

BD9,000 payout for crash victim's family

Insurance company and driver held responsible for road accident

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A married couple and their children have been awarded BD9,000 after the High Civil Court held an insurance company and the driver responsible for a road crash that left the wife with a permanent disability assessed at 15 per cent, lawyer Amani Hameed said.

The ruling ordered the two defendants to pay the family the full amount, along with legal costs, BD20 in lawyer's fees and BD180 in committee fees.

The case centred on injuries suffered by the wife, listed as the first claimant, after a traffic accident caused by the first defendant.

The vehicle was insured by the second defendant, the court heard.

Claim

Her husband and children joined the claim, saying they had suffered emotional harm, while the driver was referred to criminal court and convicted.

Medical reports recorded soft-tissue injuries to the head and left arm, and a right-leg injury that included a comminuted fracture of the upper part of the tibia.

The reports also noted an anterior cruciate ligament tear that was treated conservatively, leaving pain at the injury site and a slight limit in bending the knee, as well as hyperpigmentation on the left arm.

'Dead drop' drug trafficking trial

Court date set

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A report about two people asleep in a parked car has led to the arrest of three defendants accused of running a drug operation that investigators say relied on the 'dead drop' method.

The High Criminal Court has listed the case for 22 December and ordered the defendants to remain in custody.

The Anti-Narcotics Directorate said it received information about two people in an 'abnormal' state inside a vehicle parked at an open complex.

Officers went to the site and found the second and third defendants asleep inside.

On the agenda

Shura to debate private schools law, MPs' accounts rule and Kyrgyz air deal

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The Shura Council meets today to take up three bills: a new law to govern private educational institutions, a change to the Council of Representatives' rulebook on final accounts, and a bill to ratify an air services agreement with the Kyrgyz Republic.

First up is the Services Committee report on the draft Private Educational Institutions Law, attached to Decree No. 60 of 2025.

The committee has advised approval in principle, saying the bill would refresh the legal rules for private education and bring them closer to national education policy.

The text is framed as six issuing articles and seven chapters with 36 articles.

Regulations

It would regulate licensing, management and supervision of private educational institutions, with the stated aim of raising education quality and supporting children's and students' development.

The committee said it also seeks better learning outcomes over time, clearer governance, and a push for responsible investment in education while



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balancing the public interest with protecting investors' rights.

The report says the bill draws a clearer line between private educational institutions and private training institutions, expands the range of bodies under the Ministry of Education's supervision, and strengthens the ministry's powers to inspect and monitor private educational institutions.

Sanctions

The committee said the draft law brings tougher administrative and criminal sanctions than those in the current framework, with a view to stopping breaches and cutting repeat violations.

It argued the existing rules rely on a limited set of administrative penalties that do not allow for a graded response or

take proper account of the type and seriousness of a breach.

Under the draft, the ministry would be able to choose one or more steps from a wider, tiered menu of administrative measures, depending on the gravity of the breach and the risk it poses to the educational environment.

The committee added that the draft law places the interests of children, students and parents at the heart of the system, and seeks to deal with issues it sees in the current law.

Flexibility

It also links private education rules to Bahrain's wider education framework and philosophy, while giving the ministry flexibility in how it applies the law as conditions change.

In a separate item, the Shura



The Bahrain-Kyrgyz air services deal is meant to support air links between the two countries, with a framework based on competition among carriers, scope for growth in routes and services, and provisions aimed at keeping safety and security standards high.

Council will discuss the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee report on a bill to amend Article 219 of Decree-Law No. 54 of 2002 on the rules of procedure of the Council of Representatives.

The bill was prepared in light of a proposal from the elected chamber, and the committee has advised approval in principle.

The change would extend the time allowed for the Council of Representatives' General Secretariat to prepare the chamber's final account and submit it, audited, to the Speaker.

The new time limit would be three months from the end of the financial year.

Approval

The Speaker would then refer it to the Bureau before it goes to the full chamber for discussion and approval.

Under the current wording, the final account must be sent to the Bureau within one month of the end of the financial year.

The committee said the aim is to match the timetable used for final accounts across government bodies, keep legislative policy consistent, and ease pressure on the General Secretariat, which it said can struggle to finish the work within 30 days without risking notes and omissions.

Bahrain marks milestone with first pet cataract surgery

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Bahrain has reached a new milestone in veterinary medicine with the country's first-ever cataract surgery for a pet.

The successful procedure highlights a significant advancement in the quality of medical care now available for animals in the Kingdom.

The groundbreaking case involved a 12-year-old Shih Tzu whose owners noticed he was increasingly bumping into objects and struggling with everyday navigation.

Condition

Specialist ophthalmic examinations confirmed that the dog was suffering from cataracts, a condition that clouds the lens and severely impairs vision.

Following the diagnosis, Charis Vets' in-house ophthalmic surgeon and medical team developed a precise, case-specific treatment plan to restore



Surgery in progress

the dog's sight.

This coordinated approach demonstrates the growing sophistication of veterinary care now accessible within Bahrain.

The surgery was performed by Chief Surgeon, Dr Sooryadas Surendran, and assisted by in-house vet Ophthalmologist Dr



From right, Dr Hansel, Dr Sooryadas and Dr Melvin

Melvin Varghese, and clinical Director Dr Hansel Geo Thomas.

Anniversary

In line with its tenth-year anniversary and commitment to social responsibility, Charis Vets is also offering one free advanced ophthalmic surgery for a cat or

dog to support families who may otherwise be unable to access such specialist care.

Charis Vets, known for its comprehensive specialist services, including ophthalmology, neurology, gynecology, laparoscopy, orthopedics, and cardiology performed the procedure



Cooper, the first Shih Tzu to have the cataract surgery completed successfully in Bahrain

successfully.

This milestone not only marks a new era in pet healthcare in Bahrain but also reflects the increasing availability of advanced treatment options for animals across the Kingdom.

Decree-law shifting pro sports rules to federations

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A Decree-Law amending Bahrain's sports professionalism law will go before Parliament on Tuesday, shifting more rule-writing power to national sports federations while keeping a single set of general rules issued by the President of the

General Sports Authority.

Decree-Law No. 40 of 2025 amends Law No. 8 of 2021 on sports professionalism.

It says federations should have full technical control to draft and issue the rules that govern professional status and contracts in their sport, so long as those rules follow Bahraini law and do not clash with inter-



Mamdouh Al Saleh, Chairman of Parliament's Services Committee

national federation regulations.

Contracts

Under the text, the President of the General Sports Authority would issue the general rules for the professionalism system and for professional athletes' contracts, including the ground rules for professional contracts and the legal relationships that

come with them.

The stated aim is to keep contracts in line with relevant laws and in step with international rules.

Each federation would then issue its own detailed rules for professionalism and contracts.

These would cover the technical matters, including the terms of professional status.