With a Size of BHD 200 Million and a Return of 7.00%

Commencement of Subscription in the 48th Issue of the Government Development Bond through Bahrain Bourse

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Bahrain Bourse (BHB) announced that as of Wednesday, 12th of August 2026, and according to the invitation announced by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), Bahraini and Non-Bahraini investors can directly subscribe through the primary market of BHB in the Government Development Bond Issue 48 (BHD 200 million) that has been issued by the CBB on behalf of the Government of Bahrain by executing their orders through registered brokers at Bahrain Bourse. Thereafter, investors will be able to trade the Bond on the secondary market at BHB once listed, which is expected to be on 31st August 2026.

Bahrain Bourse specified that the subscription period through the registered brokers is effective on Wednesday, 12th of August 2026 until Thursday, 13th of August 2026. The subscription will be open on Wednesday from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm and on Thursday from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. The minimum subscription size is 500 bond per subscriber.

The BHD 200 million Bond issued at a par value of BHD 1 each on the 17th of August 2026 for a period of 2 years maturing on the 17th of August 2028. The annual fixed return on these securities is 7.00%, and will be paid bi-annually on 17th of February and 17th of August every year throughout the period of this issue, commencing on 17th of February 2027 up to and including the Maturity Date.

The Central Bank of Bahrain issued the Government Development Bond on behalf of the Government of Bahrain. The Government of Bahrain directly guarantees the Bond securities.

Bahrain India Ties

Minister of Industry and Commerce Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro received Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Vinod Kurian Jacob to discuss bilateral relations and cooperation. During the meeting, Fakhro highlighted the strong ties between Bahrain and India and stressed the importance of expanding cooperation, particularly in the industry and trade sectors. The two sides also discussed several issues of mutual interest and ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation.

From The Court

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Candle Fire Kills Roommate, Woman Jailed

21-year-old sentenced to one year and ordered deported after serving sentence

The High Criminal Court sentenced a 21-year-old Asian woman to one year in prison and ordered her permanent deportation after she completed her sentence for accidentally causing the death of her roommate in a residential fire.

The incident occurred on March 20, 2026, after the woman lit a candle during religious prayer and left it burning on a small wooden table in the bedroom of their company-owned apartment.

The candle is believed to have ignited the table and nearby items, causing the fire to spread through the room. The victim was trapped inside as flames and thick smoke prevented the other women from reaching her.

The defendant told investigators she normally left the candle burning throughout the day and admitted she did not place it on a plate despite knowing the table was wooden.

Security guards and emergency services were alerted after the fire alarm sounded around 2:20 p.m. Firefighters extinguished the blaze, and the victim was taken to the hospital, where she later died.

A Crime Scene Department report concluded that the fire was likely caused by leaving a burning heat source on the wooden table. The defendant admitted the charges and accepted responsibility for the death.