

Connects Youth Across Borders

Minister holds talks with officials from the UAE, Libya and Hungary on youth programmes, innovation and cross-border cooperation.

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Bahrain is stepping up efforts to expand international cooperation in youth affairs, with Minister of Youth Affairs Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi holding talks with officials from the UAE, Libya and Hungary during her participation in Brain Bar 2026 in Budapest.

The meetings focused on strengthening partnerships between youth institutions, exchanging successful experiences and creating greater opportunities for young people to participate in different fields.

The minister met with Dr. Sultan Al Neyadi, Minister of State for Youth Affairs of the United Arab Emirates. Discussions covered youth cooperation and the exchange of expertise between Bahrain and the UAE. They also explored ways to strengthen the Hope Network's role in connecting institutions and young people across the Arab world.

In a separate meeting, Tawfiqi and Haitham Youssef Al Zahaf, Minister of Youth of the State of Libya, discussed developing youth cooperation, improving communication between youth institutions and expanding the exchange of expertise through the Hope Network.

Bahrain's cooperation with Hungary was also addressed during Tawfiqi's meeting with Tibor Bors Borbély-Pecz, Deputy



State Secretary for Vocational Training, Adult Learning and Youth Policy Strategies and Regulation of Hungary.

The two sides discussed continuing cooperation in youth-related fields and sharing expertise and successful practices in developing programmes and

initiatives for young people.

The Hungarian official praised Bahrain's achievements in empowering young people and developing their skills, highlighting the Kingdom's programmes and opportunities that encourage youth participation across various fields.

Bahrainis Make Up 92pc of Doctor Rise

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Bahraini doctors and dentists accounted for 91.8pc of the rise in their numbers last year, increasing by 303 to 3,477. That 9.5pc increase pushed the Bahraini share of all doctors and dentists to 62.1pc in 2025, up from 60.2pc a year earlier.

There were 241 extra Bahraini doctors and 62 extra dentists. By comparison, the number of non-Bahrainis rose by just 27, all of them doctors, while the number of non-Bahraini dentists stayed at 493.

There were 5,601 doctors and dentists across the government and private sectors, up 330, or 6.3pc, from 5,271 the year before. The total comprised 4,466 doctors and 1,135 dentists.

The number of Bahraini women rose by 201 in one year, against 102 men. Women made up about two-thirds of the Bahraini increase and 62.2pc of all Bahraini doctors and dentists.

Among doctors, the number of Bahrainis rose by 241 to 2,835, up 9.3pc, taking their share from 61.8pc to 63.5pc.

Most of the rise was in the government sector, where doctor numbers increased by 192 to 2,368. The private-sector total



Medical staff at the opening of the new echocardiography room at Salmaniya Medical Complex

went up by 76 to 2,098.

Bahrainis made up 1,833 government doctors, or 77.4pc. In the private sector, their number reached 1,002, giving them a 47.8pc share.

In 2021, the private sector employed 53.1pc of all doctors. By 2025, the government sector accounted for 53pc.

The number of Bahraini dentists rose from 580 to 642 last year, up 10.7pc, while the non-Bahraini total stayed at 493. Every net addition to the number of dentists was therefore Bahraini. Most of the rise was in the private sector, where the number of Bahraini dentists went up by 58 to 470. They now make up 49.6pc of private dentists, against 478 non-Bahrainis.

Among government dentists, Bahrainis numbered 172 against

15 non-Bahrainis, putting their share at about 92pc.

Dentist numbers have risen faster than doctor numbers since 2021. The total rose from 902 to 1,135, up 25.8pc, against an 11.6pc increase among doctors. Almost all of the rise in dentist numbers over those four years came from the private sector, where the total climbed from 717 to 948.

Across all doctors and dentists, women also outnumbered men. There were 2,983 women of all nationalities in 2025, compared with 2,618 men. Women therefore made up 53.3pc of the total.

Their share was highest among government dentists at 62.6pc, followed by government doctors at 55.8pc and private dentists at 53.1pc. Private medicine was almost evenly split, with women making up 49.6pc.

Coast Guard Launches Marine Safety Campaign



The Bahrain Coast Guard, in cooperation and coordination with the Capital Governorate Police Directorate, conducted a coastal and marine awareness campaign in the Bahrain Bay area to promote marine safety among community members. Visitors to the area were also advised on the importance of wearing life jackets while swimming, using designated swimming areas and avoiding diving without an approved licence. The campaign also highlighted safety requirements that must be followed when using jet skis and rowing boats. As part of the initiative, the Coast Guard checked safety requirements and the validity of licences held by operators providing rowing boat rental services, supporting efforts to maintain a safe marine environment for everyone. The Coast Guard urged beach and sea users to comply with safety guidelines and regulations governing marine activities. For emergencies, members of the public can contact the Coast Guard hotline on 994.

Electricity Use Almost Doubles Since 2008

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Consumption of electricity in Bahrain hit a record 19,391.6 gigawatt-hours in 2025, rising for a fifth year running as industrial use grew.

Power use rose by 382.6 GWh, or 2 pc, from 19,009 GWh in 2024. Over five years, demand has risen 18.7 pc, adding more than 3,000 GWh.

Industry recorded the fastest growth, with consumption rising 65.7 pc from 2,174.8 GWh in 2020 to 3,603.1 GWh in 2025.

Homes still accounted for the largest share, at 48.4 pc of all electricity used. Commercial premises accounted for 32.8 pc, industry 18.6 pc and agriculture 0.3 pc.

Power use has almost doubled since 2008, when consumption stood at 9,702 GWh. By 2025 it was up 99.9 pc.

Industrial demand rose 5.1 pc in 2025 alone, adding 176.1 GWh and



making up about 46 pc of the year's increase. Household use reached 9,384.1 GWh, up 0.7 pc, while commercial consumption rose 2.3 pc to 6,354 GWh. Together, homes and commercial premises used 81.2 pc of Bahrain's electricity.

Net generation also reached a record, rising 2.1 pc to 20,298.5 GWh from 19,873.1 GWh in 2024.

Al Dur 2 generated the most power, at 7,748.1 GWh, followed by Al Dur 1 at 5,007.3 GWh, Hidd at 4,984.9 GWh and Al Ezzel at

2,707.8 GWh. The two Al Dur plants produced 12,755.4 GWh between them. New plants and grid works are being built as electricity use rises. The Sitra independent power and water project is planned with electricity capacity of 1,400MW to 1,500MW.

The 400kV Jasra substation opened in early 2026 as the largest transmission substation on Bahrain's grid. Bahrain is also aiming to produce 20 pc of its electricity from renewable sources by 2035.

Hope Team Steps In as Cancer-Stricken Expat Returns Home from Bahrain

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After a harrowing period of pain and uncertainty, Rajesh Korapu, a native of Hyderabad, India, has returned home, concluding his expatriate life in Bahrain. Working as a security guard at a private firm to support his family, Rajesh was unexpectedly diagnosed with bone cancer and underwent treatment at Salmaniya Medical Complex.

Back home, two young children, aged seven and two, were waiting for him. Due to financial hardships and distance, the father had not seen his youngest child in over two years. The family was already reeling from severe debt incurred during the long-term medical treatment of Rajesh's



father, who passed away recently, making Rajesh's illness a double blow to their modest household.

Recognizing his plight, the voluntary organization 'Hope Team' stepped in to provide comprehensive support. While his employer provided the air ticket for his journey back, Hope Team presented him with 1,060 Bahraini Dinars (over INR 2,00,000) for

his ongoing treatment and family needs, along with gift packages for his children.

Hope Team members Sabu Chiramel, Faisal Pattandi, and Shaji Moothal escorted Rajesh to the airport to see him off. Upon reaching India, Rajesh expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Hope Team and all the well-wishers in Bahrain who supported him during his time of need.