

Shakhura murder suspect ‘mentally fit’

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The man accused of stabbing his neighbour to death in Shakhura was fully aware of what he was doing at the time of the killing, a court was told yesterday.

A medical panel found that the defendant bore full responsibility for his actions.

The findings were presented to the High Criminal Court, which had earlier ordered a psychiatric assessment and requested the man’s full hospital file.

Psychiatric history

His lawyer had claimed that the accused was not accountable for his behaviour, citing a psychiatric history stretching back 25 years. He asked for the man to be examined by a medical committee.

The court agreed on 3 June to refer the matter to the appropriate panel and to include the defendant’s medical records with the case file.

The incident came to light after the Northern Governorate Police informed the Public Prosecution that a body had been found in the street near the victim’s home in Shakhura.

He had been stabbed several times.

Prosecutors visited the scene with a forensic pathologist and crime scene investigators.

The body was inspected, the area examined, and samples collected for testing.

The forensic doctor was asked to determine the injuries, and specialists from the evidence unit analysed material gathered from the site.

Drink, drugs and denial

Man denies causing crash that killed parents and son in Saar

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A man accused of causing the deaths of a Bahraini couple and their son in a high-speed crash while under the influence of drink and drugs has denied all eight charges brought against him.

The case, now before the Lower Criminal Court, concerns a fatal collision in Saar that left three dead and two children with severe injuries. One of the children later died in hospital.

Prosecutors say the defendant was behind the wheel after consuming both narcotics and alcohol, and was travelling well above the speed limit when he veered into the opposite lane and struck the victims’ car



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head-on.

The charges include driving while impaired, causing death through careless driving, endangering life, damaging property,

and reckless overtaking.

He is also accused of driving in the wrong direction, ignoring road signs, and exceeding the speed limit by more than 30

per cent.

According to the Public Prosecution, the man lost control of his vehicle due to intoxication, crossed into the opposite lane, and collided with a family car, killing the parents on the spot.

Their three children were taken to hospital, and one did not survive.

The Public Prosecution received the report and launched an immediate investigation.

The suspect was questioned and presented with the evidence against him.

Custody

Prosecutors ordered that he remain in custody pending trial.

The case was referred to court following the completion of inquiries.

A hearing was scheduled for 23 June 2025.

New parking space size rules



H.E. Amna bint Ahmed Al Romaihi
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Parking spaces in Bahrain face tougher sizing rules under newly published regulations from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning.

The guidelines, introduced by the Minister, Her Excellency Amna bint Ahmed Al Romaihi, and now released in the Official Gazette, will enforce minimum dimensions for vehicle spaces across residential, commercial and heritage areas.

Residential and office spaces meant for longer stays must now measure at least 2.5 metres wide and 5.5 metres long.

For busier spots like shopping centres, clinics, or leisure venues, where parking is shorter and frequent, the minimum width increases slightly to 2.7 metres, with length remaining at 5.5 metres. Both perpendicular and angled bays will need to follow these new dimensions.

Parking spaces along roadsides will need a width of at least 2.2 metres and a length of 6.0 metres.

These roadside spots will have to meet detailed designs laid out in a forthcoming manual from the Urban Planning and Development Authority.

The rules also change how developers measure building sizes when calculating required parking.

60% of textbooks distributed

Within first two days of new academic year

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The first two days of textbook distribution for the upcoming academic year — which began last Sunday — saw 60% of textbooks successfully distributed to students and their parents.

His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, noted that the high turnout reflects the strong awareness and commitment of parents to the educational process



The distribution of textbooks will continue at all public schools until tomorrow.

cess and their deep partnership with the Ministry and the edu-



Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma
cation sector as a whole.

This came as the Minister chaired the Committee for the Start of the Academic Year, with the attendance of officials from various educational and support sectors.

Dr. Juma, expressed pride in the tremendous efforts made by the Ministry’s multiple teams — starting with the Curriculum Sector, the Logistics Services Sector, and extending to schools and their staff who are actively engaged in the daily distribution of books to students and parents.

He extended his sincere thanks and appreciation to all involved.

The Ministry of Education also calls on parents to take the initiative to collect their children’s textbooks. Distribution will continue at all public schools until Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

Bahrain registers National Philharmonic Orchestra as private institution

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Bahrain has established its first national philharmonic orchestra, following an official decision published this week by the country’s cultural authority.

Under a decision by Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), the Bahrain Philharmonic Orchestra has been registered as a private cultural institution.

The orchestra, created by Bahraini maestro Mubarak Najem, will be based in Isa Town and carry out its cultural role independently.



The Bahrain Philharmonic Orchestra is making the Kingdom proud

Its starting fund is BD2,000, there is no limit on its financial scope.

According to its founding documents, the orchestra plans

to use music as a way to bring communities closer, encourage dialogue, and promote understanding.

It aims to support local talent, hold regular performances and provide work opportunities for Bahraini musicians and composers.

The organisation will be run by a five-member Board of Trustees chosen by the founder.

The board will manage operations, finances and general direction, meeting at least four times a year.

Urgent matters may be dealt with by the chair, as long as the full board reviews them afterwards.

Bahrain, UAE boost disaster management cooperation

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The Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE strengthened regional cooperation and shared expertise in emergency response and logistics.

This came as H.E. Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan, Chief of Public Security, received Dr. Ali Saeed Al Neyadi, Chairman of the UAE’s National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority (NCEMA).

Lt. Gen. Al Hassan commended the strong ties between Bahrain and the UAE, highlighting the importance of unifying efforts, exchanging best practices, and boosting national preparedness.

The visit reflects ongoing coordination between both countries’ agencies and emphasises Gulf solidarity in facing emerging risks.

The discussions focused on advancing strategic partnerships in early warning systems, crisis information exchange, capacity building, and enhancing national readiness for various risks and disasters.

Saudi Industry Forum 2025

His Excellency Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, participated in the Saudi Industry Forum 2025 at the Dhahran International Exhibition Centre in the Eastern Region of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The event was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Governor of the Eastern Region in Saudi Arabia. The forum was attended by the Deputy Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources for Industrial Affairs, the President of the Federation of Saudi Chambers, and the President of Aramco. The forum runs from June 23-25. It features over 320 exhibitors from major local and international companies, and hosts more than 78 speakers from industry and economic leadership. The event includes panel discussions, lectures, and workshops on the latest technological developments, investment opportunities, and best practices for supporting local content and boosting national exports.

