

Stagnant Water Fuels Mosquito

● Coastal neighbourhoods repeatedly affected

● Drainage issues and pressure on sewage systems

● Urgent expansion of mosquito spraying

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A rise in mosquito activity following recent rainfall has triggered growing public concern across several areas of Bahrain. Residents report worsening conditions in the evenings and an increasing presence of insects inside homes.

Stagnant rainwater left in open spaces after the downpours has been identified as a key factor behind the outbreak, particularly in low-lying neighbourhoods and coastal areas where water tends to accumulate. Residents say the issue recurs annually, with similar conditions leading to repeated



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MUNICIPAL MEMBER

infestations.

Municipal member Abdulla Ashoor said the post-rainwater accumulation has created ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes, warning that untreated

stagnant pools can quickly turn into persistent sources of infestation. He also pointed to added strain on drainage and sewage systems, which slows water removal in some locations.

Ashoor called for urgent and expanded action from the Public Health Directorate, including wider spraying operations and increased field teams to cover affected areas more quickly. He also proposed upgrading the reporting system to a 24-hour hotline to allow residents to report issues at any time.

The situation has highlighted the need for stronger coordination between municipal bodies

and public health teams. Officials noted that while priority is often given to reopening roads after rainfall, follow-up measures such as treating stagnant water must not be delayed.

Concerns were also raised about contributing factors within private properties, including improper water storage and drainage issues, calling for greater public awareness alongside official response efforts.

A formal letter has been submitted to the minister seeking urgent intervention and a comprehensive plan to contain the outbreak and prevent further spread.

Digital Revision Programme Goes Live Today

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The Ministry of Education has announced that the free remote evening revision programme ‘Imkan’ begins today, Tuesday, 14 April 2026, as part of preparations for second-term final examinations for government school students.

The programme targets Grade 9, secondary school, and technical and vocational education students, aiming to strengthen understanding of core subjects and support exam readiness.

Education Minister Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma said the programme will offer 82 online lessons covering 41 subjects via the Ministry’s Microsoft Teams platform. Each session will be delivered by three teachers, including a main instructor, a support teacher, and a dedicated facilitator to answer student questions.

For secondary students, subjects include mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, Arabic, English, financial mathematics, office management, and accounting. Grade 9 lessons will focus on mathematics, science, Arabic, and English.



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Participation in the programme is optional, with students receiving scheduled links outlining lesson times and subjects. The sessions are designed to reinforce key concepts and encourage interactive learning through live chat support.

Bahrain Summons Iraqi Diplomat Over Drone Incident

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the Acting Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy of Iraq in Bahrain, Ahmed Ismail Al-Karawi, expressing the Kingdom of Bahrain’s strong condemnation and denunciation of the continued hostile drone attacks targeting Bahrain and several other Gulf Cooperation Council states, which originated from Iraqi territory.

During the meeting, Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali Al Khalifa, Director-General of Bilateral Rela-



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tions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, handed over an official protest memorandum to the

Iraqi diplomat.

The Kingdom stressed the urgent need for Iraq to address these threats and attacks in a serious and responsible manner, in line with relevant regional and international laws and agreements.

Bahrain reaffirmed that it reserves the right to take all necessary measures and precautions to safeguard its security, stability, and the safety of citizens and residents. It also underscored the importance of protecting the security of all states within the Gulf Cooperation Council region.

MPs Seek Three-Year Travel Ban on Debtors

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Mohammed Darwish

Five MPs have proposed allowing travel bans on debtors to be imposed for up to three years, arguing the longer period is needed to prevent some individuals from leaving Bahrain to avoid paying outstanding debts.

The proposal, submitted by Khalid Buanaq, Ahmed Al Salloom, Dr Ali Al Nuaimi, Zainab AbdulAmeer and Mahmood Fardan, seeks to amend Article 40 of Bahrain’s law on the enforcement of civil and commercial rulings.

Under the draft, an execution court judge could impose a travel ban of up to three months



“Extending the travel ban period helps prevent debtors from evading payment while keeping the process under judicial control.”

ABDULAZIZ AL NAAR,
MUHARRAQ MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

at a time, renewable multiple times, reaching a maximum total of three years. The measure would apply in cases where there are concerns a debtor may flee and where available assets do not cover the debt.

The proposal allows the ban to remain in place while enforcement procedures continue and can be challenged before the courts within set legal deadlines. It would also not override deportation orders or residency termination decisions for foreigners.

The MPs said the change intends to strengthen debt recovery mechanisms and ensure courts have sufficient time to complete enforcement procedures in large cases.

5kg Meth Hidden in Sports Gear

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Rehab Mohammad

A 30-year-old Asian man has been sentenced to five years in prison, fined 3,000 dinars, and ordered deported after serving his sentence for attempting to smuggle around 5 kilograms of methamphetamine into Bahrain hidden inside sports equipment.

The High Criminal Court convicted the defendant after Customs officers at Bahrain International Airport discovered suspicious cargo during routine screening of parcels arriving from an Asian country. X-ray scans revealed abnormal density inside sports bats, which were found to contain crystalline substances suspected to be meth.

A second parcel linked to the same identification number was later flagged and found to contain



similar concealed drugs.

Authorities coordinated a controlled delivery operation after the suspect requested collection of the shipments. He was arrested immediately upon receiving the parcels, and a precision electronic scale used for drug distribution was also seized during his arrest.