

# New Laws on Health, Energy and Digital Sectors Move Forward

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The Shura Council approved four legislative proposals in principle and referred them to the government as part of efforts to modernise laws and support Bahrain's development goals.

During the fourth session of the sixth legislative term, the Council reviewed eight proposals covering key sectors including healthcare, renewable energy, information technology and national industries.

Among the approved proposals is a draft law regulating health tourism, aimed at creating a legal framework to improve healthcare services, enhance transparency and strengthen oversight.

The Council also approved amendments to the Child Law to improve supervision of nurseries and further protect children's rights and welfare.

In the energy sector, members backed a renewable energy proposal designed to encourage investment and support Bahrain's transition towards clean energy solutions.

Another approved proposal includes amendments to the law regulating medical and dental professions to update regulations related to special medical cases in line with current developments.

Meanwhile, specialised committees are continuing their review of three additional proposals, including measures to support national industries, improve administrative penalties for private healthcare institutions, and strengthen penalties for digital manipulation and falsification of audio-visual content.

A proposal related to regulating artistic professions was withdrawn by its sponsors for further study, aiming to develop



a more comprehensive framework to support Bahraini artists and enhance their professional status.

## CSR Initiatives Boost National Development Goals



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa meets Al Bilad Media Group Chairman Abdunabi Abdullah Alshula and members of the independent Supreme Committee for the "Al Bilad Shield for Corporate Social Responsibility 2026" at Gudaibiya Palace. Shaikh Khalid emphasized the vital role of community initiatives and private sector partnerships in supporting Bahrain's comprehensive development journey.

## Determination Pays Off

### Salman's Journey from Cashier to Business Owner



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In the heart of Bahrain stands the story of 22-year-old Salman Habib Salman, a young business owner who never waited for the "right moment" to begin. He created his own path from the very start. He is the owner of "Juman," a store located in Delmon Gate Souq in Saar.

From a young age, Salman was drawn to buying and selling. In primary school, he would sell sunflower seeds he got from his aunt not for profit, but because he loved trading, negotiating, and earning through his own effort. That childhood curiosity quickly turned into something much bigger.

At just 14 years old, he started working as a cashier in a fast-food restaurant. He would attend school in the morning, then work six-hour shifts until midnight. With no transportation, he rode his bicycle every day no complaints, no shortcuts, just determination. He continued this routine for five years, balancing school, work, and discipline.

His early experience as a cashier built strong customer service and communication skills, which later helped him excel in his sales career, where he became highly skilled in dealing with customers and understanding their needs.

When the restaurant eventually closed, that chapter ended but his journey didn't. While exploring a nearby shopping complex, he noticed gold shops everywhere. He prepared his CV and applied to every store he could find. It took a full year before he received his first opportunity.

When he entered university, he landed a job in SALES, where his communication skills and experience made

him stand out naturally. Alongside his studies, he continued working in sales and exploring other opportunities like auctions and selling perfumes, bags, and accessories.

Then came a turning point. With rising gold prices, Salman noticed a gap in the market many people wanted elegance but could no longer afford real gold.

That's when the idea was born: affordable accessories with the same shine, design, and elegance as gold, but at a much lower price. In 2025, he began building the project. After a year of planning and challenges, especially funding, he partnered with investors who believed in his vision. He chose a bold location inside Delmon Gate Souq, surrounded by gold shops, where he would stand out rather than blend in. In 2026, he officially opened his store.

He runs his store "Juman" in Delmon Gate Souq, a shop dedicated to gold-plated and gold-inspired accessories, designed as an affordable alternative to real gold.

Today, Salman is not only a sales professional but also a business owner. But he sees this as only the beginning.

"I don't want to stay just an employee. I want to be a business owner. And I'm still at the beginning," he says.

His journey includes multiple ventures, from social media businesses to auctions and T-shirt sales—all steps toward something bigger.

His advice is simple: "There is no perfect time or age. Don't wait. Start now. Success doesn't wait."

"Connections are the biggest gain in business."

"What I've achieved is only step one. The road ahead is much bigger. Keep your eyes up, everyone has something unique. You just have to find it."

## From The Court

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### Drug Parcel Case: Appeal Verdict Due in July

The High Criminal Court of Appeal is set to issue its verdict on July 27 in the case of a defendant convicted over a postal parcel containing suspected drugs.

The accused was previously sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined BD 5,000 after customs officials discovered suspicious materials inside a parcel arriving from

Europe.

A search also uncovered additional substances believed to include shabu and heroin-related materials, along with other drug-related items.

Authorities said investigations suggested the defendant may have been part of an organised network involved in receiving and distributing narcotics.

### Leniency Saves Defendant from Deportation in Business Licence Case

The court sentenced a foreign national to three months in prison for operating a business without a licence but overturned the deportation order, citing leniency.

The defendant had originally been sentenced in absentia to jail, a fine, and permanent deportation, along

with confiscation of seized items.

During appeal proceedings, the defence challenged the legality of the procedures and evidence presented.

While the court upheld the conviction, it decided to revoke deportation, concluding there was no indication the defendant would reoffend.

### Hotel Fraud Case Rejected After Four Levels of Litigation

Bahrain's High Civil Court of Appeal rejected a long-running fraud claim filed by a hotel buyer, ending a legal battle that went through four levels of litigation.

The plaintiff alleged he was misled into purchasing a four-star hotel that later lost its tourism licence. However, the courts found no evidence of deception by the seller.

Judges ruled that the final notarized contract included no guarantees about the hotel's condition and confirmed the buyer had inspected the property before purchase.

The court also concluded that the licence issues were linked to unpaid renewal fees rather than structural violations.

The appeal was ultimately dismissed, with the court upholding the validity of the sale.

### Six Months Jail for Forged Degree Use, Followed by Deportation

A Bahraini court sentenced a foreign woman to six months in prison and ordered her deportation after she was found guilty of using a forged university degree.

The defendant submitted the falsified certificate to a private school and verification bodies in an attempt to secure

approval for employment.

Investigations confirmed the certificate was not issued by the claimed university, based on official verification and audit reports.

The case was referred by the Ministry of Education after discrepancies were discovered during qualification checks.

### Expired Food Scam: Four Convicted

The court convicted four individuals in a major food safety fraud case involving expired products that were relabelled and prepared for resale.

The Lower Criminal Court sentenced the acting company

manager to three years in prison and fined him BD 10,000. Three workers received one-year prison terms each and will be permanently deported after serving their sentences.

The court also ordered the company closed for six months,

along with the confiscation and destruction of all adulterated goods and equipment used in the crime.

The case began after the Ministry of Industry and Commerce flagged suspicious activity involving the tampering of

expiry dates on food items. A subsequent inspection led to the seizure of spoiled products, confirming the fraud.

Authorities said the ruling reflects a firm stance against food-related deception that endangers public health.

### Healthy Ageing



Participants perform guided postures led by Dr. Narpal Singh, the official yoga instructor deputized by the Indian Embassy, during International Yoga Day celebrations at the Indian Club premises in Bahrain. The special programme highlighted wellness, flexibility, and mental longevity. Organizers encouraged all attendees to adopt yoga as a daily practice for long-term health benefits, rather than limiting it to a single annual celebration.

### Tournament Glory



The Indian Club Executive Committee, organizing team, and tournament winners pose during the prize distribution ceremony in Bahrain. The three-day monthly members' badminton tournament concluded successfully at the club premises. Featuring various age and skill categories, the event drew strong player participation and enthusiastic support from families, ending with trophies awarded to all winners and runners-up.