

Transforming Early Learning Experiences

Bahrain launches national training framework to strengthen early childhood education

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The Ministry of Education has launched a National Professional Training Framework for employees working in early childhood education institutions, marking a new step towards enhancing the quality of the sector and strengthening the skills of those working with young learners.

The framework is part of the Ministry's ongoing efforts to develop early childhood education in line with its strategic plan and the goals of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

Director of the Early Child-

hood Education Licensing and Follow-up Department at the Ministry of Education, Fathiya Ali Eish, said the framework will provide a unified national reference for professional development programmes, helping build educators' capabilities and improve their readiness through internationally recognised practices and standards.

She explained that the framework will guide licensed training institutions in designing and delivering specialised programmes for early childhood education staff, ensuring consistent quality

standards and addressing the sector's professional needs.

The Ministry said adopting the framework represents an important milestone in improving educational practices, raising the professional standards of early childhood educators, and investing in national talent to

support the development of future generations.

The initiative also reflects Bahrain's commitment to strengthening its position regionally and internationally in early childhood education.



Fathiya Ali Eish, Director of the Early Childhood Education Licensing and Follow-up Department at the Ministry of Education



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Drug Conviction Upheld

Cassation court confirms 10-year jail term, BD5,000 fine and deportation

The Court of Cassation upheld a 10-year prison sentence and a BD5,000 fine against an Asian man convicted of helping a drug trafficker distribute narcotics in exchange for methamphetamine for personal use.

The court also ordered the confiscation of the seized drugs and his permanent deportation

after serving his sentence. Investigators recovered methamphetamine, marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids, drug paraphernalia and financial records linking the defendants to trafficking activities. The court ruled that witness testimony, confessions, forensic evidence and mobile phone records were sufficient to uphold the conviction.

Student Faces Arson Charge

Court postpones case over alleged house fire until July 28

A Bahraini court adjourned the trial of a 23-year-old student accused of deliberately setting fire to a house owned by heirs until July 28.

The defendant remains in custody after threatening to burn the property when his

sister refused to give him money. According to prosecutors, he later sent a WhatsApp message claiming he had started the fire. Civil Defence teams extinguished the blaze, which destroyed one room and damaged four others. The defendant admitted to the charge.

Man Blames Garbage Odours

Bahraini accused of setting fire to rubbish bins in Sitra

A 46-year-old Bahraini employee told the High Criminal Court that foul odours from accumulated garbage and psychological pressures drove him to set fire to rubbish containers near his home. He is facing four arson cases

involving the deliberate burning of garbage bins in Sitra. CCTV footage allegedly captured him pulling containers onto public roads before setting them alight. The court adjourned the cases until July 28 for further arguments.

Washington talks focus on Middle East security risks

GCC, Jordan Envoys Meet Top US Republicans Amid Regional Tensions

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Ambassadors from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states and Jordan met Congressman Brian Mast, Chairman of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee, along with senior Republican members, under Bahrain's current GCC presidency.

Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Ambassador to the U.S., led the GCC side. He stressed the need to deepen the GCC-U.S. strategic dialogue to reinforce regional stability amid growing volatility.

Security concerns

Talks centered on the fast-changing security situation in the Middle East. Officials discussed protecting maritime shipping lanes, preserving freedom of navigation, and containing the fallout of regional tensions on the global economy.

Participants described U.S.-GCC-Jordan ties as a decades-old strategic partnership. They agreed to expand cooperation to support peace and development.



Dr. Shaikh Abdullah said all sides share a commitment to dialogue as the main tool for

resolving crises, calling for closer coordination on today's cross-border challenges.

Al Maqasees Market in Isa Town Nears Completion

Councillor Says 90-Stall Project Set to Open Within Months

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The long-awaited Isa Town Local Market, known as Al Maqasees, has entered its final stages of construction, with Northern Municipal Council member Dr Salman Mohsen Abdulla predicting it will open within the coming months.

Speaking from the project site, Dr Abdulla, who represents the fourth northern constituency, thanked the press for its continued coverage of the market's progress. He said the reporting had helped highlight the project's importance and reflect residents' eagerness to see it completed.

"After years of waiting, the project has become a tangible reality, and only a short time remains before it opens," he said, adding that residents regularly ask him about the opening date given the market's importance to traders and the local community.

He said the Ministry of Mu-

nicipalities Affairs and Agriculture continues to follow up on the project closely alongside the Northern Municipality, which is overseeing construction through completion to ensure the market meets required specifications.

The market will include 90 stalls for traders, Dr Abdulla said. Construction has reached an advanced stage, with most of the stalls already finished and only a limited number left to complete before the project is fully handed over.

He thanked Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister



Northern Municipal Council member Dr Salman Mohsen Abdulla

Eng Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak and Undersecretary for Municipal Affairs Eng Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa for their direct involvement in keeping the project on schedule.

Southern Governor Praises Youth City Visit



Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Governorate, stated that strong support for Bahrain's youth sector reflects the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the continuous efforts of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to empower young Bahrainis as key contributors to national development. The remarks came during the Governor's visit to Youth City 2030, organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs with strategic partner Tamkeen. He was received by Marwan Fouad Kamal, Undersecretary of the Ministry.

New 1.84km Road to Link Salmabad with Al Ramli

The road runs from UTB's gate on Road 12 to Complex 744, tucked behind IKEA.

A new 1.84-kilometre road will soon link Salmabad to Al Ramli, running from the University of Technology Bahrain (UTB) gate at the Road 12 intersection in Salmabad to Complex 744, directly behind the IKEA complex.

Northern Municipal Council member Abdulla Ashoor, representing the sixth northern constituency, revealed the project details after the Tender Board recently opened bids for the Ministry of Works scheme. The new entrance to Al Ramli will run via Road 100.

Ashoor said the road will measure 7.5 metres wide. The project also covers earthworks,



asphalt paving, installation of concrete blocks, a rainwater drainage network, road lighting, and traffic signs and markings.

The Tender Board is offering

bid documents at BD100 each, with a BD4,000 bond required from contractors, ahead of a July 15 closing date.



Gurdwara to Mark Miri Piri Diwas

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The Gurdwara Sikh Community Center in Salmabad will host a three-day religious programme from today until July 24 to commemorate the Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji and celebrate Miri Piri Diwas. The event will commence today with the beginning of Sri Akhand Paath Sahib. The programme will conclude on Friday, July 24, with the Bhog of Sri

Akhand Paath Sahib, followed by a Kirtan Diwan. Langar (community meal) will be served at 7:30pm on the concluding day. The organisers have invited members of the Sikh community and the public to participate in the celebrations and seek the blessings of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji. The programme is being organised with the support of the Sangat and Sevadars of Gurdwara Salmabad