

# Wildlife controls

Bahrain enforces new permit and certificate rules on international trade in endangered species

● **Tighter oversight on cross-border dealings in protected animals and plants**

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New rules regulating Bahrain's international trade in endangered wild animals and plants have taken effect, banning cross-border dealings in listed specimens unless a permit or certificate is issued by the Supreme Council for Environment.

The executive regulations were issued under Decision No. 12 of 2025, signed by His Highness Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Environment.

They apply to international trade in specimen samples listed in the annexes attached to the regulations.

Under the rules, trade in those specimens is prohibited unless authorised by the council.

## Permits

Applications for permits and certificates must be submitted through the council's website using the prescribed form, supported by documents showing lawful possession of the specimen.

Applicants must provide a copy of the identity card for individuals, or a commercial registration where the purpose is commercial, along with identifying marks for specimens



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**An applicant to engage in international trade must register with the competent department, submitting proof of lawful possession, specimen lists, buyer records, and registers of births and deaths, and assigning identification numbers to all specimens.**

where required.

The council is to issue permits and certificates within 30 days of the application date once requirements are met and the prescribed fee is paid.

The period can be extended by a further 30 days where needed.

## Application

If no reply is issued within the time limit, the application is treated as refused.

An applicant may file a grievance with the chairman of the council against a refusal decision, in line with Article 19 of Law No. 5 of 2021.

The regulations also require registration for specimens used for public display and for commercial breeding and production.

Those intending to use specimens listed in Annexes 1 and 2 for display must register with the competent department, submitting proof of lawful possession, specimen lists, buyer records, and registers of births and deaths, and assigning identification numbers to all specimens.

Separate conditions apply to breeding and commercial production.

The rules require detailed information about the establishment, including security plans, veterinary records, production records, measures linked to species conservation, and compliance with animal welfare requirements, particularly for specimens listed in Annex 1.

Those seeking to engage in international trade must also register their details with the competent department, with registration in the commercial register required.

The regulations introduce a certificate of ownership for live specimens to prove ownership for repeated movement between countries. Applicants must be Bahraini nationals or residents in the kingdom and must submit supporting documents and the specimen's details.

## Registers

They also provide for electronic registers to monitor international trade in specimen samples, detailing how data is recorded, checked, updated on a regular basis, and used to prepare approved reports.

Terms used in the regulations carry the meanings assigned in Law No. 5 of 2021.

"Display" is defined as the use of specimens of species listed in Annexes 1 and 2 in presentations offered to the public, while a "certificate of ownership" is defined as a document issued by the Supreme Council for Environment to prove ownership of a specimen for repeated cross-border movement.

# 11 illegal workers detained and 150 others deported



● **LMRA conducts 850 inspection campaigns and visits between January 11 and 17**

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) detained 11 violating and irregular workers and deported 150 others after carrying out 850 inspection campaigns and visits between January 11 and 17.

The inspection campaigns and visits also resulted in monitoring several violations related to the provisions of a number of regulating laws, particularly the LMRA and the Residency Laws in the Kingdom of Bahrain, noting that legal measures were taken regarding the observed violations.

A total of 813 inspection visits were carried out on various shops in all governorates, in addition to 37 joint inspection campaigns, 18 campaigns in the Capital Governorate, 2 campaigns in the Muharraq Governorate, 7 campaigns in the Northern Governorate, and 10 campaigns in the Southern Governorate.

The government entities that participated in the cam-

paigns are the Ministry of Interior, represented by the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), the Governorate's respective Police Directorate, and the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Science, and the General Directorate of Verdict Enforcement and Alternative Sentencing, as well as the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Social Insurance Organization, and Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority (BTEA).

The Authority affirmed the continuation of joint coordination with government agencies to intensify inspection campaigns in all governorates of the Kingdom, and to address any violations or practices that negatively affect the stability and competitiveness of the labour market or harm the economic and social security of the Kingdom.

The LMRA renewed its call on all members of society to support the efforts of government agencies in addressing illegal labour practices, by reporting violations via the electronic form on the authority's website [www.lmra.gov.bh](http://www.lmra.gov.bh) or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055 or via the government's Suggestions and Complaints System (Tawasul).

## BACA celebrates Bahraini theatre movement success

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Marking the 100th anniversary of the launch of the theatrical movement in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) organised a commemorative celebration at Al Hidayah Al Khalifiah School, attended by His Excellency Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the BACA, and Suha Saleh Jassim Hamada, Director General of School Affairs at the Ministry of Education.

H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, said that Al Hidayah Al Khalifiah School, which hosted the first launch of formal government education in Bahrain, also marked the beginning of Bahraini theatre, underscoring the historic significance of this distinguished educational institution. The Education Minister noted that Bahraini theatre began as a school-based movement, and that school theatre continues to serve as a source for the national theatre scene.

# Ministry develops industrial plots leasing service system

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As part of government efforts to improve service quality and reengineer procedures, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce has developed the industrial plots leasing service to enhance efficiency and improve the beneficiary experience.

The Ministry updated the review and approval process for leasing requests, resulting in faster procedures and the removal of several required



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documents, including copies of the investor's ID or passport, company organizational struc-

ture, and product images.

This was achieved through system integration with other government entities and the automation of internal review processes.

His Excellency Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, stated that the service reflects the Ministry's adoption of innovative digital solutions that enhance efficiency, transparency, and optimal use of resources, while reducing time and effort for beneficiaries.

## Fish release season launched to boost marine stock

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Bahrain has launched a new season for releasing fish into its territorial waters as part of continued efforts to strengthen national food security and support the sustainability of marine resources.

The initiative was inaugurated during an official event organised by the Supreme Council for Environment, attended by the Minister of Oil



H.E. Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina attends the launch

and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, His Excellency Dr Mohammed bin

Mubarak bin Daina. The event aims to enrich fish stocks and increase marine production.

## Bahrain-UK ties



His Excellency Capital Governor Shaikh Khalid bin Hamoud bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, received Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Alastair Long. The meeting discussed the longstanding ties between Bahrain and the UK. HE the Capital Governor commended the continued progress in joint cooperation between the two countries, reflecting their support to further develop relations. He also stressed the number of issues of mutual interest and reviewed means to enhance bilateral cooperation across various domains. H.E. Ambassador Long reiterated his commitment to continuing to advance joint cooperation, noting the Kingdom's ongoing growth and development across various sectors.