

Next Generation Steps Up

Session marks International Youth Day and explains the Council’s legislative and oversight roles



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Young participants at Youth City 2030 were introduced to Bahrain’s parliamentary system and the legislative and oversight roles of the Shura Council and Council of Representatives during interactive awareness sessions held to mark International Youth Day.

The sessions formed part of programmes aimed at strengthening parliamentary culture among young people, increasing their understanding of legislative work and encouraging active participation in public affairs.

The General Secretariat of the Shura Council organised an interactive session for participants in the first edition of the “Junior Parliamentarian” programme, held in strategic partnership with the Youth Leadership Association and in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

Legal researchers Hawra Ali



and Muneera Al Abbasi delivered a presentation covering the powers and responsibilities of the Shura Council, as well as cooperation between the Shura Council and Council of Representatives and coordination between the legislative and executive authorities.

The session also highlighted the complementary roles of the two chambers and their contribution to Bahrain’s development. Separately, the Secretariat General of the Council of Representatives held an awareness lecture on parliamentary culture as part of Youth City 2030 activities.

Dr Shaikha Al Alaiwi, Executive Legal Researcher at the

Secretariat General, introduced participants to the Council of Representatives, its legislative and oversight powers, parliamentary procedures and the role of parliamentary committees.

The lecture also explained the stages involved in discussing bills and proposals and emphasised the importance of national participation and fostering active citizenship among young people.

The two initiatives reflect the efforts of Bahrain’s parliamentary institutions to promote parliamentary awareness among younger generations and provide them with a better understanding of the country’s legislative process.

Adding Outside Stairs? Check First

Muharraq Municipality says approval depends on property and planning rules

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Homeowners planning to add external staircases to their properties have been urged to check the applicable regulations and obtain the required approvals before starting work.

Muharraq Municipality said whether an external staircase can be built depends on the property’s location, boundaries and applicable planning regulations, rather than simply the staircase’s design.

Factors include the distance from property boundaries, required building setbacks, zoning classification, how the staircase connects to the building and facade, as well as technical, structural and safety requirements.

The municipality noted that requirements can vary between properties, meaning neighbouring homes may not necessarily receive the same approval.

Construction, extension and alteration works are subject to Decree-Law No. 13 of 1977 issuing the Building Regulation Law and its amendments, along with applicable planning regulations and building permit requirements.



Homeowners planning an external staircase are advised to:

- Check the regulations applying to the property.
- Confirm that the proposed staircase is permitted at the intended location.
- Complete all required licensing procedures before construction begins.

The municipality stressed is essential to ensure the that checking the require- work is carried out safely mented before construction and lawfully.

Three Police Officers Earn Master’s Degrees in Security Studies



Chief of Public Security and Chairman of the Scientific Council of the Royal Academy of Police, Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan, received Major Ali Abdullah Al Sada, Major Ahmed Khalid Bukamal, and Major Ibrahim Ahmed Al Zoman after they completed their master’s degrees from Naif Arab University for Security Sciences in Saudi Arabia and the Police Academy in Egypt.

During the meeting, Al Hassan congratulated the officers on their academic achievements and praised the subjects addressed in their research.

The studies covered artificial intelligence and its impact on Bahrain’s national security, including challenges and opportunities; the impact of expatriate labour on national security in the Gulf states; the importance and challenges of information integration among

state agencies and its role in maintaining security and stability; and the development of police security services and their contribution to improving security performance in Bahrain. Al Hassan highlighted the officers’ academic excellence, saying it reflects the Ministry of Interior’s commitment to encouraging its personnel to pursue higher education and develop their specialised knowledge and expertise.

FROM THE COURT | TDT | Manama Rehab Mohammad

Employer cleared of trafficking charge

Appeal court upholds three-month sentence over threats used to obtain false wage acknowledgements

An appeals court has acquitted the owner of a transactions processing office of human trafficking charges but upheld his conviction for forcing a foreign employee to sign documents falsely confirming receipt of his wages.

The court sentenced the employer to three months in prison for obtaining the

signatures through threats. The worker alleged that his working hours were extended, his weekly day off was denied, his salary was withheld for three months and he was assigned duties outside his job. He also claimed the employer threatened to cancel his residency and terminate his employment.

The Court of First Instance

had sentenced the defendant to three years in prison, fined him BD2,000 and ordered him to cover the worker’s repatriation costs.

The Court of Appeal overturned that ruling, acquitting him of the trafficking-related charges and convicting him only of obtaining the salary receipt declarations through threats.

Defendant sent to trial over electronic records

The Public Prosecution referred a defendant to the High Criminal Court over two cases involving allegations of falsifying official electronic records by entering false information into the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf’s electronic system.

According to the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution, the defendant allegedly entered incor-

rect mobile phone numbers when submitting claims for financial dues against 14 people in one case and nine in another.

Investigations found that the same two phone numbers were entered for the individuals and that both numbers belonged to the defendant.

The prosecution said the information was allegedly entered to prevent the affected individuals from receiving

notifications about the claims and responding to them.

Statements from affected individuals and a Ministry employee, along with an examination of the electronic system, supported the findings, including evidence that notification messages were sent to the defendant’s numbers.

The two cases are scheduled to be heard by the High Criminal Court on August 18, 2026.

Two Asians Arrested with Narcotic Substances

General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Evidence arrested two Asian nationals, a man and a woman, after finding them in possession of suspected narcotic substances.

The Ministry of Interior said the arrests were made as part of ongoing efforts by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate to combat drug-related

activities and protect the community. Following information received about the case, security personnel conducted search and investigation operations, gathered information and evidence, and identified the suspects. Security personnel subsequently arrested them with the drugs in their possession.

