

# A house that refuses to leave

Beit Al Qusair stands out as last surviving family home in Manama's old streets

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In the heart of Manama, Beit Al Qusair stands quietly as the city moves on around it. Towers have risen, old streets have shifted, and neighbouring homes have vanished. This house did not.

It remains the last surviving home of the family in the area, holding its ground with a calm certainty that modern concrete cannot imitate.

It is not preserved as a monument but lived with as memory, habit, and meaning.

## History

The house carries time in layers.

One section was built around 150 years ago, the other nearly 90 years later, each reflecting a different chapter of Bahrain's past.

Both were constructed using traditional Bahraini techniques, with wooden doors and windows crafted from materials no longer used today.

Inside, the house breathes gently through its original features, including a ceiling fan that has turned for more than a century, circling above conversations that have long since passed.

## Majlis

For generations, Beit Al Qusair was known for its open doors. Separate majlis spaces for men and women formed the social heart of the house, shaping daily



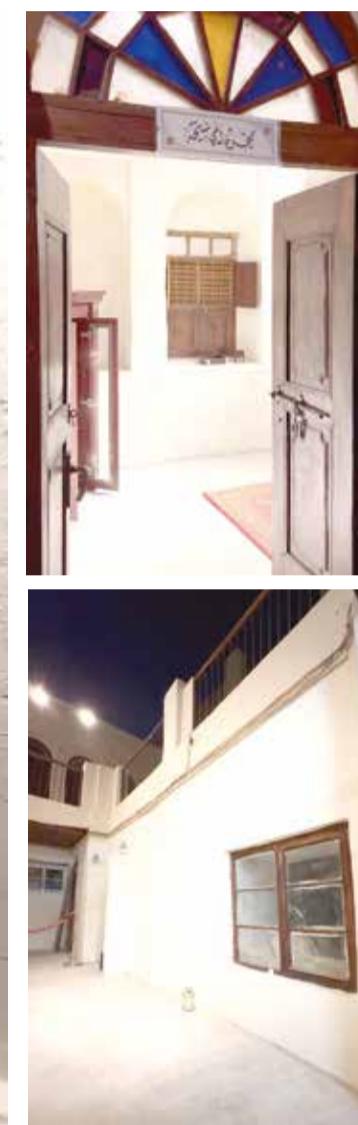
Modern walls rise but Beit Al Qusair stands to carry memory within

life within its walls.

In earlier years, the men's majlis welcomed visitors every sin-

gle day, offering a place to talk, listen, and belong.

Today, the tradition continues



more quietly, with gatherings held twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays, steady rather than fading.



**Beit Al Qusair quietly endures, preserving human connection and memory as the surrounding city transforms around it.**

## Ramadan

Ramadan brought a different rhythm.

The majlis once filled every evening with guests arriving for iftar, turning the house into a shared table for the community.

That same authenticity later drew television producers, who used the house as a filming location for Ramadan programmes, relying on its real atmosphere to tell Bahraini stories without sets or staging.

## Family

Permanent living in the house ended after the Covid pandemic, when the last brother moved elsewhere.

Yet the house never became empty. It remained a meeting point, drawing brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters together week after week.

Today, the family gathers once a week, fewer days perhaps, but with the same emotional weight.

In a special interview with The Daily Tribune, a family member reflected on the commercial life that once flowed through the house. His father was a trader who imported the first Marconi radio sets into Bahrain and distributed them locally.

He later worked in marine engines and agricultural water pumps, using boats to move goods and passengers from large ships to the local port.

The family also traded bicycles and motorcycles, importing and re-exporting them across the Gulf, linking the house to a wider regional economy.

Beit Al Qusair does not seek attention.

It simply remains, doing what it has always done, holding people together long after the city around it has changed.

## Remote litigation service activated



**Part of government effort to boost service development**

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As part of ongoing government efforts to enhance service quality and reengineer procedures, the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments has announced the activation of the remote litigation service, with implementation beginning at the High Commercial Courts and the Urgent Matters Court as the first phase of the project.

The Ministry explained that the remote litigation service allows litigants to attend court hearings remotely on an optional basis, offering greater flexibility in choosing how to participate in judicial sessions.

It noted that the service contributes to faster and smoother procedures by reducing the time and effort associated with physical court attendance, while enabling case follow-up from any location.

This, in turn, enhances judicial efficiency and accelerates the resolution of cases.

The Ministry added that the service provides an integrated digital management system

**The system also provides a secure login mechanism through the upgraded Electronic Key (2.0).**

for court hearings, including the electronic display and exchange of documents during sessions, as well as live listening to pleadings from all parties, ensuring continuity of judicial procedures with efficiency and effectiveness.

It further emphasized that electronic hearings are conducted under the full supervision of the competent judge, ensuring compliance with legal procedures, safeguarding the rights of all litigants, and upholding the principles of justice and transparency.

The Ministry stressed that the remote litigation service strengthens access to justice by offering a flexible solution suitable for various segments of society and by facilitating litigation procedures for business owners, companies, and individuals.

## MPs push for youth centre in Janabiya

**Population on the rise**

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Janabiya could get a youth centre under an urgent request submitted to Parliament, with the sponsors asking that it be raised in Parliament and sent to the Government after approval.

The proposal was filed under Article 68 of the Constitution and Article 128 of Parliament's rules of procedure.

It is signed by MP Munir Seroor, MP Lulwa Al Rumaihi and MP Hamad Al Doy, along with Hassan Ebrahim and Ali Al Nuaimi.

In an accompanying memorandum, the sponsors point to a rise in Janabiya's population linked to building growth and an influx of residents from across Bahrain.

They place particular weight on South Janabiya, where permits for apartment buildings have added to the area's headcount.

They argue that the area still



lacks a dedicated youth centre, despite what they describe as a growing youth cohort and a range of talents.

A centre, they say, would offer a place to build life and work skills, encourage volunteering and responsibility, and give young people structured activities.

The memorandum adds that regular participation in youth programmes can build confidence, help prepare young people for future leadership roles, and support social ties by strengthening identity and a sense of belonging.

## Two jailed for drug trafficking through 'dead drop' method

**15 years each for defendants**

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The High Criminal Court sentenced the first and second defendants to 15 years in prison each, fined them BD5,000 each, ordered their deportation upon completion of the sentence, and confiscated the seized items.

The incident dates back to 6:30 a.m., when a police officer, after completing his shift, was heading to his residence in the Ras Rumman area.

He noticed the two defendants acting suspiciously, appearing to distribute narcotics using the so-called "dead drop" method.

One of them was placing an object while the other was using his mobile phone as if recording the location, prompting the officer to stop them.

## Location

The officer identified himself, seized their phones, and found photos on one device marked with arrows pointing to the photographed location.

Upon searching them, he

discovered 24 small wraps in their pockets containing a crystalline substance believed to be shabu. The defendants and the seized items were then handed over to the Gudaibiya Police Station and the Anti-Narcotics Directorate.

A captain from the Anti-Narcotics Directorate later took custody of the defendants and transferred them to their residence, as they had been caught in flagrante delicto.

A search of their home uncovered a dark-colored substance, a bag containing a crystalline material suspected to be shabu, and two sensitive scales found in their bedroom.

## Network

Investigations revealed that the defendants were part of an organized criminal network involved in importing narcotics and psychotropic substances for financial gain, operating through the "dead drop" distribution method.

Their role was identified as key distributors responsible for receiving smuggled quantities, storing, dividing, and promoting them in coordination with others, in return for payment.

The seized substances included hashish and shabu.