

Cyber Safety Starts at Home

MOI urges parents to guide children, strengthen online safeguards and promote responsible digital behaviour.

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As children spend more time online for learning, entertainment and communication, Bahrain's Ministry of Interior is urging parents to play an active role in protecting them from digital threats through awareness, guidance and open communication.

The Ministry's Child Protection in Cyberspace Unit has issued practical safety guidelines to help families create a safer online environment while encouraging children to use technology responsibly.

The unit stressed that safeguarding children in cyberspace is a shared responsibility, encouraging parents to stay informed about their children's digital activities and maintain regular conversations about their online experiences.

Among the key recommendations is enabling privacy settings on devices, applications and social media platforms to protect children's personal information. Parents are also encouraged to use parental control features to ensure



age-appropriate access to online content.

The ministry further advised teaching children to create strong passwords and never share them with others. It also urged parents to educate young users about the dangers of communicating with strangers or accepting friend requests from unknown people online.

Parents are encouraged to talk regularly with their children about their online experiences, listen to their concerns and foster an environment where they feel comfortable reporting anything that makes

them uneasy.

The guidelines also recommend setting reasonable screen time limits to promote a healthy balance between digital activities, rest and everyday life. Families are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the apps, games and websites their children use to better understand potential online risks.

Children are also advised not to click on suspicious links or download files from unknown sources, as these may expose their devices to malware, scams or harmful content.

The Ministry emphasised

How to Report Online Child Safety Concerns

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Traffic Police Target Trucks Parked on Pavements

Field campaign launched to enforce Bahrain's public roads occupation law



A truck which is illegally parking on the pavement in Manama

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Officials say some drivers avoid designated parking bays simply to dodge the fees.

Capital Municipality, working with the General Directorate of Traffic, has launched a field campaign against trucks illegally parked on pavements across the capital. The drive aims to enforce Legislative Decree No. (2) of 1996 on the Occupation of Public Roads, after officials cited widespread violations blocking pedestrians and damaging public facilities.

Under current rules, drivers of trucks, trailers and public transport vehicles caught parking illegally face fines of BD20 to BD100, doubling for repeat offences within a year. Officials said designated truck bays are available, but many drivers park on pavements instead



Officials during the field campaign

to avoid paying usage fees, shifting costs onto pedestrians and infrastructure.

The campaign follows earlier drives against heavy vehicles in residential areas, including bans on gas cylinder trucks parking near homes. Councillors and MPs have urged stricter rules, citing noise, safety risks and road damage. The municipality pledged continued monitoring with traffic police.

Firms Urged to Fund Cloth Bags

Bahrain Pushes Reusable Bags as Plastic Ban Nears

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Northern Municipal Council member Bassim Abu Idris has asked banks and Bahraini firms to fund reusable cloth and paper bags carrying their logos, to be handed out at malls, markets and events. He said the bags would replace plastic ones while doubling as environmental adverts, and urged government, business and civil groups to join the effort.

MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen said new curbs on single-use plastic bags followed her parliamentary proposal and reflected strong cooperation between Parliament and ministries. She linked the move to Bahrain's 2060 net-zero goal, noting reduced plastic use would cut emissions from production and disposal. She praised the Industry and Commerce Ministry for giving businesses time to adapt.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce confirmed most firms are ready for the ban on plastic bags thinner than 57 microns, effective August 20, 2026, under Ministerial Decision No. 7 of 2026. Awareness visits will continue, followed by inspections once the ban begins. Exemptions



cover household waste, medical waste and export bags. Consumers are urged to switch to reusable alternatives.



"Today's action supports tomorrow's net-zero future."

MARYAM AL DHAEN, MP



"Businesses can help turn shopping into an environmental win."

- BASSIM ABU IDRIS, NORTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Health Centre in Galali 77% Complete

New facility to offer 14 clinics, dental care and emergency unit

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The Bahrain Kuwait Health Centre in Galali is 77 per cent complete, MP Khalid Buanaq said, calling it a major boost to Bahrain's primary healthcare network. Built on a 6,828 square metre site, the centre will feature 14 consultation

clinics, 14 examination rooms and a 12-bed emergency department on the ground floor, with eight dental clinics and a maternal and childcare unit upstairs. Buanaq said the project meets top engineering and environmental standards, incorporating green building concepts and energy-efficiency systems. He praised cooperation between



the Ministry of Works, Ministry of Health and BBK, and urged that Galali residents be given priority for administrative jobs once the centre opens, boosting local employment and community benefit.

From The Court

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Woman Jailed for Exploiting Domestic Worker

Court upholds three-year sentence for forced labour case

Bahrain's Court of Cassation has upheld a three-year prison sentence and a BD2,000 fine against an Asian woman convicted of exploiting a 20-year-old domestic worker through forced labour.

The court also ordered the woman to cover the cost of returning the victim to her home country.

According to court documents, the victim worked for nine different families between

January 2024 and January 2025 without receiving wages, apart from payments during her first two months. The defendant also withheld the worker's passport and illegally collected her salaries.

Investigations by the Ministry of Interior and the Labour Market Regulatory Authority found evidence of human trafficking and unlicensed labour recruitment. The Court of Cassation has now confirmed the conviction.

Court Orders Mother to Hand Over Daughter

Cassation upholds custody ruling in father's favour

The Court of Cassation upheld a ruling ordering a mother to hand over her daughter to the child's father, who had previously been granted custody by the Sharia Court.

The mother had refused to comply with the custody order



despite repeated requests. Instead of enforcing a six-month prison sentence, the court ordered her to hand over the child within one week of the judgment becoming final and to pay BD500 in temporary civil compensation to the father.

The ruling had earlier been up-

Man Finds Himself Registered for Job He Never Worked

Forgery trial continues as compensation claim filed

A 25-year-old Bahraini told a court he discovered he had been registered as an employee at a company without his knowledge after applying for unemployment benefits.

The registration allegedly prevented him from receiving unemployment assistance and affected his entitlement to his late father's pension. He has filed a BD2,000 compensation claim.

A 70-year-old company

owner is on trial before the High Criminal Court on charges of forging the man's signature on an employment contract and submitting it to the Social Insurance Organisation and the Ministry of Labour.

The defence argues the registration may have resulted from an administrative error rather than intentional forgery. A verdict is scheduled for August 11.

Family Demands Inquiry After Weight-Loss Surgery Death

Bahraini mother dies days after gastric bypass; family says doctor lacked training

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Aziza Janahi, a Bahraini mother in her thirties, died days after undergoing a mini gastric bypass at a private hospital, sparking her family's call for a full investigation.

Janahi reportedly woke from surgery on July 12 in severe pain, which continued the next day. Relatives say a doctor dismissed her complaints as normal post-surgery discomfort. She was discharged despite the ongoing pain and breathlessness.

Her husband, Saud Al Shaikh, tried reaching her by phone before asking their 11-year-old son to check on her. The children found her unresponsive; paramedics later confirmed her death. A forensic report cited severe internal bleeding.

The family claims the doctor lacked bariatric training and later left Bahrain, which they view as fleeing. They are demanding answers on her care and discharge. The hospital has not responded publicly.