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Effective from 00:00 a.m. Friday

The New Traffic Law Penalties	
Violation	
 Driving a vehicle in an unsafe, reckless manner, or against the direction of traffic.	 Engaging in a race on a public road or performing stunts with the vehicle.
 A traffic accident resulting in bodily injury or death.	 Engaging in any public transport activity without a license.
PENALTY	
The court may order the confiscation of the vehicle.	

The New Traffic Law Penalties	
Violation	
 Driving a vehicle in excess of the maximum prescribed speed limit.	
PENALTY	
Monetary Fine	Imprisonment
By not more than (30%).	
Shall not exceed BHD 250	For a period not exceeding 3 months
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Shall not exceed BHD 1000	Shall not exceed 6 months
Settlement is permissible by paying the minimum prescribed fine, and the amount shall be reduced to half if payment is made within (7) days.	
Resulting in an accident causing damage to public or private property.	
Monetary Fine	Imprisonment
Shall not exceed BHD 3000	Shall not exceed 1 year
Settlement is permissible by paying the minimum prescribed fine, and the amount shall be reduced to half if payment is made within (7) days.	

The New Traffic Law Penalties	
Violation	
 Exceeding the maximum prescribed speed limit.	 Overtaking through continuous lines designated for emergency vehicles (yellow line).
 Driving against the direction of traffic.	 Running a red traffic light.
PENALTY	
Monetary Fine	Imprisonment
Resulting in an accident causing bodily injury:	
Shall not exceed BHD 5000	For a period not less than 1 year
Resulting in an accident causing death:	
Shall not exceed BHD 6000	For a period not less than 2 years
Settlement is not permissible in such cases.	

The New Traffic Law Penalties	
Violation	
 The vehicle owner allowing a person without a valid driving license to operate it.	 Engaging in a race on a public road.
 Using the vehicle for a purpose other than that specified in its license.	 The driver making or receiving a phone call while holding the mobile phone by hand.
 Violation of the driver's compliance with traffic signs, signs, and the instructions of the authority regarding movement, parking or non-parking zones.	 Violation of loading conditions by transport vehicles concerning weight, height, width or length.
 Intentionally obstructing or impeding traffic movement on public roads.	 Driving a vehicle without a valid driving license with a license that is subject to suspension or revocation, or a license that is expired, suspended or cancelled.
PENALTY	
Monetary Fine	Imprisonment
By not more than (30%).	
Shall not exceed BHD 500	For a period not exceeding 6 months
Settlement is permissible by paying the minimum prescribed fine, and the amount shall be reduced to half if payment is made within (7) days.	


- Law took effect at midnight
- Fines, jail, confiscation
- Repeat penalties doubled


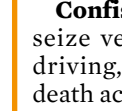

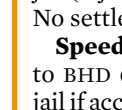
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Bahrain's amended Traffic Law came into force at 00:00 a.m. today, Friday, August 22nd, according to the General Directorate of Traffic, bringing a comprehensive schedule of fines, jail terms, and, in defined cases, the confiscation of vehicles.

Confiscation Power
Courts may order the confiscation of a vehicle in cases of unsafe or reckless driving, wrong-way driving, racing or performing stunts on public roads, accidents resulting in bodily injury or death, and engaging in any public transport activity without a license.

DUI Accidents
Driving under the influence that results in an accident due to

The New Traffic Law Penalties	
Violation	
 Overtaking in areas where overtaking is prohibited by traffic signs, the instructions of a traffic officer, or overtaking through continuous longitudinal lines designated for emergency vehicles (yellow line).	
PENALTY	
Monetary Fine	Imprisonment
Shall not exceed BHD 500	For a period not exceeding 1 month
Driving a vehicle in an unsafe manner, with sudden deviation, against the direction of traffic, repeated illegal overtaking between vehicles, or recklessly in a way that endangers him or property, or causes obstruction to road users depending on the circumstances.	
Monetary Fine	Imprisonment
Shall not exceed BHD 500	For a period not exceeding 3 months
Settlement is permissible by paying the minimum prescribed fine, and the amount shall be reduced to half if payment is made within (7) days.	

The New Traffic Law Penalties	
Violation	
 Driving a vehicle without registration plates, or with plates cancelled by the Authority.	 Defacing, erasing, or altering the date of registration plates, inspection plates, or any other official plates.
 Transferring registration plates from one vehicle to another without the approval of the Authority.	 Allowing others to use registration plates knowing they are defaced or altered.
PENALTY	
Monetary Fine	Imprisonment
Shall not exceed BHD 500	For a period not less than 6 months
Not less than BHD 300	For a period not less than 1 month
Settlement is permissible by paying the minimum prescribed fine, and the amount shall be reduced to half if payment is made within (7) days.	

speeding, overtaking through continuous yellow lines, wrong-way driving, or running a red light carries imprisonment not less than two years and not exceeding seven years when causing bodily injury, and not less than three years and not exceeding ten years when causing death. Settlement is not permissible in such cases.

Accidents Without DUI
When an accident from speeding, yellow-line overtaking,

wrong-way driving, or running a red light causes bodily injury, penalties are a fine between BHD 1,000 and BHD 5,000, or imprisonment for a period not less than one year. If it causes death, penalties are a fine between BHD 2,000 and BHD 6,000, or imprisonment for a period not less than two years and not exceeding five years. Settlement is not permissible in such cases.

Speeding Rules
Exceeding the speed limit by

not more than 30 percent carries a fine between BHD 50 and BHD 250 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months. Exceeding by more than 30 percent carries a fine between BHD 200 and BHD 1,000 or imprisonment for a period not less than one month and not exceeding six months. If speeding causes damage to public or private property, penalties are a fine between BHD 1,000 and BHD 3,000 or imprisonment for a period not less than three months and not exceeding

Key Penalties Under New Traffic Law

Confiscation: Court may seize vehicles in reckless driving, racing, or injury/death accidents.

DUI Accidents: 2-7 yrs jail (injury), 3-10 yrs (death). No settlement.

Speeding/Red Light: Up to BHD 6,000 fine or 5 yrs jail if accident causes injury/death.

Plates: Fines BHD 300-500 or up to 6 months jail for illegal/altered plates.

Everyday Violations: No seatbelts, noisy vehicles, blocking emergency lanes fines BHD 50-500.

Repeat Offences: Penalties doubled if repeated within one year.

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Plates, Transport
Driving without registration plates, altering or defacing plates, transferring plates without approval, or allowing the use of defaced or altered plates carries a fine between BHD 300 and BHD 500 or imprisonment for a period not less than one month and not exceeding six months. Public transport offences, including operating without a license, meter violations, and technical or safety breaches, carry a fine between BHD 200 and BHD 1,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months.

General Offences
Allowing an unlicensed person to drive, racing on a public road, using a vehicle for a purpose other than specified in its license, handheld phone use while driving, failure to comply with signals, signs or authority instructions, loading violations, intentionally obstructing traffic, or driving without the correct, valid license carries a fine between BHD 100 and BHD 500 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months.

MPs to fast-track Traffic Law amendments in October

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Parliament's Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee will begin immediate work on a decree-law amending the Traffic Law once the government sends it to MPs. Chairman Dr Hassan BuKhammas said the draft will be handled as urgent business, with the aim of putting it before Parliament in October for a vote before passing it to the Shura Council. He added that the committee would also study amendments to the Penal Code as a matter of urgency. These changes include harsh-



Dr Hassan BuKhammas sentences for cases leading to death. According to Dr BuKhammas, the rise in violations and the danger they pose to people and property requires the law to be taken up without delay

and in coordination with the relevant authorities. He noted that stricter penalties for reckless and careless driving are being adopted in many countries. In May, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, directed the Interior Ministry to prepare legislation to increase punishments for traffic offences after a fatal accident in Saar. Dr BuKhammas said the legislative and executive branches share the view that the laws on road safety must be updated and penalties raised to encourage greater compliance and to protect lives and property.

Bahrain-Philippines ties



His Excellency Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, Minister of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Labour, highlighted the bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Philippines across various domains. This came as the Minister received H.E. Anne Jalando-on Louis, the outgoing Ambassador of the Philippines to Bahrain. He noted the ambassador's efforts in enhancing cooperation between the two countries, wishing her every success in her future responsibilities. The ambassador highlighted her country's keenness to continue expanding cooperation across various domains, wishing Bahrain continued progress and prosperity.