

New Centre to Streamline Municipal Services

The centre offers phone, chat, video call and email options for residents and businesses

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Municipal council chairmen welcomed the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture's new unified remote customer service centre, calling it a major step in upgrading public services nationwide. Capital Municipal Council chairman Saleh Taher Tarada said the single number saves residents time and speeds up field response in the capital. Muharraq's Abdulaziz Ahmed Al Naar said the centre gives residents one window instead of contacting each municipality separately, which is a big



Dr. Sayed Shubbar Al Wedaie, chairman of the Northern Municipal Council



Eng. Saleh Taher Tarada, chairman of the Capital Municipal Council



Abdulaziz Ahmed Al Naar, chairman of the Muharraq Municipal Council



Abdulla Ebrahim Abdullatif, chairman of the Southern Municipal Council

help given Muharraq's busy development pipeline. Northern Municipal Council chairman Dr Sayed Shubbar Al Wedaie said the multi-channel system improves coordination on cleanliness and maintenance across the

north. Southern Municipal Council chairman Abdulla Ebrahim Abdullatif said the hotline lets residents track complaints from submission to resolution. While each governorate highlighted its own priori-

ties—from capital infrastructure to Muharraq's growth and northern maintenance needs—all four chairmen agreed the centre would unify service standards and ease long-standing regional disparities in response times.

Robots to dispense medication at Salmaniya pharmacy

Health Minister tours automation project bringing smart medicine tracking

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Salmaniya Medical Complex is installing robots to dispense medication at its outpatient pharmacy, along with automated medicine dispensing cabinets in hospital wards and smart systems to manage and monitor the hospital's medicine stock, as part of a pharmacy automation project now under way. Health Minister Dr Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hasan toured the project, accompanied by Government Hospitals Chief Executive Officer Dr Mariam Athbi Al Jalahma and several officials, to review its progress and implementation phases. The visit was part of efforts to develop pharmaceutical services and strengthen digital transformation across the health sector.

During the tour, the minister was briefed on the project's components, which aim to build advanced infrastructure supporting the latest automation technologies in pharmacy services, and praised the efforts made to develop health services in line with the latest global techniques. Dr. Al Jalahma said the pharmacy automation project supports the health sector's development drive by reflecting a broader move toward adopting modern technology and innovation. This will strengthen health service efficiency, improve patient care quality, and achieve the highest levels of safety and operational efficiency. She said the project would raise the efficiency and speed of dispensing services, improve inventory management accuracy, and strengthen governance and



oversight over medicine movement, helping ensure optimal resource use while supporting patient safety and care quality. She added that the project is part of Government Hospitals' strategy to modernise pharmaceutical infrastructure and adopt

digital solutions that support the continued development of the working environment and improve the patient experience. She described it as a step that will mark a qualitative shift in medicine management and dispensing.

Youth Summer Academy Opens

Initiative offers educational, leadership and creative activities for beneficiary families



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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) has launched its Summer Programme 2026, featuring a comprehensive lineup of educational, training, cultural and recreational activities aimed at developing the skills and talents of children and families under its care. The programme brings together mothers and children affiliated with the foundation, reflecting RHF's commitment to making productive use of the summer holiday by enhancing participants' abilities, nurturing their talents and encouraging personal growth across a range of fields. This year's programme focuses on empowerment and talent

development, with one of its flagship initiatives being the Youth Academy 2026, designed for the foundation's young beneficiaries. The academy aims to strengthen leadership, creativity, teamwork and character development while fostering positive personal growth. The summer schedule also includes several specialised initiatives, such as the Youth Bank Leadership and Talent Development Programme, the Media and Creativity Academy, and the Beacon of Thought programme. In addition, participants will benefit from professional training workshops,



vocational sessions, sports activities, and cultural and social programmes tailored to different age groups. These initiatives are intended to broaden participants' knowledge, develop practical skills and encourage the constructive use of their free time. Acting Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, Engineer Ibrahim Dalhan Al Dosari, visited the

Children's Academy to review the progress of the programmes and activities. During the visit, he met with participating children and programme supervisors. Al Dosari said the foundation remains committed to offering integrated summer programmes that meet the needs of its beneficiaries while helping them discover and develop their talents.

Lighting Fixed, Cameras Await



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Maintenance work at Souq Al Shaabi in Isa Town restored most of the market's lighting after the issue was raised in local media, though Southern Municipal Council member Mubarak Faraj says seven floodlights near the Ramez Mall complex remain out of service. Faraj, who represents the second southern constituency, said the market's surveillance cameras remain out of service, with more than a year having passed without repairs. He called for urgent maintenance and reactivation of the system, citing its role in strengthening security and protecting vendors and shoppers.

Our goal has always been to transform Souq Al Shaabi into a more organised and vibrant marketplace.

MUBARAK FARAJ

He said resolving both the remaining lighting faults and the camera outage was essential to ongoing efforts to develop Souq Al Shaabi and maintain a safe, organised environment for traders and customers. Faraj said his recent election to the council's Central and Popular Markets Committee re-places a continued responsibility to develop markets and improve their services. He added that upgrading market infrastructure will remain a priority in the period ahead.

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Garage Ordered to Pay for Car Fire

BD2,615 Awarded to Vehicle Owner

High Civil Appeals Court has upheld a ruling ordering a car repair garage to pay BD2,615 in compensation to a Bahraini woman after her vehicle caught fire due to faulty repair work.

The woman had taken her car to the garage to fix an engine overheating problem. Two days after collecting the repaired vehicle, it caught fire. A technical expert found the blaze was caused by technicians incorrectly reinstalling the fuel pressure regulator without replacing sealing rings, resulting in a fuel leak that ignited on hot engine components. The fire destroyed the en-



Lawyer Zainab Madan

gine, transmission, electrical systems and front body, leaving the vehicle beyond repair. The court also held the garage's manager responsible for the negligence and confirmed the compensation after finding a direct link between the repair error and the fire.

Suspect Sent for Psychiatric Evaluation

Appeal Court Orders Mental Assessment

Fifth High Criminal Court of Appeal ordered a psychiatric evaluation of a Bahraini man convicted of fraud after he used a replacement SIM card to access a businessman's Benefit account and steal BD2,490.

The 36-year-old was previously sentenced to three years in prison and fined BD3,000. Prosecutors said he exploited a limited power of attorney while the victim was abroad to

obtain a replacement SIM card linked to the businessman's phone number. He used verification codes received on the SIM to access the victim's bank accounts and transfer BD2,490 to his own account and his daughter's account. The appeal court ordered the psychiatric assessment to determine whether the defendant was criminally responsible for his actions before proceeding further.

Oil Minister Bids Farewell to UK Ambassador



Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Dainah received outgoing UK Ambassador to Bahrain Alastair Long, highlighting the strong and historic ties between the two countries. The ambassador expressed appreciation for the support and cooperation extended to him, reaffirming the friendship between Bahrain and the United Kingdom.