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Bahrain's desert areas have seen a surge in visitors as the winter camping season gets under

The increase in visitors coincides with the camping season, which runs from December 5, 2025, to March 25, 2026.

way, with crowds gathering around the Tree of Life and other popular sites amid cooler weather.

Families, young people, residents and foreign tourists have

been flocking to desert locations in recent days, turning them into busy leisure spots and highlighting the seasonal appeal of Bahrain's desert landscape. The increase in visi-

tors coincides with the camping season, which runs from December 5, 2025, to March 25, 2026.

The period traditionally draws large numbers of people to des-

ignated desert areas during the cooler months, with seasonal camps forming a central part of winter recreation and tourism in the kingdom.



Bahrain to welcome cricket legend **Angelo Mathews** for ICC Trophy tour

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The Bahrain Cricket Federation (BCF) has launched the DP World ICC Men's T20 World Cup Trophy Tour in the Kingdom of Bahrain, marking a major moment for cricket fans and the sporting community.

Organised in cooperation with the International Cricket Council (ICC), the three-day Trophy Tour runs until Sunday, giving the public a rare opportunity to see the iconic ICC Men's T20 World Cup Trophy up close.

The tour blends cricket with Bahrain's culture and heritage, featuring a royal boat parade, fan engagement activities at major malls, visits to historic landmarks, and extensive school outreach programmes aimed at inspiring young people and promoting grassroots cricket.



Throughout the tour, fans engaged with the trophy at locations including Water Garden City, The Avenues Mall, Dana Mall, and historic sporting and cultural sites across the Kingdom

Angelo Mathews to Attend

Trophy Unveiling Gala

As part of the Trophy Tour, the Bahrain Cricket Federation announced that Sri Lankan cricket legend Angelo Mathews will be in Bahrain to attend the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Tro-

phy Unveiling Gala.

The gala will be held on Saturday, 10 January 2026, at 7:00 PM at Crowne Plaza Bahrain, bringing together senior officials, corporate leaders, international cricket representatives, and members of the cricketering

fraternity. The event is being held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, President of the General Sports Authority, highlighting Bahrain's continued commitment to sports development and international sporting en-

gagement. BCF officials said the presence of Angelo Mathews adds significant prestige to the occasion and serves as inspiration for the Kingdom's growing cricket community, including more than 15,000 players and fans across Bahrain.

MPs to debate new rules for *Bahrain disability committee*

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MPs will debate on Tuesday Decree-Law No. 34 of 2025, which amends parts of the 2006 statute on disability care, rehabilitation and employment and introduces new provisions for the state committee overseeing disability affairs.

The decree-law updates Bahrain's legal framework to align with modern rights language, support the dignity and rights



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of persons with disabilities, and promote their full participation in public life. The Services Committee has recommended backing the measure.

The reforms recast the organisational structure of the committee and standardise terms across the law. Under the revised rules, the committee will be established by a Prime Ministerial decision, attached to the Ministry of Social Development, with its name, composition and term of membership defined by

that decision. The minister will chair the committee, which will include senior government officials and private-sector representatives. Members may invite experts to advise without voting rights. Internal rules will govern procedures, meetings and decision-making.

The decree-law also replaces the term "Supreme Committee" with "Committee" and updates references to the civil service in Arabic from "Diwan" to "Jihaz," while retaining "Bureau"

in English.

The Legislative and Legal Opinion Commission said the updates align with national disability policy and Bahrain's obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The national strategy for 2023-2027 is being revised and will be shared with MPs once finalised. The decree-law was issued on 19 August 2025 and takes effect the day after publication in the Official Gazette.