

Cultural initiatives move forward

● Street naming and mosque registration

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Two proposals reflecting the cultural and community identity of neighbourhoods in the Northern Governorate moved forward during the latest session of the Northern Municipal Council, focusing on both heritage recognition and support for places of worship.

Councillors approved a recommendation to name Street 1018 in Hamala after Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib, honouring one of the most respected figures in Islamic history.

Street names reflect the history and collective memory of a place.

Members said the initiative aims to preserve the Islamic and cultural identity of local communities while recognising historical figures whose legacy continues to shape the values and traditions of society.

Directions

For many residents, street names are more than simple directions on a map.

They often reflect the history and collective memory of a place, linking everyday spaces to cultural heritage and shared identity.

In the same session, councillors also approved a proposal to register the land of Abdulrahman bin Auf Mosque in Hamad Town under the Sunni Endowments Directorate.

Death for treason

Prosecutors seek capital punishment for defendants accused of colluding with enemy

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The Public Prosecution urged the court yesterday to hand down the death penalty to the defendants in a case alleging collusion with the enemy, saying the charges amount to treason against Bahrain.

Addressing the court during what it described as a procedural hearing, the prosecution said it had not yet been given the chance to make its full case or lay out the evidence it says stands against the accused.

It said it wanted, from the opening stage of the trial, to make plain the scale of the acts in question, the motives said to lie behind them and the meaning of the case now before the court.



The prosecution placed the case against the backdrop of what it called an Iranian attack on Bahrain.

It said the country was facing hard days in which people were living with fear and strain, while the state was using all it had to defend the country and keep order.

In those circumstances, it said, some had chosen to side with the attackers and betray Bahrain by making contact with



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what it described as a terrorist group engaged in violent acts, with the aim of carrying out hostile acts against the kingdom.

It also told the court that the defendants were accused of taking photographs of sites and places where photography is

banned, with the aim of passing on a defence secret linked to the country.

Loyalty

The prosecution said the case showed that the security and sovereignty of Bahrain stood above all else, and that loyalty to the country was not a matter for bargaining.

It said the acts alleged in the case could not be brushed off as a passing breach, but amounted to treason deserving the harshest sentence under the law: death.

The prosecution ended by saying the law would stay firm against anyone who gives up the country's security or dares to betray it, and that justice would reach all those who seek to harm Bahrain's sovereignty and safety.

Rainwater drainage halts A'ali walking track proposal

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Plans to create a dedicated walking and jogging track in A'ali have halted after technical studies found that the proposed site conflicts with existing rainwater drainage infrastructure.

The proposal called for establishing a pedestrian track along Road 4273 in Block 742 to provide residents with a safe and organised space for walking and daily exercise.

However, the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture informed the Northern Municipal Council that the location cannot accommodate the project because part of the area functions as a rainwater drainage channel.

Officials explained that the drainage network plays an essential role in preventing flooding during heavy rainfall.

Small fee, cleaner facilities

Northern Council backs 100 fils charge for using public toilets at several parks and seaside locations

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The Northern Municipal Council approved a proposal to introduce a symbolic 100 fils fee for using public toilets at several parks and seaside locations in the Northern Governorate.

Councillors voted to raise a recommendation to the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture that the fee be implemented at three locations frequently visited by residents: Al Malkiya Coast, A'ali walking track and Abu Subh Coast.

Members stressed that the proposal was designed with the community in mind. Elderly residents and children will be



2. Public parks provide green spaces for recreation, relaxation, and community gatherings.png

exempt from the fee, ensuring that the facilities remain accessible to those who rely on them the most.

Councillors said the decision aims to improve the condition of public toilets in recreational areas that receive large numbers of visitors throughout the week.

They noted that maintaining cleanliness and comfort in these facilities is essential for people who spend time walking along the coast or exercising in public spaces.

In recent years, some of these facilities have suffered from repeated misuse and damage, including broken fixtures and vandalised equipment left behind by unknown individuals.

Concrete benches boost for Salman City public spaces

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Residents walking through Salman City's open spaces may soon find more places to pause and rest after the Northern Municipal Council backed a proposal to install concrete benches in public areas.

Council members approved a recommendation to provide several benches in Block 581 of Salman City.

They will coordinate with the Northern Municipality to determine suitable locations and the mechanism for implementation.

Initiative

Members said the initiative aims to improve comfort for residents who regularly use the city's walkways and open areas, particularly during the evening



The city's walkways and open areas

hours when many people step outside for fresh air and daily walks.

For many residents, a simple bench can make a meaningful difference. It provides a place to rest during long walks, a quiet spot for elderly residents to sit comfortably, and a moment of pause for those spending time outdoors with their families.

Several residents said that

while the open spaces in Salman City are widely used for walking and relaxation, the lack of seating often makes it difficult for people to stay outdoors for extended periods.

Evening walks have become a daily routine for many, especially when the weather is pleasant. A place to sit, even for a few minutes, can turn a short walk into a more enjoyable experience.

Security cameras proposed inside tunnels in Hamad Town

● Safety concerns prompt A'ali road measures

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Road safety concerns in Hamad Town and A'ali were raised during the Northern Municipal Council session, along with proposals to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians.

Council members reviewed a proposal to install security cameras inside the tunnels at Roundabout 6 and Roundabout 14 on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway in Hamad Town. The recommendation was referred to the Ministry of Interior for its views.

Members said the camer-



Tunnel cameras to monitor traffic and enable faster responses to accidents

as could help monitor traffic inside the tunnels and allow quicker response in case of accidents or incidents, particularly because the tunnels are used daily by large numbers of motorists travelling between residential areas.

In the same session, the council also discussed safety concerns at the intersection on Road 4262 near the petrol

station in A'ali.

According to the Ministry of Works, structural changes such as building a roundabout are not feasible due to limited road space and nearby private properties.

Instead, safety improvements will include clearer traffic signs, repainting road markings and installing a speed hump to enhance driver awareness.