

Parliament backs hiring of 24 unemployed family doctors



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Unemployed despite years of training, 24 Bahraini family medicine specialists were backed by Parliament yesterday through an urgent recommendation calling for their immediate hiring.

MP Hasan Ebrahim, who submitted the recommendation, said the doctors had finished all study, training and professional requirements, yet remained without posts.

"Twenty-four doctors and female doctors face the spectre of unemployment, despite successfully completing all requirements of study, training and professional qualification," he said.

He added that the group had expected to be taken on in the same way as earlier cohorts, but instead found themselves without work or cover.

"After more than eleven years of study, training and continuous qualification, they expected that the natural end of this path would be employment, like all previous batches, but they found themselves unemployed, without jobs and without health insurance," he said.

The recommendation calls for the doctors to be hired in primary healthcare centres and at Salmaniya Medical Complex.

Bahrain post

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The Kingdom of Bahrain secured a seat on the Executive Office of the Council of Arab Youth and Sports Ministers during the election session at the conclusion of the Council's meeting, reflecting Bahrain's leading position and active role in supporting joint Arab efforts in youth and sports.

Conversations

Prioritising dignity

MPs approve amendments strengthening protections for persons with disabilities

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Parliament unanimously approved yesterday a decree-law amending Bahrain's 2006 law on the care, rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities, with changes that recast the committee responsible for disability affairs and tidy up terms used across the statute.

Decree-Law No. 34 of 2025 amends Law No. 74 of 2006.

The text says the aim is to update the legal framework, support the dignity and rights of persons with disabilities, and help secure their full and effective part in different areas of life on the same footing as others.

Support

MP Basema Mubarak told MPs that families were still searching for basic support.

"Behind every person with a disability is a father or mother fighting every day for the right school, a rehabilitation centre, and a job that protects their son or daughter's dignity," she said.

She urged MPs to focus on work. "We are talking about 325 people only out of about 13,000, a very small number, but they have skills, real desire to work,



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and the ability to produce if they get the chance," she said.

She added: "This group is not asking for pity or special favours; it is asking for its right to rehabilitation, its right to work, and a decent life."

Lawmaking

Dr Maryam Al Dhaen framed the debate as a duty of lawmak-

ing. "Talking about persons with disabilities is talking about the heart of social justice, and our lawmaking duty towards a core group of citizens," she said.

She added that barriers often sit outside the person.

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tal barriers that narrow their chances in education, training and work," she said.

Provisions

The decree-law rewrites the provisions governing the committee concerned with disability affairs.

Under the amended articles, the committee is created by a

decision of the Prime Minister and follows the ministry, with that decision fixing the committee's name, its make-up and how long members serve.

It is chaired by the Minister of Social Development and includes government representatives at director level or above, alongside representatives from the private sector.

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Growth

Radhi said, "Do what you love and focus on the process, because growth comes naturally when you invest effort and keep learning."

Al Nasser added, "Always keep researching and stay connected to your roots; understanding your context is what allows young architects to make a real impact."

Despite following different paths, both architects delivered a shared message to emerging professionals: passion, research, and authenticity are essential.

Rather than chasing recognition, they advocate for building meaningful processes that allow creativity and knowledge to evolve naturally turning ambition into lasting impact.



Ameen Adel Radhi
Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa shortly after completing one of her early projects a recognition she describes as both validating and inspiring.

Both architects also shared advice for young professionals aspiring to make an impact regionally or internationally, stressing the importance of pas-



Faith and devotion

The Filipino community solemnly celebrated on January 10, 2026 the Feast of Nuestro Padre Jesus Nazareno. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by His Excellency Bishop Aldo Berardi, O.S.S.T., Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia, and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Anthony Almazan, OFM Cap; Rev. Fr. Jusfer John Albert, OFM Cap; Rev. Fr. John Nuñez; and Rev. Fr. Marcus Fernandes, OFM Cap.