

Mara’ee welcomes rare rabbits

A must-visit attraction for families, children and animal enthusiasts

- Exhibition features more than 12 different breeds
- Highlighting unique characteristics to educate visitors on proper care

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Mara’ee 2025, for the first time in its history, is showcasing a dedicated Rabbit Exhibition, offering visitors a unique opportunity to explore more than 12 rabbit breeds. From giant rabbits to mini and dwarf breeds, the exhibition features species rarely seen in Bahrain and the Gulf, highlighting their beauty, diversity, and charm. Children especially enjoy interacting with the rabbits, playing with them, and even taking photos to capture the experi-

ence.

Highlights

Among the highlights is the New Zealand White rabbit, a male with ruby-red eyes, an eight-month-old appearing in the region for the first time. The New Zealand White is one of the largest rabbit breeds. This giant breed has attracted significant attention from visitors, eager to see its impressive size and gentle nature up close. Other notable breeds on display include the French Papillon, Flemish Giant, and Rex Rabbits, all admired for their size and distinctive characteristics. Visitors can also explore the dwarf breeds and mini rabbit section, which includes the Netherland Dwarfs, Holland Lops, Mini Rex and Lionheads. The Netherland Dwarfs is the smallest breed of rabbits, available in a variety of colors and includes some 2024 ARBA championship winners.

Features

The exhibition also features the Holland Lops, known for



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their friendly and sociable nature, the Mini Rex, known for its velvety fur, the distinctive Lionhead Rabbit with its mane-like fur, and the elegant English



Mini Rex



The New Zealand White rabbit



Rabbit Exhibition



A giant rabbit is being shown in the Gulf for the very first time.

Angora, prized for its long, luxurious coat used in fashion. Maryam Al Bastaki, a member of the Bahrain Rabbit Breeders Association, emphasized that these rabbits make excellent pets, noting that they can be trained to use a litter box and enjoy human interaction from a young age. The exhibition not only allows visitors to admire these rare breeds but also offers insight into their care, habits, and personalities, making it a must-visit attraction for families, children, and animal enthusiasts alike.

Green partnership



H.E. Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak with H.E. Dr. Saud bin Hamoud bin Ahmed Al Habsi, and H.E. Dr. Mohammed Salman Al Hammadi during a visit at a mangrove plantation project

- Highlighting regional cooperation in environmental projects

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On the sidelines of the Bahrain International Exhibition (Mara’ee 2025), His Excellency Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, conducted a field visit to the mangrove plantation project at GPIC and Peninsula Farms. He was accompanied by H.E. Dr. Saud bin Hamoud bin Ahmed Al Habsi, Minister of Agricultural, Fisheries and Water Resources of the Sultanate of Oman, and the accompanying delegation, and in the presence of H.E. Dr. Mohammed Salman Al Hammadi, UAE Assistant Undersecretary for Food Diversity. During the visit, H.E. Eng. Al Mubarak affirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain’s keenness to enhance GCC cooperation in environmental sustainability and food security.

Mangroves

He highlighted the importance of planting mangrove trees as a priority within a num-



ber of national initiatives aimed at supporting national efforts to address climate change challenges. Most notably, he referenced the “Mangroves Bahrain” initiative, which aims to quadruple the number of mangrove trees in the Kingdom of Bahrain by 2035, as part of the Kingdom’s broader efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. His Excellency expressed his pride in the successful models provided by Bahraini companies in agricultural and animal production, which represent an important pillar for achieving food security and enhancing joint GCC efforts in this field. The delegation was received by Eng. Yasser Al Abbasi, CEO of GPIC, where the mangrove plantation project, its implementation mechanisms, and its environmental impact in supporting biodiversity, protecting

coastlines, and enhancing vegetation cover were reviewed. **Initiatives** The project comes as part of a package of initiatives supporting national efforts to quadruple the number of mangrove trees by 2035 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2026. The company has contributed to planting more than 260,000 mangrove trees in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture up to 2025. The GCC delegation also visited Peninsula Farms for agricultural production, where they were briefed on agricultural and livestock production lines, the techniques used to improve production and enhance food security, in addition to reviewing several research and development projects implemented by the company in this field.

Bahrain enhancing parliamentary cooperation with Angola: Al Dhaen

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MP Maryam Al Dhaen emphasised the Kingdom of Bahrain’s commitment to strengthening parliamentary cooperation with friendly nations and supporting the exchange of legislative, oversight, and diplomatic expertise. The lawmaker was speaking as she received His Excellency Mr. Julio Bellarmino Gomes Mayato, Ambassador of the Republic of Angola to Bahrain, yesterday at the Parliament building in Qudaibiya. At the beginning of the meeting, MP Al Dhaen commended the development of relations between Bahrain and Angola across various fields. She stressed the importance of expanding cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the economic and invest-



MP Maryam Al Dhaen receives H.E. Angola Ambassador Julio Bellarmino Gomes Mayato

ment sectors, to achieve shared interests and open new avenues for partnership. MP Al Dhaen also highlighted the role of the Bahraini Parliament in supporting initiatives that contribute to enhancing the investment and development environment. H.E. Ambassador Mayato expressed his appreciation for the Kingdom and its progress in the diplomatic, legislative, and economic spheres. He affirmed his country’s commitment to

developing bilateral relations, activating joint cooperation, and exchanging expertise to serve mutual interests. At the conclusion of the meeting, the importance of continued parliamentary communication and increased visits and meetings was emphasised, as this would strengthen Bahraini-Angolan relations and open broader horizons for cooperation on issues of common interest.

Tannour shops breach rules

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Seven tannour bakeries have been found in breach of rules on the use and quantities of subsidised flour since the start of the current legislative term (2022-2026), the Ministry of Industry and Commerce has told the Shura Council, out of 417 active bakeries. In a written reply to Shura member Fouad Al Haji, Minister, His Excellency Abdulla Fakhro, said the ministry has overhauled how subsidised flour is issued for tannour bread. The process moved to a fully electronic system in 2024, replacing paper steps with elec-



Fouad Al Haji tronic cards and a direct link to Bahrain Flour Mills Company, allowing each allocation to be tracked. The ministry said it also carries out field visits to new bakeries before approving flour quotas, to ensure each share is



H.E. Abdulla Fakhro set under clear rules. A separate electronic link with the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) now adjusts quotas automatically based on the number of workers listed on a bakery’s commercial record.