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A driver crosses into the emergency lane, committing a clear traffic violation

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An urgent parliamentary proposal seeks to protect emergency lanes on Bahrain's public roads and highways by using smart traffic systems to stop drivers crossing the yellow line during congestion.

The proposal, submitted by MP Dr Muneer Seroor, calls for modern technology, artificial intelligence and better road design to curb a practice he says puts lives at risk and slows ambulances, Civil Defence vehicles and security patrols heading to crashes and emergency calls.

Dr Seroor said some drivers treat the yellow-line lane as 'an extra driving space' when roads become crowded, rather than leaving it clear for emergency use.

He said the problem has persisted despite traffic fines, meaning the response should move beyond ordinary penalties.

The proposal argues that the yellow line on highways is more than a road marking, describing it as 'a lifeline' for ambulances and Civil Defence crews.



“Recurring violations require smarter solutions, not just punishment.”

DR MUNEEER SEROOR, MP

“Any obstruction may delay the response in critical moments, when human life is measured in minutes and seconds,” Dr Seroor said.

Ambulance Calls Hit 4,498 in March

The Interior Ministry operations room received 1,506 reports in March, while National Ambulance answered 4,498 calls and Civil Defence dealt with 1,674 reports, according to ministry figures.

Emergency patrols handled 24% of traffic cases and 70% of response reports.

Security cases made up the remaining 6%.

National Ambulance took the largest share of calls among the services listed. These included 3,313 cases of illness, 323 road accidents, 538 transfers from private hospitals and health centres to emergency departments, 37 fire-related cases and 287 other incidents.

The General Directorate of Civil Defence received 523 requests for help, 232 fire reports, 79 road accident reports and 88 reports involving fallen trees, poles and signs.

The Coast Guard Command received 32 reports linked to accidents and rescue work. These included 12 accident and rescue calls, 11 marine incidents and six requests for help.

Reports sent through the MyGov app reached 1,906 in March. Cybercrime reports formed the largest group, with 892 cases, followed by 673 reports to general directorates and 303 to the Anti-Economic Crimes Directorate.

The app also received 21 reports for the Child Protection in Cyberspace Unit, 12 for the Anti-Corruption Crimes Directorate and five for the Search and Follow-up Directorate and Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs.

Modernising Business Law to Boost Investor Confidence

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Bahrain introduced amendments to its Commercial Companies Law as part of efforts to modernise the Kingdom's business environment, strengthen corporate governance and enhance investor confidence.

The reforms, issued under Decree-Law No. 38 of 2025, aim to align Bahrain's commercial legislation with global economic and technological developments while simplifying procedures for businesses and investors.

Speaking in an interview, Lawyer Manal Dhahi, Owner of a legal consultancy and law firm said the amendments represent a significant shift in the legal framework regulating companies in Bahrain.

She said one key change is



Lawyer Manal Dhahi, owner of a legal consultancy and law firm

the wider adoption of digital solutions, including electronic board meetings, online general assemblies and electronic voting systems.

According to Dhahi, the measures are expected to speed up corporate decision-making

and facilitate investor participation from inside and outside Bahrain while maintaining secure procedures and data protection standards.

The amendments also allow the establishment of a closed joint-stock company owned by a single shareholder, a move Dhahi described as providing greater flexibility for investors operating within a regulated legal structure.

The reforms further seek to strengthen transparency and accountability by abolishing the "joint participation company" structure and widening the scope of personal liability for company directors and de facto managers.

Dhahi said the changes would help limit the misuse of corporate entities and reinforce protections for creditors and stakeholders.

GCC Advances Digital Integration

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The Kingdom of Bahrain chaired the 28th meeting of the GCC Digital Government Executive Committee as part of its presidency of the 46th Gulf Cooperation Council round.

The virtual meeting was chaired by Mohamed Ali Al Qaed, Chief Executive of the Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA), and attended by heads and representatives of digital government bodies from GCC member states.

Al Qaed stressed the importance of strengthening cooperation among GCC countries in digital government to improve services, boost efficiency, and keep pace with rapid technological change, particularly in artificial intelligence.

He also highlighted digital integration as a strategic priority for building a unified and responsive GCC digital ecosystem.

The meeting discussed several agenda items, including the GCC Digital Government Award, updates on a workshop related to UNESCO's recommendation on the ethics of artificial intelligence, and the "MyGov App" initiative aimed at improving service integration and user experience.



Mohamed Ali Al Qaed chairs the virtual meeting

Fake Signature Conviction

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An employee in a member of parliament's office was convicted by Bahrain's First High Criminal Court for forging an official document, according to court records.

The court sentenced the employee to one year in prison, suspended for three years, and ordered the confiscation of the forged document.

The case centred on an "end of secondment" form used to

cancel an employee's assignment to the parliamentary office. The court found that the defendant had forged the MP's signature on the document without his knowledge or consent.

The investigation began after the MP received an official notification from the Council of Representatives regarding the cancellation request.

He denied signing the document, prompting a forensic examination.

A handwriting expert con-

cluded that the signature was forged and confirmed that the employee had filled in the personal details on the form.

During questioning, the defendant admitted using the office phone and sending emails related to ending her secondment but denied forging the signature, claiming the process had been handled by the MP.

The court ruled that the offences formed part of a single criminal plan but opted for a suspended sentence after the MP waived his complaint.

Heartfelt Mother's Day at BIS

Kindergarten students at Bahrain Indian School marked Mother's Day with a creative activity, planting flowers and decorating personalised pots as gifts to express love and gratitude for their mothers. Principal Saji Jacob said such activities play an important role in holistic development, helping children build emotional intelligence from a young age.



Young men and women participating in the Parliamentary Youth Program attended a session of the Shura Council, where they observed parliamentary proceedings and received briefings on the council's legislative and oversight roles as part of efforts to enhance youth awareness and civic engagement. (By: Rehab Mohammad)

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