

Seven rescued in residential fire

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The General Directorate of Civil Defense successfully rescued seven individuals and extinguished a fire that broke out in a residential building in Manama.

Emergency response teams, including the National Ambulance Service, were immediately dispatched to the scene to provide necessary medical assistance.

Relevant authorities are currently investigating the incident and taking appropriate measures in accordance with established procedures.

Foreign Minister holds call with Turkmenistan counterpart

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His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, held a telephone call with Rashid Meredov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan.

Mohammed Darwish

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Bahrain has proposed religious-awareness training for MPs, aimed at cutting hate speech and bolstering peaceful coexistence between communities, during a parliamentary forum in Rome.

MP Hassan Ibrahim put forward the proposal at the Second Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue, hosted in the Italian capital.

He was part of a Bahraini delegation led by Parliament Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam.

Ibrahim said such courses would give MPs practical insights for tackling prejudice, supporting mutual understanding among religions, and cementing social cohesion.

Religious traditions

He suggested a solid grasp of religious traditions and their

wider social contexts would help legislators develop fairer and more inclusive laws.

“In a world of diverse beliefs, parliamentarians have an obligation to promote legislation that upholds tolerance, respect, and peaceful living side-by-side,” Ibrahim told attendees. “But to carry out this role effectively, we need to properly understand religious values and the communities shaped by them.”

Hala Ramzi Faye, member of the Shura Council, told the forum the kingdom had successfully combined religious values with civic policies, particularly in empowering women.

Royal vision

She spoke of Bahrain’s vision under King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, built on fairness and equality, principles enshrined clearly in the kingdom’s constitution and laws.

Faye said this approach had helped Bahraini women rise to



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“Meaningful conversations on women’s empowerment must consider religious values. Moderate interfaith dialogue is key to removing cultural and social barriers.”

- SHURA MEMBER HALA FAYE

prominent posts in Parliament, government ministries, diplo-

matic missions, the judiciary, and security sectors.

Path to peace

Bahrain proposes religious-awareness training for MPs at Rome forum

Startups Spark Student Dreams

- Students pitch real ventures
- NBB-INJAZ link proves vital
- Startups focus on real issues

Mahir Haneef

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Young Bahrainis who once pitched ideas in classrooms are now emerging as real-world entrepreneurs, thanks to a nationwide initiative that is rapidly turning academic projects into viable startups.

The second season of the ‘Entaliq with INJAZ Powered by NBB’ programme concluded yesterday with a ceremony marking not just the end of mentorship, but the beginning of several youth-led business journeys.



Hana Sarwani, CEO of INJAZ Bahrain, along with Hisham Abu Alfateh, NBB’s Chief Corporate Communications Officer, and senior NBB mentors, presents certificates of completion to participants

Organised by the National Bank of Bahrain in partnership with INJAZ Bahrain, the event celebrated student founders who had transformed their ideas into scalable enterprises over the course of the year.

Venture-ready youth

Entaliq is designed to propel alumni of the INJAZ Bahrain Company Programme beyond theory, offering them up to 20 hours of hands-on guidance, seed funding, and incubation support.

Participants must clear a selection process that prioritises

In the Middle East, over 60% of young people say they want to start their own business, but only 8% have access to structured entrepreneurship support.

real-world relevance, innovation, and sustainability.

The ceremony saw teams present their startup progress and outline future plans, many demonstrating clear market fit

and social impact. Their pitches reflected Bahrain’s broader ambition to foster youth-driven economic growth through private sector partnerships.

Backed by leadership

Her Highness Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairperson of INJAZ Bahrain, praised the evolution of the programme.

“We are proud to witness these young founders transform their student-led startups into scalable, impact-driven ventures,” she said. “Together, we are enabling Bahrain’s youth to

turn their vision into reality and contribute meaningfully to the Kingdom’s economic growth.”

NBB’s Group CEO Usman Ahmed highlighted the corporate sector’s role.

“We’ve seen this talent grow from ambitious individuals into founders with structured plans, scalable ideas, and the mindset to lead,” he said, calling the initiative vital for nurturing a value-driven entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Scaling the future

Certificates of completion were presented to participants

by Hana Sarwani, CEO of INJAZ Bahrain, alongside Hisham Abu Alfateh, NBB’s Chief Corporate Communications Officer, and senior NBB mentors.

More than a ceremonial gesture, the recognition underlined a shared belief among partners that with the right tools, Bahrain’s youth can become business leaders solving real-world challenges.

The Entaliq programme is expected to continue its expansion next year, offering more young innovators the chance to move from classroom to company.

MP honours outstanding students in Capital Governorate

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As part of his ongoing efforts to support academic excellence, MP Mohammed Hussein Janahi honoured a group of outstanding students from the First Constituency of the Capital Governorate in recognition of their exceptional academic achievements.

The initiative reflects MP Janahi’s dedication to fostering a culture of excellence and encouraging young learners to pursue higher education.

He emphasised the impor-



MP Mohammed Hussein Janahi with young achievers

tance of nurturing an ambitious generation capable of contributing meaningfully to Bahrain’s continued development and prosperity.

During the recognition ceremony, MP Janahi expressed his pride in the students’ accomplishments and commended the vital role of their parents and teachers in guiding and supporting them toward academic success.

He extended his best wishes to the honorees for continued progress in their educational journeys.

Six Asians held for selling alcoholic substances

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The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has arrested six Asians in two separate incidents for selling alcoholic substances.

The move was part of the Directorate’s efforts to uphold public order, combat crime, and enforce the law.

It stated that upon receiving information regarding the cases, investigation and search

operations were promptly initiated.

These efforts led to the identification and arrest of the suspects, with quantities of alcoholic substances found in their possession.

The seized items were confiscated, and the necessary legal proceedings have been taken to refer both cases to the Public Prosecution.

The Criminal Media Division has urged the public to cooperate with the authorities.