

\$2.4m Issa Town Market Project Nears Completion

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Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture, Engineer Waleed bin Nasser Al Mubarak, announced that the new commercial complex in Issa Town will open in the last quarter of this year, following the completion of construction works.

The announcement came during an on-site inspection visit to review project progress, attended by senior government officials and representatives from Ramez International Group, the project's investor and operator.

Al Mubarak said the project reflects the Ministry's efforts



to strengthen public-private partnerships and improve municipal services by leveraging private sector expertise. He added that ongoing plans aim to modernize markets and municipal facilities in line with international standards, while making optimal use of municipal assets and supporting sus-

tainable development.

The project, valued at BHD 2.4 million, covers 16,765 square metres and will feature dedicated sections for fresh food products including vegetables, fruits, meat, fish, and poultry, along with supporting facilities. It will also provide more than 500 parking spaces for visitors.

Ramez International Group will develop and operate the facility under a usufruct agreement, with total revenue to the Ministry during the contract period estimated at BHD 1.98 million. The complex will also include an integrated e-commerce and order fulfilment centre to support home delivery services.

Shahico Holdings and Its Subsidiaries Reaffirm Loyalty and Allegiance to Bahrain's Leadership



Shahico Holdings and its subsidiaries, represented by CEO Adil Waseem, executive management, and employees, reaffirmed their loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa,

King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and expressed their appreciation for the Kingdom's continued progress and prosperity under His Majesty's leadership.

During a special gathering, employees and management signed a Book of Loyalty and Allegiance as a symbolic expression of their commitment to the Kingdom, its leadership, and its ongoing development. The event reflected the values of loyalty, unity,

and national responsibility, while highlighting appreciation for the security, stability, and opportunities provided by Bahrain.

The participants also conveyed their sincere prayers for the continued well-being of His Majesty the King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and for the Kingdom's lasting peace, prosperity, and progress.



Animal Cruelty for Social Media Views Must End: Dr. Kanoo

Welfare leader urges public not to share or engage with abusive content

Dr. Hana Kanoo, President of The Cat Society of Bahrain and Per Animals, warned against the increasing trend of using animals in social media content that promotes engagement through cruelty, distress, or exploitation.

She said the practice of turning animal suffering into online entertainment is a serious moral violation that goes against basic humanitarian values and the principles of compassion toward animals.

Dr. Kanoo urged the public not to engage with, share, or promote videos showing animals being harmed, frightened, or exploited. She stressed that amplifying such content only encourages further abuse and irresponsible behavior. She also called on the community to report any suspected cases of animal abuse or exploitation to the relevant official authorities.



She added that this responsiveness reflects Bahrain's institutional commitment to enforcing the law and protecting humanitarian values. She also thanked the Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for its role in following up on cases and supporting awareness efforts.

Dr. Kanoo emphasized that coordinated efforts between the Public Prosecution, security authorities, Ministry of

"We extend our sincere appreciation to the Public Prosecution, the competent security authorities and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture for their swift response and immediate action in addressing cases of animal mistreatment."



Dr. Hana Kanoo - President of The Cat Society of Bahrain and Per Animals

Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, civil society groups, and volunteers are essential to addressing animal exploitation and strengthening a culture of responsibility and compassion.

"It is unacceptable for animals to be turned into tools for entertainment or used to chase online trends," she said, adding that such actions are "morally and socially unacceptable" and must not be tolerated.

MPs back pre-job checks on foreign workers' qualifications

Services Committee says proposal serves public interest and service quality



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Parliament's Services Committee has backed a proposal to establish a joint government mechanism to verify the academic and professional qualifications of foreign workers before they are employed in Bahrain, amid concerns over forged certificates.

The proposal, submitted by MPs Mohammed Janahi, Ahmed Qarata, Hisham Al Awadhi, Muneer Soroor, and Hanan Fardan, seeks to create an administrative committee involving the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Education, and the Labour Market Regulatory Authority.

The proposed body would be responsible for verifying credentials prior to employment, alongside the creation of a centralised database linking relevant government entities to improve record-keeping and verification efficiency.

Lawmakers said the initiative is aimed at strengthening confidence in the labour market and preventing unqualified individuals from taking up specialised

or regulated roles, citing recent cases involving falsified academic documents.

The Services Committee said the proposal serves the public interest, noting it would help improve service quality and ensure greater reliance on properly qualified workers. It also described the measure as part of wider efforts to safeguard regulated professions and enhance trust in submitted credentials.

However, government bodies noted that verification systems already exist in several sectors. The Ministry of Education said it currently operates an electronic system to verify qualifications for applicants to teaching and administrative roles in private education institutions, in coordination with local and international verification agencies.

The ministry added it is prepared to extend its support to other government entities when required.

The proposal will now proceed through the parliamentary process following the committee's endorsement, with supporters saying the aim is to close verification gaps before workers enter the job market.

Medical Delegation Praised for Gaza Relief Efforts in Jordan

In the presence of H.E. Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohamed Bin Abdullah Al-Khalifa, Chairman of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS), the Society hosted a special gathering to recognize the delegation from RCSI Medical University of Bahrain that participated in an international humanitarian initiative providing medical care and surgical treatment to children from Gaza in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The event was attended by Mr. Mubarak Al Hadi Secretary General of the Society together



with members of the Board of Directors senior officials and medical and academic professionals involved in the mission. The visiting delegation included Colonel Dr. Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Commander of King Hamad University Hospital, Dr. Khadija

Matrook, Lecturer in Nursing and N4 Year Director at RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, and Professor Martin Corbally, Professor and Head of the Department of Surgery and Chief of Staff at King Hamad University Hospital, alongside a team of physicians nurses and students

participating in the initiative

The mission was carried out in coordination with RCSI Medical University of Bahrain as part of broader efforts to ease the suffering of children affected by the severe humanitarian conditions in Gaza and provide them with urgent specialist treatment.

National Unity Reaffirmed



Rajasthanis in Bahrain (RIB) have joined the National Loyalty Campaign, signing a pledge to reaffirm their allegiance and support for the Kingdom's leadership. The initiative reflects the community's solidarity, unity, and respect for His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, while highlighting strong ties between the Indian diaspora and Bahrain's continued progress and national cohesion.

Blood Donation Drive



In a continuation of its deep commitment to social responsibility and community welfare, the Bengal Cultural Society (Bongo Sanskriti) Bahrain organized a blood donation camp at the Salmaniya Medical Complex Blood Bank. The initiative underscores the organization's ongoing dedication to supporting the local Bahraini society and contributing to vital healthcare resources.