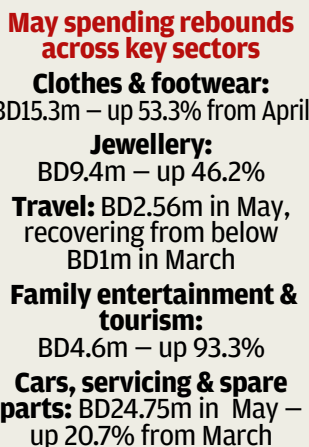


War fears drove March food spending before restaurants, travel and shopping rebounded in May

In other words, almost one dinar in every four spent by card in March went on groceries or eating out.



Spending climbed from BD27.2 million in March to BD37 million in May, an increase of BD9.9 mil-

The category covers court payments, maintenance, child support, fines, bail, tax bills, government postal services and transactions between state bodies, so the figure goes well

The overall amount spent by card has changed little from a year ago. Where Bahrain's money is going, however, has changed far more: food took a larger share during March's war jitters, before restaurants, clothes, jewellery, travel and leisure gained ground in May.

The program attracted strong interest, receiving more than 50 registrations from aspiring Bahraini entrepreneurs, with over 15 young entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners successfully completing the program. Throughout the program, participants explored a range of key topics, including global brand development, international marketing strategies, export packaging require-

The Future Exporters Program reflects the strategic partnership between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Export Bahrain to foster an export culture and entrepreneurial mindset among Bahraini youth. By equipping young entrepreneurs with the practical tools, knowledge, and expertise required to build export-ready businesses, the initiative supports the growth of Bahrain's non-oil exports, enhances the competitiveness of local products and services, and contributes to reinforcing the Kingdom's position as a leading regional and international trade hub.

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