

‘ChatGPT Told Me So’

Doctor Warns Patients Not to Let AI Replace Medical Advice

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Patients once entered the consultation room to describe their symptoms and medical history. Increasingly, ENT consultant Dr Hala Radhi says, some arrive with something else – an answer they have already found online.

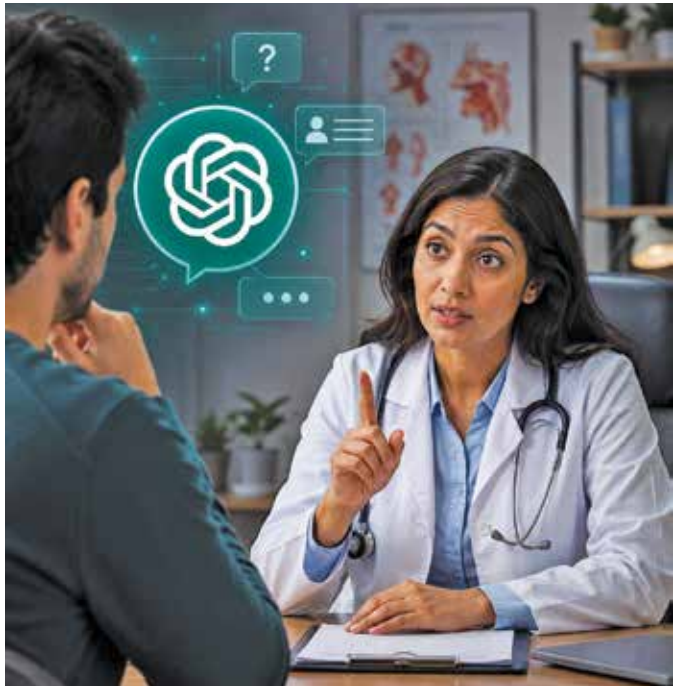
“Instead of the patient telling me his medical history and the symptoms he feels, now the patient comes and sits and argues with me,” she said. “I asked ChatGPT and it told me this...”

Patients are increasingly researching their symptoms, collecting medical information and sometimes forming their own conclusions before they have even been examined.

Dr Radhi said the concern is not that patients are educating themselves, but that information from artificial intelligence cannot replace a medical examination.

“Whatever information you find about your medical condition from ChatGPT, remember what it lacks,” she said. “It cannot smell. It cannot feel. It cannot understand the state you are actually in.”

For an ENT specialist, those limitations can be particular-



ly important. A patient may report a sore throat, a change in voice or a blocked ear, but symptoms alone may not reveal the underlying cause.

“You cannot open ChatGPT and tell it your throat hurts and have it ask what you feel, what you are doing,” Dr Radhi said. “It is impossible, and it needs to examine your ear.”

The same applies to patients who arrive convinced that a change in their voice must have a particular cause based

on information they have found online.

“You cannot tell ChatGPT your voice has changed and ask what the causes might be, and then come and argue with your doctor about what you saw and read there,” she said.

However, Dr Radhi stressed that patients should not stop educating themselves about their health.

“It is not wrong for a person to educate himself. We like education and we like de-



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DR HALA RADHI, ENT CONSULTANT

velopment,” she said, adding that she herself encourages patients to understand their medical conditions.

The problem, she said, begins when information turns into certainty.

AI chatbots can help patients understand medical terminology, prepare questions for a consultation and learn more about a health condition. But they cannot physically examine a patient, observe their condition or make clinical decisions based on what a doctor sees during an examination.

“But please do not argue with the doctor about the treatment plan because you asked ChatGPT,” Dr Radhi said.

Hamad Town Residents Seek Relief From Contractor Noise

Early-morning construction work sparks complaints during summer holidays



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Construction noise in Hamad Town has prompted calls for stricter action against contractors accused of disturbing residents, including starting work as early as 4 am.

Northern Municipal Council member Abdulla Al Qubaisi urged the Ministry of Labour and the Northern Municipality to increase inspections of construction sites in Block 1209 following resident complaints.

Al Qubaisi said some contractors violate the midday outdoor work ban, which runs from noon to 4 pm under Ministerial Resolution No. 5 of 2026, while others start work in the early hours to avoid the restriction. He said early-morning con-



Abdulla Al Qubaisi, Northern Municipal Council member

struction and the use of heavy equipment violate regulations protecting public rest in residential areas, disrupting residents’ sleep and daily lives.

Al Qubaisi called for immediate coordination between the Ministry of Labour and the municipality to address the violations and restore peace to the area.



From The Court

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Businessman Accused of Falsifying Records of 23 People

The High Criminal Court First Circuit has adjourned the trial of a 53-year-old businessman accused of falsifying official electronic records involving 23 people in two separate cases.

The Public Prosecution alleges that the defendant entered false phone numbers and residential addresses into Ministry of Justice electronic systems while pursuing financial claims against the individuals.

According to court records, he allegedly entered the same phone number, which belonged to him, as the contact number for the people involved. As a result, legal notices and court notifications were reportedly sent to his number, preventing the affected individuals from learning about the proceedings

and defending themselves.

A Ministry of Justice official testified that the defendant used his eGovernment electronic key to enter the information into the ministry’s systems. The cases involved 14 people in one case and nine in the other.

More than 14 witnesses told the court that they had no connection to the phone number recorded in the lawsuits. Some said they only learned of the cases after judgments had been issued against them and their bank accounts frozen.

The defendant denied the charges. His lawyer requested his release, but the court ordered that he remain in custody.

The court adjourned the cases until August 24, 2026, for review and responses.

Three-Year Jail Term for Counterfeit Saudi Note

The High Criminal Court First Circuit sentenced a 48-year-old man to three years in prison and fined him BD500 for possessing a counterfeit SAR500 banknote with the intent to pass it off as genuine.

The case surfaced after the defendant was arrested by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate in connection with a drug-use case. When his belongings were returned, a SAR500 banknote found in his possession was later determined to be counterfeit.

A Ministry of Interior major from the Criminal Investigations Department told investigators that the note was discovered while handing over the defendant’s belongings following a Pub-



lic Prosecution order.

A forgery expert from the General Directorate of Material Evidence confirmed the SAR500 note was counterfeit.

The defendant told investigators he received the note from an unidentified person in exchange for BD30.

Three Held After Boat Hits Coast Guard Patrol

Suspects accused of fleeing during maritime ban and assaulting officers

Three suspects have been remanded in custody pending investigation after a boat ignored Coast Guard orders to stop and collided with a patrol boat during a maritime ban.

The Muharraq Governorate Prosecution said a suspicious vessel was detected by radar near the border area. A Coast Guard patrol approached the boat for inspection, but its captain attempted to flee despite repeated warnings to stop.

The boat then collided with the patrol vessel, injuring several officers. Two suspects fell into the sea and were rescued, while the patrol continued its pursuit and



apprehended the third suspect.

The suspects face charges including assaulting Public Security Forces personnel, intentional damage, fishing with bottom trawl nets in territorial waters and sailing during the maritime ban.

The Public Prosecution said investigations are continuing and stressed that legal action will be taken against those who violate maritime restrictions or endanger officers carrying out their duties.

Four Charged After Dating App Robbery

Suspects lured a 35-year-old man before assaulting him and stealing his electric bike

Four young men aged between 16 and 19 have been charged with robbing a 35-year-old Asian man after allegedly luring him through a dating app.

According to Public Prosecution investigations, the victim was riding his electric bike on a public road on June 17 when the defendants stopped him, assaulted him and searched his pocket. They also asked him to open his BenefiPay account.

After he refused, the defendants allegedly assaulted him again, stole his electric bike and fled. A medical report confirmed that the victim sustained injuries.

One defendant told investigators that he had agreed with the others to lure the victim to the location through a dating app. The third and fourth defendants also



admitted assaulting the victim, while all four acknowledged their involvement in the incident.

The High Criminal Court First Circuit adjourned the case until September 1 to appoint lawyers for the defendants, receive social and psychological reports for three of them and hear the defence submissions. Their detention will continue.

Council Reviews Mosque Development Projects

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The Supreme Islamic Affairs Council, chaired by Shaikh Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa, held today its third regular session of the Council’s sixth term.

On the occasion of the Prophet Muhammad’s Birthday (PBUH), the Council extended its congratulations and blessings to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the Royal Family, the government, the people of Bahrain and the Islamic Ummah.

The Council highlighted the occasion as an opportunity to recall the Prophet’s noble life, character and tolerant message, stressing its importance in promoting unity within the Islamic Ummah and strengthening its



shared purpose.

During the session, the Council reviewed its plans and programmes for 2027 and 2028, in addition to developments in mosque development projects.

The meeting also discussed two tenders related to mosque maintenance and construction and approved recommendations concerning three projects in the Northern Governorate, including the construction of a new mosque and associated facilities.

Bahrain, US discuss security ties



Bahrain and the United States discussed ways to strengthen security cooperation and coordination during a meeting in Manama on Tuesday. Interior Ministry Undersecretary Lieutenant General Adel bin Khalifa Al Fadhel, in the presence of Police Chief Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan, received Jeffrey Branigan, Special Agent in Charge for Northern California at Homeland Security Investigations, and US Ambassador to Bahrain Stephanie Hallett. The meeting covered areas of mutual interest, including exchanging expertise and experiences and developing joint cooperation mechanisms to support security and stability.