

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take a Date, Leave With a Smile



Most people who own a date palm know what happens when the fruit begins to ripen. Neighbours notice, some ask politely, and others may simply reach out and take a few dates.

But one resident near Roundabout 11 in Hamad Town chose a different approach. Instead of guarding his harvest, he placed a small sign beside the trunk that read: “Permitted. Take from it what you wish.”

There were no conditions, no specific hours and no restrictions on who could take the fruit. The invitation was simply there for neighbours, passers-by and anyone walking past.

A neighbour who noticed the gesture felt it deserved to be shared as an example of generosity and the sense of care that continues to exist among people living side by side.

In Bahrain, a date palm is more than just a tree. It can carry the memory of a grandfather who planted it, the promise of a seasonal harvest and a long-standing understanding that what grows in your yard belongs to you.

This resident chose to share instead.

It is a small act, but one that says something much bigger about community. Sometimes kindness does not require a grand gesture. A simple sign beside a palm tree can be enough to remind us that generosity remains one of the most valuable things we can offer our neighbours.

Are Consumers Being Clearly Informed?

I am writing to share a consumer complaint that I believe may be of wider public interest and could potentially affect other consumers in Bahrain.

In January 2026, I purchased a television from a retailer, along with an extended warranty. At the time of purchase, I was explicitly told that the warranty would cover “everything that could happen to the TV.” This assurance was an important factor in my decision to purchase the additional warranty.

However, my experience since then has raised concerns about the actual coverage provided.

Within a month of the purchase, I reported a screen problem involving multiple white spots appearing during dark scenes, which significantly affected the viewing experience. Although a technician inspected the television, I was told that the issue was considered normal by the manufacturer.

More recently, the television’s remote control stopped working. I was informed that the remote was considered an accessory and was therefore excluded from the warranty.

I find this difficult to understand because the remote is an essential component for operating the television. Without a functioning remote, the product cannot reasonably be used as intended.

From my perspective, the situation raises questions about whether the terms and limitations of extended warranties are being explained clearly to consumers at the point of sale. A warranty described as comprehensive may create expectations that differ significantly from the actual coverage if important exclusions are not clearly communicated.

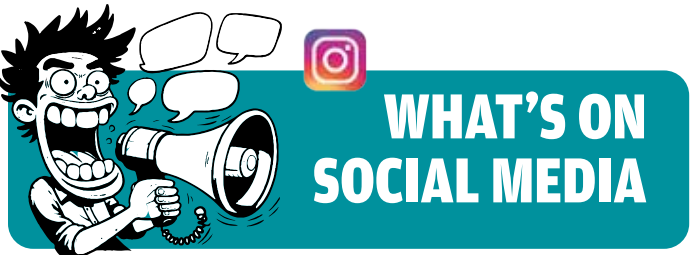
I understand that individual cases may depend on the specific terms and conditions of a warranty. However, I believe consumers should receive clear and accurate information about what is and is not covered before paying for additional protection.

Sanjay

PICTURE OF THE DAY



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Fine, Licence suspension for allowing children in front seats

Traffic authorities reminded motorists and parents of the legal and safety risks of allowing children to sit in vehicle front seats. Authorities stressed that parents and guardians must take all necessary safety measures for children at home, on the road and inside vehicles. Placing children in front seats can expose them to serious or fatal injuries in the event of a crash, sudden braking or an abrupt stop.

TOP COMMENTS

- boss_lady718**

Yes love this.... Hope Saudi does the same, kids hanging out the window etc makes my anxiety bad
- blazeingram13**

The best thing I read today so far....
- _____swh_____**

2026 and I can't believe this is only now going to start being taken seriously
- cynan144**

How about dogs in the front seat allowed??
- thalia.velasco**

What about children without seatbelts and hanging out windows?
- laniealcazarbalag**

Why don't have baby car seats also and still allowing the children standing in the back while the head is looking outside also very dangerous and mostly im seing Arabs parents!



Trapped in My Bathroom: A Morning Rescue

What began as an ordinary morning at home turned into an unexpected ordeal when I became trapped inside my bathroom after the door lock broke.

After trying unsuccessfully to open the door, I used a hairbrush to force the lock, but the knob eventually broke away from the mechanism, leaving me unable to escape.

As the bathroom became increasingly hot, I began banging on the door and throwing small objects through the window to attract attention. Eventually, our house helper, Fiona, heard the noise and realised I was trapped.

She immediately contacted my wife, who helped coordinate assistance. After around an hour and a half, Bahrain’s Civil Defense arrived and successfully opened the door after working on the faulty lock.

I was relieved, grateful and deeply appreciative of everyone who helped, particularly Fiona for her quick response, my wife for her prompt action, and Bahrain’s Civil Defense for their professional and reassuring intervention.

The experience taught me a simple lesson: before locking a bathroom door, make sure it is willing to unlock again.



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