

Shura Council Clears 14 Decree-Laws in Fourth Session



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The Shura Council handled 95 legislative items across 29 ordinary sittings during the fourth ordinary session of the sixth legislative term, including 15 decree-laws, 72 bills and eight proposed laws.

Members also put 20 questions to ministers, while the council reviewed eight final accounts and financial statements during the same period.

The council approved 14 of the 15 decree-laws and sent them to Parliament for the government to be notified. One decree-law was left undecided after Royal Order No. 14 of 2026 brought the fourth session of both chambers to a close.

Bills made up the largest share of the council's work. Of the 72 bills placed before it, 39 were passed by both the Shura Council and Parliament and sent to the government for referral to

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Both chambers agreed to reject one bill. The Shura Council also returned 12 bills to Parliament for reconsideration after debate, while four bills remain disputed between the two chambers and will need a National Assembly meeting under Article 85 of the Constitution.

Another 16 bills are still being studied by Shura Council committees.

The council also considered eight proposed laws aimed at bringing in new legal rules or amending laws already in force. Four were sent to the government after debate in the chamber, one was withdrawn, and three remain with the relevant committees.

On financial matters, five of the eight final accounts and financial statements before the council were approved. Three

Shura Council in Numbers

Fourth Session – Sixth Legislative Term

The Shura Council held 29 ordinary sittings



The Shura Council discussed 123 legislative, financial and oversight matters



The Council put 20 questions to the government on:

Education	Health	Legal Affairs
Labour	Services	Environment
Sustainable Development	Infrastructure	Social Affairs

are still being studied by the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee.

The 20 questions put to ministers received replies that were placed before the council during the session. They covered social affairs, labour, health, services, education, the environment, transport, industry and trade, legal affairs and the courts.

The council said its work dur-

ing the session covered security, economic, social, environmental and rights matters, as well as issues linked to youth, women and children. It said this followed the speech delivered by His Majesty at the opening of the fourth session.

It also said it had sought to work with Parliament and the government in the interests of Bahrain and its citizens.

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By Mohammed Darwish

MPs Push for Joint Arab Stand Against Iran

Parliamentarians Discuss Regional Security in Morocco

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Bahrain's Parliamentary Group used an Arab Scout Union assembly in Morocco to condemn the Iranian attacks and call for a united Arab parliamentary stand on regional security.

MP Jalal Kadhem, a member of the group, said Bahrain had worked to strengthen the rule of law, public institutions, citizenship, tolerance and joint Arab action under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

His remarks came during the 18th General Assembly of the Arab Scout Union for Parliamentarians, held in Morocco.

Mr Kadhem said Bahrain's legislative branch was using parliamentary diplomacy, and its place at Arab and international gatherings, to rally support for solidarity and a united stance against Iranian interference in the internal affairs of states.

He said the group had stressed respect for sovereign-



Jalal Kadhem, MP

ty, the protection of national interests, and the safety of citizens and residents, while urging dialogue and diplomacy to preserve security in the region and protect the world economy.

The group is headed by MP Mohammed Al Olaiwi and includes Shura Council member Ridha Munfaridi and MP Jalal Kadhem.

Mr Kadhem said the group had presented Bahrain's efforts to the meeting, alongside those of Arab and friendly countries, in response to the Iranian aggression.

It had also sought to explain Bahrain's position, the effect on regional security, Arab states and the world economy, and the need for closer Arab parliamentary co-ordination.

Man sentenced over domestic worker's injury

A victim suffered a permanent ear injury during dispute inside family home

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High Criminal Court sentenced a man in his thirties to three years in prison for assaulting a domestic worker and causing a permanent disability to her ear during an altercation inside his home.

According to court records, the incident took place on March 4, 2026, after authorities received a report that the worker sustained serious injuries resulting in a 7% permanent disability, as confirmed by a forensic medical report.

The victim told investigators that the dispute began when the defendant questioned her about his missing mobile

phone before allegedly assaulting her and pushing her to the ground. She later discovered part of her left ear severed near the scene.

During the trial, the defendant denied the charges, claiming the worker had attacked him and stolen his phone. However, the court found him guilty and handed down a three-year prison sentence.

The defendant's sister testified that she intervened after hearing screams and found both parties involved in a physical struggle, while investigators said the defendant admitted during questioning to biting the victim during the incident.

Man Jailed for Setting Palm Tree Ablaze

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First High Criminal Court of Appeal has upheld a one-year prison sentence against a 33-year-old Bahraini man convicted of setting fire to a palm tree and attempting to burn a vehicle following a dispute linked to narcotics.

The court also ordered the defendant to pay BD100 in compensation for damages.

According to prosecutors, the man went to the victim's home

carrying a bottle of kerosene and a lighter after ongoing disputes with the victim's son over the sale and trafficking of drugs.

Investigators said the defendant arrived on a bicycle and poured kerosene on a palm tree outside the house before setting it ablaze.

The victim discovered the fire after being alerted by his maid and managed to extinguish it using a water hose before authorities were contacted.

From The Court TDI | Manama Rehab Mohammad

Five years for man over drugs hidden in cricket bats

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The court in Bahrain has sentenced an Asian man to five years in prison after authorities uncovered around five kilograms of psychotropic substances hidden inside cricket bats and sports equipment sent through postal shipments.

The First Criminal High Court also fined the defendant 3,000 Bahraini dinars and ordered his deportation after completion of his sentence, in addition to confiscating the seized items.

According to case details, customs officers at Bahrain International Airport grew suspicious of incoming parcels from an Asian country.

An X-ray scan revealed unusual densities inside the shipments.

Upon inspection, authorities discovered cricket bats containing concealed plastic bags filled with a crystalline substance suspected to be the drug known as "shabu."

The parcels were immediately seized and handed over to the Anti-Narcotics Directorate, which identified the intended recipient and carried out a controlled delivery operation.

The suspect was arrested while receiving the shipment, with officers also finding an electronic precision scale in his possession, used for measuring narcotics, according to court documents.



Driver's Appeal Rejected Over Fatal Alcohol-Related Crash

One killed and three injured in high-speed collision

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The First High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld a three-year prison sentence against a driver convicted of causing a fatal traffic accident while driving under the influence of alcohol.

The defendant was found guilty of causing the death of one person and injuring three others after speeding and driving recklessly in an unregistered and uninsured vehicle.

According to court docu-

ments, the accident occurred around 11:25 p.m. The driver, travelling at 75 km/h on a road with a 50 km/h speed limit, lost control and collided with another vehicle. The impact forced the vehicle into the opposite lane, where it crashed head-on with a third vehicle.

The driver then struck a roadside metal barrier, briefly fled the scene, and returned after parking his vehicle nearby. The crash killed one passenger and seriously injured several others.

Bahrain and U.S. Strengthen Military Partnership



The Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received the Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Stephanie Hallett, and her accompanying delegation on Wednesday morning. During the meeting, the BDF Commander-in-Chief highlighted the steady progress and continuous development of bilateral relations across various fields, emphasizing military coordination and defence cooperation between the two nations.