

Muharraq Council backs funding push for Arad mosque completion

● Construction hits 90% completion rate, but work stalled

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Muharraq Municipal Council has approved a set of service proposals, led by a plan to help finish the remaining works needed to open Mohammed bin Hameed Mosque in Arad and a move to address safety and access issues in Al Hidd.

Ahmed Al Moqahwi, a council member, said construction of the mosque in Block 241 was about 90 per cent complete, but work had stalled after the donor funding the build faced financial difficulties.

He said the council had written to the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs asking it to look at completing what is left so the mosque can open.

Kerb

The council also agreed to lower the kerb opposite Tareq Sweets shops in Al Hidd and to install a ‘No parking for trucks’ sign near a building in the area.



Muharraq Municipal Council meeting in progress



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On Diyar Al Muharraq’s new marina, the council discussed the share to be set aside for fishermen in the Sixth Constituency.



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that without lighting it currently amounted to a water basin and posed a risk to visitors at night.

Al Oud said around 60 per cent of the fish traded in Bahrain’s markets comes from Ria Harbour, and called for work to address its condition and to give the harbour and its fishermen priority.

Separately, Al Moqahwi said the council had repeatedly asked to meet Ministry of Works representatives to obtain details and updates on the bridge linking Muharraq and Arad, but had received no reply despite correspondence over roughly seven years.

Donations and in-kind contributions pour in



Filipinos unite to share their blessings during the Simbang Gabi Mass

● Filipino groups, individuals offer support during Simbang Gabi

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Filipino organizations and individuals came together in a spirit of faith and generosity during the fifth day of the Simbang Gabi Mass at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bahrain, offering their collective support to the Filipino Catholic Community.

The Filipino American Association of Bahrain, Travelers Tribe Masonic Club Bahrain, and the Filipino Writers Circle (FilWrite) presented their collective offertory during the Mass.

Their participation was in response to the invitation of Katolikong Pinoy sa Bahrain, which encouraged Filipino organizations to take part in the



annual Simbang Gabi.

Providence

Officiated by Rev. Fr. Anthony Almazan, OFM Cap, Spiritual Director of the Filipino Catholic Community at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Mass emphasized faith, hope, and steadfast trust in God’s providence.

The contributions will aid the parish Christmas initiative named “Home Away from Home,” a special Christmas Day event organized by the Filipino Catholic Community. This program aims to provide joy, comfort, and assistance to overseas Filipino workers,

particularly domestic helpers, laborers, fishermen, and fellow kababayans who are temporarily residing at the Philippine Embassy shelter.

Bro. Ulysses Dela Cruz, the Coordinator of the Filipino Catholic Community, conveyed that donations or in-kind contributions are welcome.

Items

These may include non-perishable items such as rice, noodles, canned goods, coffee, and tea, along with essential supplies like toiletries, blankets, suitcases, and other appropriate gift items.

‘Healthy Lifestyle Promoting Workplace’



Assistant Undersecretary Human Resources Office and its affiliated directorates have been awarded the “Healthy Lifestyle Promoting Workplace” Certificate – Diamond Level, granted by the Ministry of Health, in recognition of their efforts to apply the highest international standards in occupational health and safety and to enhance quality of life in the workplace. This achievement reflects the administration’s commitment to promoting a sustainable health culture through programmes and initiatives that raise awareness and promote positive practices that improve public health.

Community partnership



The Capital Governorate Police Directorate welcomed several children from the Sanabel Orphan Care Association during a visit aimed at strengthening community partnerships and instilling humanitarian values. This initiative reflects the Ministry of Interior’s commitment to enhancing communication with civil society organisations and supporting impactful community initiatives. During the visit, the children presented flowers to the Directorate’s personnel as a token of appreciation for the Bahraini police’s security and humanitarian role and their ongoing efforts to serve the community and maintain security and stability.