

# Bahrain committed to global climate change efforts

● **HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman chairs meeting reviewing developments in mangroves initiative**

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Bahrain’s environmental projects and sustainable initiatives reflect its commitment to international climate change

efforts, fulfilling the Kingdom’s commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2060.

This was emphasised by His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa as he chaired yesterday a meeting to review the latest developments on the National Afforestation Plan and the Bahrain Mangroves initiative, at Riffa Palace.

### Plans

He highlighted the impor-

tance of implementing plans which support environmental conservation and sustainability efforts to achieve the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

His Highness affirmed Bahrain’s commitment to sustainable development to ensure progress incorporates environmental conservation and con-



HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman

sideration.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman was briefed on the progress made by the National Afforestation Plan and the Bahrain Mangroves initiative.

### Appreciation

He expressed his appreciation for the efforts made by the various teams and relevant authorities, noting the importance of continuing to work as a team to achieve further success in preserving the Kingdom’s environ-

ment and ensuring the sustainability of its resources.

His Highness highlighted the importance of community partnerships and the enhancement of environmental awareness in achieving environmental goals and ensuring the success of national efforts to conserve natural resources.

He urged all members of society to uphold sustainable environmental practices to safeguard resources for future generations.

## Man cleared over 35 months of alleged unpaid wages

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A man has been acquitted of allegedly withholding a domestic worker’s wages after a lower criminal court said the case lacked proof.

Prosecutors said she went unpaid for 35 months, totalling BD5,250. The verdict was delivered in public session.

### Payroll

The defence, led by lawyer Jassim Al Esa, challenged the claim and asked the court to summon the worker and obtain payroll and remittance records, along with telecoms and regulatory data.

Prosecutors said the worker’s monthly wage was BD150 and alleged non-payment from June 2022 until this year.

Al Esa said the worker moved to the ex-wife’s household after a divorce and that the complaint arose from a



Jassim Al Esa, lawyer maintenance dispute.

### Bank transfers

He added that bank transfers show the worker sent money to her family in the Philippines and argued that doubt should favour the accused.

The court said the case rested mainly on a statement submitted on the worker’s behalf and was not backed by other material in the file.

As it was not satisfied the charge was proven, it returned an acquittal.

# ‘Zero Staff, Unsafe Gear’

Parent urges safety checks, easier complaints

● **Staffing allegedly absent**

● **Unsafe design alleged**

● **Complaint process questioned**

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A Bahraini father has accused a popular indoor play area at a mall in Manama of failing to ensure children’s safety after his young daughter suffered two fractures while playing there on Thursday.

According to the father, who spoke to The Daily Tribune, the child was taken first to the emergency unit at Salmaniya Medical Complex and later to a private hospital, where doctors confirmed two fractures.

### No staff present

The father alleged that when his family entered the play area, “nobody” was on duty. “Only one lady came later. She is the cashier, she is the security, she’s watching - everything,” he said, adding that she appeared untrained to respond to emergencies.

The father claimed the staff offered no assistance during



Doctors confirmed two fractures after the child’s fall at the indoor playground

the accident and did not follow up afterwards. “Zero, nobody... even by call. How’s your baby?... Zero, nothing,” he said.

### Unsafe equipment

He further alleged that the playground’s design posed hazards to children. “There is a steel bar, two meters plus... they cover it by leather. Kids think this is soft, but the accident is on steel,” he said. He also pointed to a slide that ends abruptly, which he believes increases the risk of injuries.

“Not at all following safety, especially for kids... I don’t know



The child was rushed to hospital after suffering fractures at the play area - she is now recovering at home



Father claims unsafe design caused the accident

how they get approved to run this business,” he said, questioning how such facilities are allowed to operate.

The father added that he had signed an agreement before allowing his daughter to play, but only realised its implications afterwards. “I signed before I

read,” he said, alleging that police later told him such waivers were “unfair.”

### Calls for accountability

The father stressed that child safety should come before business, and urged authorities to simplify complaint procedures so parents are not discouraged from reporting unsafe practices. “If they can’t do right, whatever they need to do, they should write,” he said, describing the waiver and current system as “unfair.” He also said the operator did not brief families on safety equipment such as helmets, gloves, or knee supports. Complaints regarding the incident have been filed with the police and with the Consumer Protection Directorate of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

## Human trafficking case

Asian woman lured with job, forced into prostitution

● **Court verdict set for next month**

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A 33-year-old Asian woman who came to Bahrain believing she had secured a cleaning job was instead forced into prostitution, according to court documents.

The First High Criminal Court has set October 14 to issue its verdict in the case.

Case details indicate the victim was first informed of an employment opportunity in Bahrain through a friend in her home country.

### Travel

She later contacted the 38-year-old defendant, who arranged her travel by sending an airline ticket and visa via WhatsApp.

Upon arrival, the victim was taken by taxi to an apartment, where her passport was confiscated, her movements restricted, and she was told she would be working in prostitution.

Another woman was also found living in the apartment, receiving clients daily.

### Escape

The victim eventually man-



**The defendant had lured her under the pretense of legitimate employment, depriving her of liberty and coercing her into prostitution through threats and deceit.**

aged to escape and reported the matter to the police.

Investigations revealed that the defendant had lured her under the pretense of legitimate employment, then exploited her vulnerable situation by depriving her of liberty and coercing her into prostitution through threats and deceit.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendant with human trafficking, alleging that she recruited, transported, received, and harbored the victim unlawfully, relying entirely on the proceeds of her exploitation.

## Forgery scandal rocks beauty salon partnership

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A business partnership between two women to establish a beauty salon has escalated into a forgery case now before the Bahraini courts.

According to case files, one partner allegedly exploited the electronic signature system without the knowledge of her co-partner, appointing

herself as manager of the commercial register and granting her Asian husband full signing authority.

The matter came to light in 2024 when the victim discovered her access to the “Sijilat” commercial registry platform had been blocked.

Upon inquiry with the relevant ministry, she found a forged authorization bearing her falsified signature, which

added the husband as an authorised signatory.

### Fabricated document

A second fabricated document also appointed the accused wife as manager of the register.

Investigations revealed that the wife had used her electronic key to upload the forged documents.

The husband admitted during

questioning that his wife was behind the submissions.

### Collusion

The Public Prosecution charged the couple with forgery and the use of forged documents during 2023–2024, alleging collusion with an unidentified individual to fabricate meeting minutes that falsely appointed the wife as manager and the husband as signatory.