

Six-Month Deadline for Food Trucks to Comply with Rules

Move aims to improve safety, organisation and urban planning standards

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Food truck operators in Bahrain have been given a six-month deadline to regularise their status under updated regulatory requirements aimed at improving organisation, safety standards and urban planning.

The grace period began on June 21 and will run until December 21, 2026, allowing operators time to complete necessary procedures and comply with existing rules governing the sector.

Joint government campaign Northern Municipality Director-General and food truck regulation project coordinator Mohammed Saad Al Sahli said the initiative is being implemented through coordinated efforts between multiple government bodies.

He said the campaign aims to strengthen compliance, enhance public health and safety standards, and maintain the visual and urban organisation of areas where food trucks operate.

Food trucks have seen significant expansion in Bahrain in recent years, driven largely by young entrepreneurs entering the food and beverage sector through



Mohammed Saad Al Sahli, Northern Municipality Director-General and food truck regulation project co-ordinator

flexible, low-cost business models.

What was once considered a seasonal activity has now become a growing part of the local small business and consumer landscape, particularly with demand for mobile cafés, specialty food concepts and street-style dining experiences.

However, authorities note that this rapid growth has also increased calls for clearer regulation and better site organisation.

Officials said the current enforcement drive follows complaints and observations received from citizens and institutions regarding some food truck locations and their impact on public spaces and urban appearance.

Authorities stressed that they are addressing these concerns through legal and regulatory measures while ensuring the continued operation of the sector in a more structured and sustainable manner.

Clear rules on operating locations

While one government body handles licensing the activity

Future Food Truck System (Bahrain)

- Ministry plans designated food truck locations across Bahrain
- Electronic system to manage site reservations for operators
- Launch to be announced after final procedures are completed
- Bahrain has around 31 licensed mobile food vendors
- Licences issued in recent years; one suspended for violations
- Applicants must be Bahraini, 18+, medically fit, and not employed or commercially registered.

itself, the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture is responsible for determining where food trucks can operate.

Rules include obtaining property owner approval, avoiding road reserves, and not parking directly in front of residential buildings.

Officials said the six-month grace period is intended to give operators sufficient time to adjust their operations and continue their businesses in compliance with approved regulations.

Debtor property sales face new court rules

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Seizing and selling debtors' property in Bahrain will follow revised auction rules under a new order issued by Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf Minister Nawaf Al Maawda.

Resolution No 49 of 2026 changes parts of a 2022 order on the seizure of real estate owned by people subject to civil and trade enforcement cases, its sale, and the sharing of the proceeds.

The order replaces Article 8 and the fourth paragraph of Article 12 of Resolution No 23 of 2022. It also scraps Article 13 of the same order and repeals a 2019 order on the sale of mortgaged property by public auction.

All auction steps must now be clear, open and held in public, according to the new wording of Article 8. The sale must be run by a named person.

Anyone wishing to bid must follow the required steps, including signing up and paying the first guarantee sum.

The auction will begin at the base price fixed by the Execution Court judge.

Once bidding closes, the person running the sale must write a record of the auction. It must list the steps taken, the highest offers made by bidders and the court fees.

That record must be put before the Execution Court judge within three days of the close of bidding.

The highest bidder will be



Nawaf Al Maawda, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf

treated as the buyer to whom the sale is awarded.

The judge must order a new auction if no bidder comes forward, if an error is found in the notice or bidding steps, or if the buyer cannot register the property in his name for a reason beyond his control.

The amended fourth paragraph of Article 12 gives the buyer two weeks to pay the rest of the price into the court treasury.

The two-week period runs from the end of the time allowed to file a grievance or appeal against the sale award, if neither is filed. If one is filed, it runs from the date a ruling is made.

Once the rest of the price is paid on time, the buyer will receive a copy of the ruling allowing the sale and the order awarding it.

Those papers must then be given to the Survey and Land Registration Bureau so ownership can be moved into the buyer's name.

The order will be carried out by the ministry's under-secretary for courts, family reconciliation and alimony.

“Voices of Europe”

Celebrates Peace and Resilience Through Music and Poetry in Bahrain



Dr Andreas Eliades, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus; Éric Giraud-Telme, Ambassador of France; Andrea Catalan, Ambassador of Italy; and Henning Georg Simon, Ambassador of Germany, speaking during the event on strengthening diplomatic cooperation and dialogue.

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Music and poetry possess a rare and noble power — they speak across languages, cultures, and borders, reminding us that peace is not only a political aspiration, but a human practice built through dialogue, mutual respect, and cultural exchange.”

With this powerful message, “Voices of Europe: A Dialogue for Peace & Resilience” brought together diplomats, artists, and distinguished guests yesterday for an evening dedicated to culture, coexistence, and unity at Isa Cultural Hall. The event was organized by the embassies of Cyprus, France, Germany, and Italy in cooperation with the King Hamad Global Center for

Coexistence and Tolerance on the occasion of the International Day of Music.

The celebration highlighted the role of music, poetry, and cultural dialogue in strengthening peace and resilience between communities and nations. Throughout the evening, speakers emphasized that artistic expression remains one of the strongest bridges connecting people across cultures, languages, and beliefs.

The programme began with a welcome reception hosted by representatives of the King Hamad Global Center for Coexistence and Tolerance and the EU embassies, followed by the official opening ceremony and the national anthems of Bahrain and the European Union.

One of the evening's high-

lights was a series of poetry readings delivered by EU ambassadors alongside a representative from the King Hamad Global Center for Coexistence and Tolerance. Accompanied by traditional oud music, the poetry performances carried messages of peace, humanity, solidarity, and hope, creating an emotional atmosphere that resonated strongly with the audience.

Muneera Nofal Al Doseri Executive Director of the KHGC, addressed the audience, emphasizing the importance of culture and dialogue in building stronger and more resilient societies. “At first glance, music may seem an unusual starting point for discussions about peace and resilience. Yet history tells us otherwise,” she said. “Culture



Muneera Nofal Al Doseri Executive Director of the KHGC

teaches people where politics sometimes cannot.”

The evening continued with a musical performance by Manama Singers accompanied by an oud player. Their performance blended international and cultural melodies, celebrating friendship, harmony, and cultural exchange while reinforcing the message that music remains a universal language capable of uniting communities.

Hundreds Participate in Yoga Gathering



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With a large turnout, participants gathered in Manama and moved in quiet synchrony for more than half an hour as Bahrain marked the International Day of Yoga, emphasizing unity, harmony, and shared wellbeing.

The event, held at the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam hall, brought together people of different ages, nationalities and backgrounds. Children stood alongside older adults, while men and women followed the same guided movements in a shared rhythm reflecting calm and coordination.

Organised by the Embassy of India in Bahrain, the gathering celebrated yoga as a practice that originated in India but has grown into a global discipline focused on physical and mental wellbeing.

Speaking at the event, former Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Abdulnabi Al Shoala said yoga has evolved into a universal concept that



promotes inner balance and strengthens human connections. He noted that social harmony often begins with individual wellbeing and understanding.

He also highlighted the importance of cultural initiatives in strengthening ties between Bahraini and Indian communities, describing such events as meaningful bridges between people and nations.

The Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, Vinod K. Jacob echoed similar views, saying yoga has become a symbol of solidarity that now extends far beyond its country of origin. He welcomed the growing participation of Bahrainis and other residents, noting that the practice reflects shared values of health, respect and coexistence.