

# Prepared response

Councils and ministries team up to strengthen drainage systems before rainy season

## ● Pumps and drains checked across Muharraq, Northern Governorate

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Councils in Muharraq and the Northern Governorate say they are working with the Ministry of Works and municipal bodies to prepare drainage networks, pumps and response teams ahead of the rainy season, drawing on lessons from past flooding in residential areas.

Abdulaziz Al Na’aar, chairman of the Muharraq Municipal Council, said planning involved extended talks with undersecretaries and a clear split of tasks between ministries.

“We met with the undersecretaries of all the ministries, and the discussions went on for about a month,” he said. “The Ministry of Works gave us its full plan, as did the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs.”

### Work

He said the Ministry of Works handles main roads while the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs covers internal streets and passages, with stormwater

drainage a core part of the work. The councillor added that many areas already have channels and networks in place, while some newly developed blocks are still being completed.

Al Na’aar pointed to a long-running issue in the Fourth constituency in Muharraq, where a blocked pipe that once carried rainwater to the sea led to repeated overflow into neighbourhoods.

“We had a big problem that lasted four years,” he said, adding that the cause was not identified for a long stretch. “Because of the blockage, rainwater would overflow into the neighbourhoods.”

### Fault

He said engineers from the Ministry of Works, including Eisa Al Malloud, explained the fault and proposed a system of pumps linked to large tanks feeding a final tank that discharges to the sea.

Two pumps were installed, but he said last year’s flooding showed the need for close oversight of day-to-day operation.

“It turned out that the worker there was operating only one pump, not both,” he said. “I contacted the engineer to address the matter.”

He also described an on-site traffic problem near the pumping area, where rubber pipes



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municipal councillor Zainab Al Durazi, representative of the Twelfth constituency and chair of the Services and Public Utilities Committee at the Northern Municipal Council, said preparations are being tracked through a unified plan with the Northern Municipality, the Ministry of Works and other service bodies.

She said a series of coordination meetings reviewed rainwater pooling sites across northern areas, set priorities and agreed a rapid response plan covering team readiness, equipment, suction tankers and pumps.

The councillor added that Ministry of Works teams have started expanded cleaning campaigns for stormwater networks and maintenance at critical points that saw pooling in previous years, alongside checks of drains in key locations.

### Emergency

Al Durazi said the council and relevant bodies have put in place an emergency plan for the season, including dedicated numbers for public reports that will be published by service bodies.

She said the Twelfth constituency is receiving close follow-up due to the need to strengthen parts of its drainage network and improve flow at specific points before the season begins in full.

## Kingdom upholds social justice and equality for all

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The Kingdom of Bahrain continues to advance national initiatives that uphold human rights and strengthen the values of social justice.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Director-General of Verdict Enforcement and Alternative Sentencing, as the Kingdom marked Human Rights Day.

He underscored that these efforts are rooted in the humanitarian principles established by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and reflect the Royal directives that place the preservation of human dignity at the centre of the national reform and sustainable development project.

Shaikh Khalid bin Rashid highlighted that His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, provides strong and ongoing support to strengthen policies centred on empowering individuals and protecting their rights, as well as developing programmes that contribute to achieving social justice.

This approach is also supported by the attention of General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, who supports humanitarian initiatives aimed at strengthening national cohesion.

# Industry Minister pays visit to industrial company factory

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His Excellency Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, conducted a field visit to Bridge Industrial Services Company’s factory in the Salman Industrial Port area, as part of ongoing efforts to follow up on national industrial facilities and developments in the sector.

The Minister emphasised the Ministry’s commitment to supporting national companies and strengthening their role in the economy, highlighting the Bridge’s long-standing contributions and the strength of Bah-



H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro inspects the facilities

rain’s industrial infrastructure and national talent in achieving

the Industrial Sector Strategy (2022–2026).

He was briefed on the company, founded in 1967, its vital role in supporting Bahrain’s industry, and its production lines and services, including welding, precision fabrication, and a machining department equipped with advanced equipment for producing industrial spare parts.

Company representatives noted that the continuous support and facilitation provided to Bahrain’s industrial sector helps enhance and expand services to meet local and regional market needs with high quality and efficiency.

## Exciting programmes for National Day celebrations

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The Northern Governorate has announced the organisation of a series of national activities and programmes aimed at enhancing community participation and reinforcing values of loyalty and belonging.

They are part of the Kingdom of Bahrain’s National Day celebrations and the Anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa’s Accession to the Throne, and the accompanying national events that embody pride in the nation and its leadership.

Hassan Abdullah Al Madani, Northern Governor, said that this year’s programme focuses on enhancing communication and national participation

across all segments of society.

The programme includes several public activities, most notably the traditional Ardah performance in Al Jasra on December 12, the Ardah in Budaiya on December 17, and the Bahrain Police parade on Abu Subh Shore on December 20, in addition to the police music band performance at District 1 Mall and the sports tournament at Al Ittifaq Club.

The Governorate will conclude its activities with the Nation Children 3 event, organised in cooperation with the Human Resources Directorate at the Ministry of Interior, scheduled to take place at Al Liwan Mall from December 25-27.

# Fil-Am groups, Bahrain unite for persons with disabilities

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Filipino and American groups joined the Government of Bahrain and the Bahrain Mobility International Center in marking this year’s International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), celebrated annually on December 3.

The event took place on December 6, 2025, at Sama Bay, and coincided with International Volunteer Day on December 5, marked a significant milestone with the inaugural participation of representatives from the



Communities come together for global day of persons with disabilities

Filipino and American communities, led by the Travelers Tribe

Masonic Club Bahrain (T2). This year’s festival was a lively

celebration of social inclusion, featuring a marathon for chil-

dren, youth, and adults, as well as designated areas for organiza-

tions to present their programs and services.

The involvement of Travelers Tribe and its partner organizations indicated a new era of cross-cultural community engagement in the kingdom’s efforts to support individuals with disabilities.

“We are deeply honored to be the first to represent the vibrant Filipino and American communities at this wonderfully inspiring festival,” stated a by Mitch de Guzman, president of Travelers Tribe Masonic Club Bahrain.