

New Steps to Improve Roads, Parking and Waterfront Areas

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Residents raise road safety concerns

Residents in Daih and San-Rabis have called for improved road safety measures and increased parking spaces during a municipal field visit aimed at assessing local infrastructure needs.

The Services and Public Utilities Committee at the Capital Trustees Board, led by Mohammed Tawfiq Al Abbas, inspected the two areas alongside members Huda Sultan and Abdhassan Al Dairi.

Residents highlighted traffic risks linked to poor road visibility and urged the installation of speed calming measures, traffic signals, and convex mirrors to improve safety.

Parking shortages were also raised, with proposals to convert a government-owned plot into a public parking facility to ease congestion in residential zones.

Officials said the visit was part of ongoing efforts to engage directly with residents, adding that recommendations will be submitted to relevant authorities for follow-up and implementation.

Sitra Corniche approved

Plans to redevelop Sitra



Waterfront public space at Sitra Corniche

Corniche into a dedicated recreational area have moved forward after municipal approval of a new zoning classification.

The Capital Trustees Board approved a technical committee recommendation to reclassify the site in Block 381, Nabih Saleh, as a recreational zone under the REC category.

Covering more than 42,000 square metres, the project is expected to support improved land use and create an integrated waterfront public space.

Technical Committee Chairman Mubarak Ahmed Al Nuaimi said the decision aligns with broader efforts to develop waterfront areas and expand recreational facilities across the Capital Governorate.

Hamad Town parking expansion moves forward

New parking projects in Hamad Town are awaiting final approval as authorities move to address rising congestion and increasing demand for public parking.

Northern Municipal Council member Abdulla Al Qubaisi said engineering plans have already been approved for key locations in Blocks 1205 and 1210.

The plans include 18 new parking spaces along Road 1047 in Block 1210, eight parallel spaces on Road 559 in Block 1205, and 65 additional temporary spaces created by paving and road markings.

Once implemented, the projects are expected to support safer roads and better urban flow in the growing residential area.

Jordan Senate chief begins official visit



Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh with Jordan's Senate President Faisal Akef Al Fayez
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Jordan's Senate President Faisal Akef Al Fayez arrived in Bahrain on Sunday for an official visit aimed at boosting parliamentary cooperation and strengthening bilateral relations between the two kingdoms.

He was received upon arrival by the Speaker of Bahrain's Shura Council, Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, who welcomed the Jordanian delegation and highlighted the longstanding ties between Manama and Amman. Al Saleh said relations be-

tween Bahrain and Jordan are built on decades of cooperation and mutual respect, noting continued support from the leaderships of both countries for further development of their partnership.

Talks

The visit, made at the invitation of the Bahraini Shura speaker, is expected to include expanded talks between the two sides focusing on parliamentary coordination, legislative exchange, and ways to

enhance institutional cooperation. Discussions will also cover regional and international developments of shared concern, with both sides expected to underline the importance of continued consultation.

Senior Bahraini officials attended the reception ceremony, including First Deputy Speaker Jamal Mohammed Fakhro, Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumeihi, who heads the Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee and the reception delegation, and Secretary-General Karima Al Abbasi.

Love Beyond Words

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It was a day filled with warmth, colour, and little moments of joy at New Millennium School, Bahrain, as Mother's Day was celebrated on 10 May 2026.

Classrooms turned into creative spaces where students poured their affection into handmade cards and decorated photo frames, each filled with messages of love for their mothers. Laughter and excitement echoed as children carefully crafted gifts, eager to take them home as surprises.

The celebration went beyond art and craft.

Teachers shared a simple cupcake recipe with primary students, encouraging them to try baking at home and serve it to their mothers. It was a small idea meant to create a big moment—a shared smile over something made with their own hands.

Throughout the day, the



school was alive with colour and emotion, reflecting the quiet but powerful bond between mothers and children. For many students, it became more than an activity; it was a lesson in gratitude, care, and appreciation.

Thanks

Principal Dr Arun Kumar Sharma extended heartfelt

thanks to mothers everywhere, recognising their love, sacrifices, and role in shaping young lives.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Mrs Geeta Pillai also praised the efforts of students and staff, noting how the celebration beautifully captured the spirit of the occasion and sent warm wishes to all mothers.



13-Year-Old Gardener Shares Simple Tips

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Yousif Alqattan is a 13-year-old gardening enthusiast who has turned his passion for plants into a meaningful daily routine.

Inspired and supported by his grandfather, he began his journey at a young age and continues to share simple gardening advice that encourages beginners to connect with nature.

Yousif believes that starting small is the key to success in gardening. His main advice for beginners is to start with an easy plant like mint and not be afraid of getting their hands dirty. As he says, "Don't fear the dirt—it's where the fun begins."

He also emphasizes the importance of understanding plants rather than following strict routines.

For example, instead of watering on a fixed schedule, he recommends using the "finger test" to check soil moisture.

He explains that plants show clear signs when something is wrong. If a plant leans toward sunlight, it needs more light, while burnt leaves indicate too much exposure. One of the most common mistakes, he says, is overwatering, as many



Farming is for all age groups

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people tend to care for their plants too much.

"Most people drown their plants with too much love," he notes.

Balancing school and farming, Yousif spends an hour daily in his small garden, considering it a time to relax and recharge.

Looking ahead, he dreams of becoming an agricultural engineer and hopes to develop a large organic farm that uses technology for sustainable food production.

'I Love Bahrain' Photography Competition

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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) has announced a photography competition themed "I Love Bahrain," inviting all women residents of the Kingdom to participate.

The initiative aims to celebrate the deep appreciation, safety, and stability that residents en-

joy in Bahrain. The competition encourages participants to capture the essence of the Kingdom through their own lenses—focusing on its vibrant culture, peaceful neighborhoods, modern infrastructure, natural beauty, and the renowned hospitality of the Bahraini community.

Each entry is intended to be a personal expression of gratitude and belonging.

"This initiative is more than a photography contest—it is a heartfelt gesture of solidarity and appreciation," said Smitha Jensen, President of the Indian Ladies Association.

She emphasized that the association values the efforts of Bahrain's leadership and authorities in ensuring harmony and protection for all residents.

Following a brief pause in

activities, the competition also seeks to re-engage the community through creativity and shared values. The ILA encourages women from all walks of life to participate and celebrate Bahrain not just as a place of residence, but as a home they truly cherish.

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