedures
- 100% Digital transformation for services
- Converting application forms into electronic forms
- Streamlining application steps to a maximum of 6

STEPS TO USE THE SERVICE

- Access the service via the planning platform: planning.bh
- Upload the required documents and submit the application electronically through the system
- Online follow-up of the application status



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- ENGINEER HUDA MIRZA AL SALMAN

of the structural condition of government buildings. It also includes rehabilitation and renovation works.

Engineer Huda Mirza Al Salman, Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Services at the Ministry of Works, said the upgrade reflects the ministry's adoption of digital solutions to support the government's electronic transformation agenda.

She said paper-based applications have been converted into electronic forms, simplifying procedures, reducing administrative steps, and improving efficiency, transparency, and user experience.

Al Salman added that the development is part of a broader plan to enhance the ministry's digital services and strengthen Bahrain's e-government ecosystem, with benefits expected for citizens, investors, and public sector entities.

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Ministry of Works has upgraded its Consultancy Service for Government Entities into a fully digital platform, a move aimed at improving service quality and accelerating public sector procedures.

The enhanced system provides construction-related advisory services to government and semi-government bodies, as well as civil society organisations, and has reduced processing times from 14 working days

More than 1,300 government services have been documented and published, with around 800 already re-engineered to improve efficiency, quality, and user experience across sectors.

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The service covers a wide range of functions, including preliminary and detailed engineering designs, project supervision, coordination of cost estimates, preparation of tender documents, and assessment