

# Key Interchange Project Reviewed

Ministry Reviews Progress on Strategic Road Development Aimed at Cutting Urban Congestion



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Minister of Works, Ibrahim bin Hassan Al Hawaj, conducted a site inspection to assess progress on the Isa Town Northern Interchange Bridge development project—one of the kingdom's flagship road infrastructure initiatives designed to ease congestion and improve traffic flow across major urban corridors.

The inspection was carried out in the presence of Shaikh Mishaal bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Works, and Ahmed Sami Al Tajar, Assistant Undersecretary for Roads. Both officials were briefed on the latest construction milestones and ongoing site works.

The project has been designated as strategically significant, engineered to enhance the efficiency of Bahrain's road net-

work and strengthen connectivity between several key areas, including Riffa, Isa Town, A'ali, Sanad, and Salmabad.

**Capacity to Exceed 160,000 Vehicles Per Day**

During the inspection, Minister Al Hawaj confirmed that the upgraded interchange is expected to significantly increase road capacity to more than 160,000 vehicles per day upon completion. The development is set to deliver notable relief to Sheikh Salman Highway—a critical artery connecting Bahrain's southern, northern, and capital governorates—where congestion has long posed challenges for commuters.

Minister stressed the importance of accelerating construction without compromising on quality or safety standards. He



also urged contractors to take active measures to minimise traffic disruption during construction and called for continued coordination with relevant authorities to ensure smooth traffic management throughout the project's duration.

The minister reviewed ongoing works on site, including the casting of the main bridge deck and other structural components. The scope of the project encom-

passes:

A three-lane flyover in each direction to ensure free-flow traffic along Sheikh Salman Highway

Upgrades to the ground-level intersection with traffic signals at the Salmabad and Oman Streets junctions

Associated infrastructure works including drainage systems, road paving, sidewalks, landscaping, beautification, and road safety installations.

## Lawyer Jailed Over Alleged BD 14,000 Fraud in Client Case

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The Lower Criminal Court sentenced a lawyer to one year in prison after convicting him of fraudulently obtaining 14,000 Bahraini dinars from his client. The court also set bail at 100 dinars for a sentence suspension and referred the civil claim to the competent court without fees.

The case dates back to a verbal agreement between the defendant and the complainant for him to represent her son in a criminal case for agreed legal fees of 3,500 dinars, which she paid. However, according to case documents, the defendant later requested additional payments, including 8,000 dinars allegedly for bail to secure the son's release, of which the complainant transferred 4,000 dinars in two installments.

He also sent a voice message via WhatsApp requesting an additional 6,000 dinars, claiming it was for travel abroad to obtain legal consultations and

prepare case memoranda, which the complainant also transferred in two payments.

The complainant's daughter stated during Public Prosecution investigations that she contacted the defendant regarding the transferred amounts. He admitted his mistake and promised to return the money, later issuing three cheques totaling 8,000 dinars, which she returned, informing him that the total amount paid was 17,500 dinars. The defendant insisted his legal fees were only 3,500 dinars and claimed he lacked the remaining amount.

Lawyer Manar Al Tamimi, legal representative of the civil claimant, presented details of the agreement and financial transactions as part of the case file.

Investigations revealed that the defendant left Bahrain after the scheduled court hearing date, contrary to his earlier statements. The investigator also noted that the lawyer had similar previous cases allegedly involving the same pattern of conduct.

## BD 17000 Burglary Arrest

Police say suspect stole valuables from multiple waterfront apartments. Ministry of Interior said police in the Capital Governorate arrested a 34-year-old man accused of stealing property worth more than 17,000 Bahraini dinars from several residential apartments in the waterfront area. The Capital Governorate Police Directo-

rate said it received a report of the thefts and immediately launched an investigation, including searches and information-gathering operations.

Authorities said these efforts led to the suspect's identification, and he was subsequently arrested. Police added that legal procedures were completed and the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution.

# Bahrain imports 35,000 livestock ahead of Eid

Government plan ensures stable meat supply and strict health controls during festive season

Bahrain's authorities have imported more than 35,000 head of livestock and over 6,000 tonnes of meat as part of preparations to ensure market supply during Eid al-Adha, a senior official said.

The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture's livestock and agriculture undersecretary, Eng. Asem Abdul Latif Abdullah, said the government has implemented a comprehensive plan to guarantee sufficient availability of livestock and meat in local markets during the festive season, while also tightening veterinary and health inspections across the supply chain.

He said the imports included 32,642 sheep, 2,429 cattle, and 130 camels, in addition to 2,014 tonnes of chilled and frozen red meat and 4,226 tonnes of chilled and frozen poultry. Additional shipments are expected in the coming days to



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meet rising seasonal demand for sacrificial animals and meat products.

Abdullah said authorities, in coordination with approved traders and importers, have diversified import sources to ensure stable supply chains from multiple countries, in line with approved veterinary and health standards.



## Eid al-Adha Food Safety Checks

- 24/7 inspections at ports, airport, and King Fahd Causeway
- Laboratory testing and quarantine checks
- Ensure food safety and protect public health
- Use only licensed slaughterhouses; avoid random slaughtering

He added that veterinary and technical teams had begun early field preparations, with operational plans in place to cover licensed slaughterhouses during Eid days. This includes the deployment of veterinarians and specialists to inspect animals before and after slaughter to ensure food safety and suitability for human consumption.

Slaughtering, he said, will take place at approved facilities including Al Hammah slaughterhouse and Bahrain Livestock Company's facility in Sitra, all operating under direct veterinary supervision and strict health protocols.

# Chamber assures sufficient food supply, price stability during Eid season

Supply chains remain stable despite global disruptions and shipping cost pressures

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Khalid Ali Al-Ameen, Chairman of the Food Sector Committee in the 30th session of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, affirmed that the local market is witnessing an abundance in the supply of livestock, meat, vegetables, fruits, and various food commodities in preparation for Eid Al-Adha, reflecting stable supply chains and sufficient stock availability. He explained that market activity is proceeding at a regular pace without notable shortages in essential commodities, implementing the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to take all necessary measures to ensure the sustainability of supply chains and enhance the efficiency of food commodity flows to markets.

He pointed out that large quantities of sheep, cattle, and camels have been imported, in addition to various shipments of chilled and frozen red meat,



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poultry meat, and vegetables, as part of efforts to support market stability and meet increased demand during the Eid Al-Adha season.

Al-Ameen reassured that the available quantities of food commodities and livestock are sufficient to meet the needs of consumers, both citizens and residents of the Kingdom of Bahrain. He stressed that the local market remains stable despite regional geopolitical challenges

and disruptions affecting global supply chains, particularly amid rising shipping costs, delays in some shipments from exporting countries, and changes in maritime and air transport markets.

He explained that the Chamber's Food Sector Committee is keen each year to further develop the operational framework during the Eid Al-Adha season in a manner that ensures smooth supply flows, enhances operational efficiency, and strengthens supply chain integration through coordination among all stakeholders in the food supply chain, including livestock breeders, butchers, and companies importing and marketing live, chilled, and frozen meat.

Al-Ameen also revealed that he held a series of meetings with Central Market traders and rice merchants, which concluded with confirmation of price stability during the current period, supported by increased supply in local markets. This contributes to the abundance of commodities and meeting rising demand during the Eid Al-Adha season.

## Skills and labour market needs



Minister of Labour and Legal Affairs Yusuf bin Abdullhussain Khalaf received Arabian Gulf University President Dr. Saad bin Saud Al Fahd on Saturday to discuss strengthening cooperation in education and workforce development. The two sides highlighted the importance of enhancing national skills and aligning training programmes with the evolving needs of Bahrain's labour market, while praising the university's role in preparing qualified national talent.