

Safety Tech Urged

MP calls for vehicle safety upgrades

● MP supports motion sensor plan

● Local firm says tech is viable

● Public demands tougher oversight on social media

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MP Maryam Al Dhaen

A Bahraini parliamentarian has voiced support for introducing motion sensors and monitoring systems in vehicles used to transport schoolchildren, following the death of a four-year-old in Hamad City inside a private, unlicensed vehicle.

MP Maryam Al Dhaen said she would seek to expand her earlier proposal mandating dashboard cameras to include motion-sensing or CCTV-linked safety systems that could alert drivers or guardians if a child is left inside a vehicle. “My proposal for using dash cams is already agreed, so that will go through. Motion sensors can be added to that,” she said in a phone interview.

Proposals and affordability

The MP added that checkpoints near schools could help prevent unlicensed or unsafe student transport, noting that



Child-presence detection systems (radar, infrared, motion) will become part of Euro NCAP’s safety assessment protocols in 2025. New vehicles seeking high ratings will be tested for them, and such systems must remain active post-ignition for at least 15 minutes.

affordability remains a major reason parents rely on unli-

Child dies inside vehicle

● Driver arrested

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The Interior Ministry announced that the Northern Governorate Police Directorate has taken legal measures regarding the death of a four-and-a-half-year-old child inside a vehicle in Hamad City.

Upon receiving a case from a kindergarten employee, police patrols and the National Ambulance immediately responded to the scene.

Initial examination revealed that the child had passed away due to the negligence of the 40-year-old female driver, who left the child for several hours inside a vehicle not designated for student transport.

The Northern Governorate Police Directorate confirmed that the necessary legal procedures have been taken and



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the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution.

The Interior Ministry urged parents to ensure their children’s safety and to avoid contracting unlicensed drivers who are not authorised to transport students.

The Interior Ministry also reaffirmed that its concerned authorities continue to conduct awareness and educational campaigns targeting school and kindergarten staff, students, and parents to promote student safety in vehicles and around educational facilities.

cented drivers. “Checkpoints by schools where they drop the kids, they have to do checkpoints,” she said, agreeing that subsidies could also help licensed operators make services more accessible.

She said she would review whether similar child-safety legislation exists at GCC level

but believes immediate local measures are essential.

Tech feasibility

KT Sreenivas, owner of Integrated Bell Systems Middle East W.L.L., said such technology is readily available and adaptable to Bahrain’s vehicles. “It will be motion-based and can be fitted in



KT Sreenivas

the car and remotely monitored,” he explained. “If there is any motion, it will trigger an alarm and sound to bring attention.”

He added that advanced systems can also count how many children enter and exit the vehicle. “If 25 go in and only 24 come out, it alerts the driver and the office,” he said, adding the systems achieve 99.9 percent accuracy.

Sreenivas said cost would depend on vehicle type and configuration but described it as “not expensive,” adding that remote-monitoring features can also detect network or system failures if no status report is received during the school run.

The incident has renewed calls for stricter regulation of school-transport services, with many social-media users urging faster reforms. Parents have highlighted the high cost of licensed transport, while others questioned whether stronger laws only follow tragedies.

Bahrain fostering environmental sustainability



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina

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Bahrain is committed to environmental sustainability, the preservation of natural resources, and sustainable development.

This was affirmed by His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, noting that these efforts reflect the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Dr. bin Daina praised His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister’s initiative to launch this year’s “Tree Week”, aimed at raising environmental awareness and encouraging environmentally responsible practices.

He also commended His Royal Highness’s directive to hold the Innovation in Irrigation Solutions Competition to inspire creative ideas that promote the efficient use of treated water for agriculture and landscaping.

Initiatives

He noted that both initiatives complement Bahrain’s ongoing efforts to build a culture of environmental responsibility and community participation in protecting natural ecosystems and expanding green spaces.

The Minister said that Bahrain continues to advance steadily towards its environmental goals, including doubling the number of trees to 3.6 million by 2035 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2060, in line with its commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26).

LMRA campaign nets 15 illegal workers



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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) reported that 15 violating and irregular workers were detained, while 97 violators were deported following 1,934 inspection campaigns and visits carried out between October 5 and 11, 2025.

The inspection campaigns and visits also resulted in monitoring a number of violations related to the provisions of a number of regulating laws, especially the Labour Market Regulatory Authority and the Residency Laws in the Kingdom of Bahrain, noting that legal measures were taken regarding the observed violations.

The Authority pointed out that 1,906 inspection visits

were carried out on various shops in all governorates, in addition to 28 joint inspection campaigns, 12 campaigns in the Capital Governorate, 4 campaigns in the Muharrag Governorate, 7 campaigns in the Northern Governorate and 5 campaigns in the Southern Governorate.

Government entities that participated in the campaigns are the Ministry of Interior, represented by the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), the Governorate’s respective Police Directorate, the General Directorate of Verdict Enforcement and Alternative Sentencing and the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Science, as well as the Social Insurance Org

LMRA holds training workshops on Enhanced Wages Protection System



Training workshops in progress

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) organised a series of training workshops for representatives of large, medium, and small enterprises, as well as human resources personnel, to introduce the Enhanced Wages Protection System (WPS).

The system requires private sector employers to pay wages electronically through banks and financial institutions licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB).

LMRA explained that the WPS is a digital platform linking the Authority with relevant government entities and the banking sector, ensuring accurate data exchange and providing a com-

prehensive wage database.

The system supports labour market policies, enhances stability, and strengthens Bahrain’s competitiveness.

System

The Authority noted that the system streamlines wage payments, ensures compliance, and reflects establishments’ financial and administrative efficiency.

It also reduces operational workload particularly for small and micro enterprises through integrated payroll management, flexible payment options, and detailed wage and financial reporting.

LMRA highlighted that the system provides legal documentation of employers’ compliance, helps reduce labour

disputes and financial claims, and accelerates their resolution.

Submission

The Authority urged private sector employers to assign a Wages Responsible Person via the Expatriate Management System (EMS), select “Wages Protection Services,” and appoint authorised delegates to review and verify wage files prior to submission.

The workshops form part of LMRA’s efforts to strengthen engagement with private sector partners, raise awareness of labour regulations, and provide technical support for the system’s effective implementation.

Further information available at www.lmra.gov.bh or via the Call Centre on 17506055.

Al Manara Art and Culture Space opens

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Her Excellency Rawan Hbint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, inaugurated the Al Manara Art and Culture Space at the Muharrag Youth Centre, in the presence of H.E. Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa, Secretary-General of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), as well as a number of artists and young creatives.

The opening marked a new step in the ministry’s efforts to provide spaces that inspire young people and nurture their creativity, offering them opportunities to engage with art.