

Dialysis demand

MP Al Dhaen calls for new Isa Town centre to ease pressure on existing units

● **Proposal aim for fairer distribution of services nationwide**

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A dialysis centre in Isa Town is a necessity, not a luxury, MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen told Parliament yesterday, calling for a fairer distribution of services and relief for overcrowded units.

She said the proposal does not arise from a shortage of dialysis facilities in Bahrain, but from how they are distributed as residential areas continue to expand.

A new site in the Southern Governorate, she argued, would ease pressure on existing centres.

Kkidney patients

Dr Al Dhaen noted that kidney patients attend three times a week, at set times and for long



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sessions.

Nearness matters, she said, shaping daily life, health and family routines, from school runs to work shifts and transport.

The government, in an earlier written reply, said dialysis is offered at Salmaniya Medical Complex, the Abdulrahman Kanoo Kidney Centre and the Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalid Al Khalifa Centre for Kidney Patients, which also works with the Royal Medical Services, as well as King Hamad University Hospital.

These centres, it said, meet current demand.

Review

It added that the Supreme Council of Health keeps the map of services under review and moves to add capacity when required.

This sits alongside the health insurance system, which offers cover within set packages, tied to census data and urban growth.

The government thanked Parliament for its interest, agreed with the proposal's aims as al-



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ready met in practice, and said it is ready to keep working with MPs in the public interest.

MPs support interview form for job-seekers

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Parliament yesterday passed an urgent motion requiring the Ministry of Labour to use a standard, detailed form at every job-seeker interview, filled in on the spot and signed by both the company representative and the applicant before any file can be closed.

The form would record the outcome of each interview, set out reasons for any rejection, and note steps taken in the hiring process, with a Ministry of Labour representative present as a witness.

Supporters said the change answers repeated complaints from applicants whose files were shut and unemployment allowance stopped without warning, often after claims they had refused a post.

Under the text, a file can be closed only when the applicant signs to confirm refusal. Roles that do not match a candidate's academic field are not binding and may be declined without affecting the allowance.

Push for transparency

Bill targets firms that fail to post job openings on labour portal

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Fines of BD200 to BD500 would hit large firms that fail to list vacancies on the Ministry of Labour portal, under a bill from MP Jalal Kadhem.

The measure would send all openings through the same platform the ministry already uses to present three roles to each registered jobseeker.

Kadhem said the proposal sits with the National Employment Initiative launched by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Response

He cast the response from major companies as a practical step towards reducing unemployment among Bahrainis.

First lodged in October 2024 as amendments to the Private Sector Labour Law, the bill would require every government and non-government em-



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ployer to submit open posts to the ministry, which would then

run the hiring process under fair and transparent rules.

Any employer or representative who fails to comply would face a BD200 to BD500 penalty.

Kadhem argued that Parliament should turn hiring drives into binding, lasting law so policy outlives individual campaigns.

Support

He called for support to keep vacancies published on the ministry's electronic jobs fair, making it easier for candidates to find suitable posts and for the market to send clearer signals.

The lawmaker added that a single, comprehensive database of vacancies would help organise the labour market, guide jobseekers towards realistic career paths and support wider economic and social stability.

He said pulling efforts together would build confidence in Bahrain's ability to make further gains on employment while keeping citizens at the centre of development.

Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan entries now online

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The details of all students registered for the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan – Sastra Pratibha Contest (VVM–SPC 2025), organized by the Science International Forum (SIF) Bahrain, have been uploaded to the official VVM website.

All registered students will soon receive an email containing their User ID and Password. Once the email is received, students should log in to the VVM website to access their dashboard.

In the dashboard, students

can view their registration details. Initially, they must complete the payment process to confirm their registration.

Upon successful payment, students will gain access to study materials, mock tests, and other learning resources.

SIF officials request all students to complete this process at the earliest.

Students who have registered for VVM–SPC 2025 but have not yet received the email are requested to contact SIF Bahrain immediately at info@sifbahrain.com or by calling 33163329=/39950225.

Milestone initiatives

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MP Dr. Ali bin Majid Al-Nuaimi affirmed that the fourth session of the sixth legislative term is beginning to yield tangible results, citing the government's constructive response to parliamentary proposals he submitted addressing citizens' priorities in key public-service sectors.

He said the outcomes reflect the spirit of teamwork between the legislative and executive branches, translating the leadership's directives into sustainable development and improved citizen welfare.

Among the key initiatives, Dr. Al-Nuaimi highlighted the establishment of a primary and intermediate girls' school in the Wadi Al-Seel area.

Proposal

The project, he explained, was initiated following a proposal he presented in response to the wishes of local residents.

The new school will serve students in Wadi Al-Seel and neighboring districts, reduce overcrowding in existing schools, and provide a modern and integrated learning environment.

According to the Ministry of Education, the project has been incorporated into its development plan, with engineering designs and tender documents already completed.

Budget

Coordination is now underway with relevant authori-



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ties to allocate the necessary budget, after which construction will begin once all approvals and procedures are finalized.

Dr. Al-Nuaimi expressed his deep gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for his unwavering support of the education sector and his commitment to advancing Bahrain's educational system.

He said the leadership's vision views education as a cornerstone of national progress and a key pillar in shaping future generations.

Man arrested for shop theft



The Interior Ministry announced that as part of the ongoing security efforts by the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, the Criminal Investigation Directorate has arrested a 38-year-old Asian man for stealing from several commercial shops in the Capital Governorate, with the total value of the stolen items estimated at BD10,000. The Directorate explained that upon receiving cases of theft, investigation teams immediately initiated search and evidence-gathering operations, which led to the identification and arrest of the suspect. Legal proceedings were taken and the case was referred to the Public Prosecution.

Advancing women's empowerment initiatives



The Equal Opportunities Committee at the Ministry of Information held its third meeting of 2025, chaired by Abdulrahman Khalid Al-Midfa, Assistant Undersecretary for News and Regulatory Affairs, with committee members in attendance. During the session, the committee reviewed its key achievements in promoting gender balance and enhancing women's empowerment across the ministry's departments and divisions. Members also followed up on the implementation of previous decisions and related reports. The meeting addressed upcoming initiatives, including preparations for Bahraini Women's Day celebrations, and participation in the Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Award for the Advancement of Bahraini Women.