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Govt mulling new university

If approved, Bahrain will soon have another top-class university, offering brand new courses that are not currently available in the other universities here, with the participation of the private sector



University of Bahrain. (Courtesy of Wikipedia)

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The possibilities of a new government university in association with the private sector is being actively considered by the authorities, *Tribune* has learned.

Talks for exploring the possibility of having such a university is being held, an Education Ministry source said.

The new university, if built, will include many new courses and specialisations not currently offered at other public universi-

Some of the top educational institutions in Bahrain

- Arabian Gulf University
- Bahrain Polytechnic
- College of Health Sciences
- University of Bahrain

ties in the Kingdom.

Tribune understands that the government will seek a private sector partnership for the project.

The new university, according to officials, is to supplement the efforts of the University of

Bahrain.

“Talks are ongoing to establish a new university in cooperation with the private sector. It will have new academic courses not available in other Bahraini universities at the moment,” an education ministry source said.



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sion that Bahrain “welcomes investment in this sector” as it is also an integral part of the economy.

While warning violators, the minister told the Parliament that several new “reputed and promising institutions have opened up in Bahrain and are having a positive impact.”

Further highlighting Bahrain’s keenness to attract investments to the sector the minister said: “Investors choose Bahrain because of how they are protected while also protecting the students.”

Recently, the minister made a surprise visit to a school to review preparations for examinations. He interacted with the students and verified the state of the examination centres.

1500 Tawasul complaints in first quarter: Works Ministry

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Over 1500 complaints were processed by the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning through Tawasul, in the first quarter of this year.

Citizens and residents have been making good use of the e-facility Tawasul, according to the statistics released by the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning.

Undersecretary Municipalities Affairs, Dr Nabil Abu Al Fath, said that citizens and residents have been active on Tawasul service and the ministry has received a total of 1514 complaints through the facility during the first quarter of this year.

He said the e-facility has been useful for the ministry in identifying issues the public faces.

The National Suggestion & Complaint system “Tawasul” is one of the essential eChannels that enable citizens and residents to submit their suggestions and complaints to any gov-



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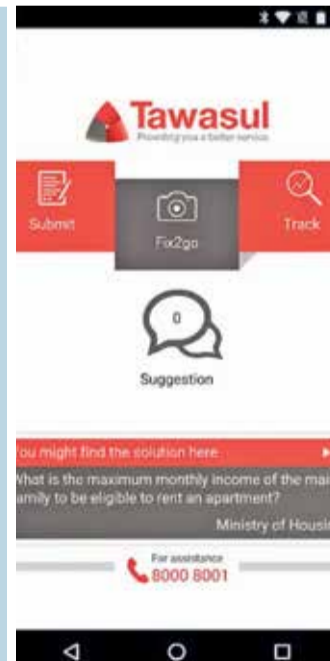
tor and timeframe based on the case category.

“The electronic facility has been useful to the residents as they can quickly send reports of the issue they face,” Dr Nabil Abu Al Fath said.

There were 261 complaints

received from Muharraq, 537 from the northern governorate, 412 from the capital, and the rest from the southern governorate.

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Dr Al Fath said. Apart from the Works Ministry, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning, other Ministries and gov entities such as Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs are also available on Tawasul.



Tawasul App is the mobile version of the National Suggestion & Complaint system which is one of the essential eChannels that enable citizens and residents to submit their suggestions and complaints to any government entity easily at any time and from anywhere. Every government entity in Tawasul has assigned a dedicated team to handle the suggestions and complaints according to a pre-set performance indicator and timeframe based on the case category