

Proposal submitted to allocate more nurses ‘at public schools’

Public schools facing huge shortage of healthcare staff

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● The shortage worsened following the voluntary retirement of many nurses under the Early Retirement Programme.

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A Bahraini lawmaker has submitted a proposal demanding the Government to allocate more nurses at public schools around the Kingdom, considering the “large numbers of nurses who opted a golden handshake under the Early Retirement Programme”.

This was submitted by MP Bader Al Dossary, who is the Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Nation-



Public schools in the Kingdom face shortage of nurses, according to MP.

al Security Committee in the Council of Representatives.

Mr Al Dossary demanded the government, represented by Health Ministry, to urgently provide more male and female nurses at all public schools in the Kingdom.

The lawmaker stated that “there is a shortage of health staff at schools, especially nursing staff, due to the retirement of many of them within the early retirement scheme that was

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recently launched by the government”.

He also claimed that public schools are witnessing a shortage in the numbers of nurses.

Mr Al Dossary said that the implementation of his proposal would contribute to the protection of students and curbing the spread of diseases among students.

“This proposal, in case the government responds to it and is implemented by the Ministry

of Health, which is concerned with providing a nurse in all public schools with the provision of the necessary equipment of first aid and others, would enhance school health and protect students safety,” the MP commented.

Mr Al Dossary added, “This would also reduce pressure on health centres and hospitals, as well as reduce the frequent absences of students due to transmission of diseases and infection and eliminate them before spreading in schools, which will contribute to increase the healthcare provided to citizens, which is guaranteed by the Kingdom’s Constitution and the government’s action plan.”

As per Article 86 of the Constitution, which stipulates that “in all cases which a bill is approved, the President of the Consultative Council shall refer the approved bill to the Prime Minister so that he submits it to His Majesty the King”, the proposal will be voted upon by the 40-member council, before it could be referred to the second branch of the Legislative Authority (Shura Council) before being referred to the government.

Bahraini swindles BD155,000 out of Saudi national

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The Lower Criminal Court yesterday sentenced a Bahraini man to two years behind bars and fined him BD5,000 for swindling BD155,000 out of a GCC national businessman after fooling him by claiming that he could get him a bank guarantee worth euro 50 million from a Swiss bank.

According to court files, the defendant did provide his Saudi victim with the bank guarantee, though it was fake.

It’s said that the victim wanted to get a loan from a local bank in 2017 but the banks had a list of demands, including providing a bank guarantee.

As a result, the defendant, in his capacity as the operations manager of an international financial institution, offered the victim his help to get him the required bank guarantee, but demanded BD155,000 in return.

“He told me that he would link me with one of the renowned people in Bahrain to get the bank guarantee. I gave him the requested amount and I received the bank guarantee, which was fake.”

The victim informed the accused, who said he would get another bank guarantee. “However, he never contacted me back and stopped attending my calls,” he added.

Therefore, the Bahraini man was arrested, tried and found guilty for fraud charges.

Students’ future in limbo over procedural delays

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Around 150 students from various Asian schools in the Kingdom are in a limbo as they desperately wait for the outcome of their applications for admissions to the University of Bahrain (UoB).

The students, who graduated from the school this year, experienced delays in getting their certificates accredited by the Education

Ministry and ended up missing the deadlines set by UoB.

This has caused panic among the students and their parents who fear that their children’s academic year would be wasted.

Tribune has learnt that a group of parents have been frequently visiting UoB and the Pakistan Embassy, and they have blamed the delayed endorsement/ accreditation procedures, for the troubles.

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vere frustration and tension that their children are unable to get admission at the university in the current academic year.

Parents are demanding that University of Bahrain should immediately give admissions to the affected students in this semester.

“Education is a fundamental right of every citizen as decreed in the Bahrain National law under the auspicious leadership of his Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa,”

a parent of a student who graduated from Pakistan Urdu School said.

A student told Tribune: “The university kept on giving us hope regarding the admissions. They kept assuring us and because of that we did not apply for admission in any other institute.

“Now, one year of our life will be wasted just because of delays in the procedural delays from the part of the Ministry of Education and the university.”

Forum focuses on comprehensive emergency system

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A key conference has recommended the establishment of a comprehensive emergency system in the Kingdom.

The demand came at the Bahrain Emergency Medicine Conference held under the patronage of Prime Minister His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Organised by Bahrain Medical Society and Bahrain Association of Emergency Medicine, the conference was attended by more than 500 participants including 52 experts in emergency medicine from across the world.

The standardisation of emergency practices between various hospitals in the Kingdom of Bahrain will reflect positively on patient’s lives and outcomes. This must include prehospital services and within hospitals, the experts observed.

It is also vitally important to unify the triage system between all health organisations in the



Dr Al Qassem and Dr Al Ghanim at the conference.

kingdom to be able to communicate better and more effectively, they said.

“It also recommended to offer higher incentives to all people working in emergency departments being paramedics, physicians, nurses and technicians to encourage everyone to enrol in this new promising specialty.”

Dr Ghada Al Qassem, President of Bahrain Medical Society, confirmed that the society in collaboration with the Bahrain Association of Emergency Medicine, will convey and discuss these recommendations with various concerned parties, saying that these recommendations “represents a combination and the outcomes of high level experts in the conference, and we have benefited considerably from their advice and expertise in emergency medicine”.

Dr Al Qassem also expressed her satisfaction with the great success of the conference in terms of the number of participants, which reached more than 500 participants, in addition to

the number of speakers from all over the world.

Dr Saleh Al Ghanim, President of the Bahrain Emergency Medicine Association, commented the co-operation between all parties to implement the recommendations of the conference will improve the quality of services provided to patients, especially that emergency physicians are the front lines of any hospital.

He added: “Our slogan for the conference was ‘When Seconds Matter, Emergency Physicians Make the Difference’ because we believe and value the important rule of emergency physicians in saving lives and we want to raise the standards of emergency physicians to match international levels.”

Dr Al Qassem and Dr Al Ghanim at the end of this conference announced that there will be another conference next year, 2020, to continue what they have started and aiming to reach the top of services in emergency medicine practise in the Kingdom.