

# Stronger together

Calm, unity and readiness guide Bahrain's approach in changing times

## ● Discipline and vigilance vital

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Captain Abdulla Al Mannai of the Ministry of Interior has affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain continues to strengthen its security readiness amid regional tensions caused by sustained Iranian aggression.

He said the Kingdom is also reinforcing community cohesion, placing public awareness

and discipline at the core of its approach.

Speaking during the National Communication Centre's daily briefing, he highlighted the significance of Community Partnership and National Belonging Day as a reminder of the strong bond uniting society under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Al Mannai pointed to the address delivered by Interior Minister, His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, noting that the Kingdom's stability, security and progress are rooted in wise leadership that has long prioritised



unity and shared responsibility.

### Values

He said these values are reflected in the everyday cooperation between institutions and



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the public, forming a foundation that continues to guide Bahrain through evolving circumstances.

At the operational level, the National Civil Emergency Management Centre remains a central

pillar, functioning as an advanced coordination hub that works around the clock to safeguard vital facilities and ensure the continuity of essential services.

This integrated system, he explained, enhances the country's ability to respond swiftly and effectively to any situation.

### Emergencies

Al Mannai also called on citizens and residents to remain calm and act responsibly during emergencies, stressing the importance of staying clear of incident sites to allow emergency teams to perform their duties efficiently.

## Punished for hiding drugs in seafood

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Two travellers who tried to bring drugs into Bahrain by hiding them inside dried fish and prawns in their luggage were each jailed for 15 years, fined BD10,000 and ordered to be deported after serving their sentences.

The High Criminal Court found the pair guilty of bringing in and possessing narcotic substances for sale in 2025 in cases not allowed by law.

The case began at Bahrain International Airport when a customs officer checking bags from a flight arriving from an Asian country grew suspicious of two suitcases linked to the man and woman.

After marking them for closer inspection, he sent both to the red channel once they had picked up their luggage.

### Search

Before the search, each was asked on their own if they had anything to declare. Both said no.

The search then found drugs hidden inside six clear bags placed within dried fish and prawns in one suitcase.

## Bahraini man jailed for using counterfeit money

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The High Criminal Court sentenced a young Bahraini man to five years in prison for promoting and using counterfeit currency at a hotel and a

supermarket.

Employees at both locations noticed the fake bills and filed reports with the police, leading to the suspect's tracking and arrest.

During the last session, the defendant claimed he did not know the money was counterfeit

and said that another person gave him the bills to settle a debt.

The incident began when the suspect rented a hotel room, paid with a 20 Bahraini dinar bill, and received 10 dinars in change.

The receptionist became suspicious of the bills, informed

the hotel owner, and confirmed the currency was counterfeit, prompting a police report.

Hours later, a supermarket employee filed a similar complaint after the suspect used another 20-dinar fake note to buy goods. Police set a trap, monitored his

movements, and arrested him.

In investigations, the suspect admitted that he obtained the counterfeit bills from another individual and used them to pay for hotel rooms and purchases, although authorities could not reach the other person involved.

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## CBSE Class X assessment scheme announced

### ● Parents await final scores

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The Central Board of Secondary Education has released its Class X assessment scheme for Middle East students following exam cancellations across countries including Bahrain, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

To ensure fairness for students at different stages, CBSE has introduced a grading framework based on the number of exams completed.

Students who appeared in all scheduled examinations will have their results declared based on their actual performance across all subjects.

### Average

For those who completed four exams, results will be calculated based on the average of their best three performing subjects.

Students who completed three exams will have their results determined by the average of their best two subjects, while those who completed only two exams will have the average of both taken into account.

Additionally, students registered in 2025 or earlier who had registered for up to two subjects and still have pending examinations will be given an opportunity to appear in the second board examinations.



Sandesh Pavannur



Seena



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### Reaction

The move has received mixed reactions from parents.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Sandesh Pavannur, parent of a class X CBSE student said, "We initially found it difficult to accept the cancellation of the class X board exams. How-

ever, students seem to be less affected as they had completed key subjects like English, Maths and Science, with only second language and social science cancelled.

"It may, however, impact those planning higher studies in India after Class XII."

### Concern

Another parent Seena, expressed concern over how the assessment scheme may impact final percentages.

She said, "In my daughter's case, the remaining cancelled subjects, specifically language and social science are high-scoring subjects, while the ones she already attended, like Maths and Science, were on the tougher end. She was expecting to score around 90% as she believed the last two subjects would help balance her overall performance."

The board also stated that the assessment scheme for Class XII students will be announced separately once finalised.