

Muharraq Souq Parking Restored

Planters Removed to Improve Shopper Access

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Parking is being restored along Shaikh Hamad Avenue in Muharraq Souq after authorities began removing landscaped concrete planters that had reduced parking spaces and drawn complaints from traders and shoppers.

The Works Ministry has started modifying and expanding parking along the avenue following coordination with the Muharraq Municipal Council and local traders, Council Chairman Abdulaziz Al Naar said.

The redevelopment project, approved in 2022 and carried out under the Bahrain Author-

ity for Culture and Antiquities, replaced parking bays with landscaped flower beds as part of efforts to beautify the historic market.

While the improvements enhanced the area's appearance, traders said the loss of parking discouraged customers and affected business.

The restoration will provide between 108 and 120 parking spaces near the souq entrance, with an additional 83 spaces planned further along the avenue. A new multi-storey car park is also under construction at the former Muharraq Post Office site to further ease parking shortages.

The move follows repeated calls from shop owners, shop-



During the removal of the concrete planters

pers and MPs to reinstate parking and improve access to one of Bahrain's busiest traditional markets.

Family Office Resolves 436 Cases

Reconciliation Achieves 41% Settlement Rate

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Family and Child Reconciliation Office has resolved 436 family-related cases through amicable settlements since its establishment, achieving a 41% reconciliation rate, according to its latest semi-annual report.

The report was presented to Attorney General Dr. Ali bin Fudhel Al Buainain during a meeting with Head of the Family and Child Prosecution Noora Jamal Al Maalla and Head of the Reconciliation Office Mohammed Abdulhakim Buhaji.

According to the report, the office has handled 1,067 cases since its launch, with assault cases accounting for the high-



est number of referrals, followed by insult and defamation cases.

During the first half of this year, the office received 247 cases and successfully settled 97 through reconciliation, recording a 39% settlement rate. Attorney General Al

Buainain praised the office's efforts in promoting restorative justice and supporting family stability, highlighting its role in resolving disputes outside the courtroom while safeguarding the best interests of children and easing the burden on the judiciary.

Southern Governor Reaffirms Development Drive

Residents' proposals will be followed up with relevant authorities

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His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Governorate, received community leaders, dignitaries and representatives of civil society organisations at the Governorate Majlis as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen communication with residents.

The meeting was attended by several members of the Council of Representatives, Southern Municipal Council Chairman Abdulla Ibrahim Abdullatif, Deputy Governor Brigadier Hamad Mohammed Al Khayat, along with a number of officers and officials from the Southern Governorate.

Opening the meeting, the Governor welcomed attendees and reaffirmed his support for national efforts to safeguard Bahrain's

security and stability. He praised the work of the Kingdom's security agencies in maintaining public safety amid what he described as Iran's attacks, noting that their efforts have helped reinforce the Kingdom's security and stability.

He said these achievements reflect the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in advancing Bahrain's continued development and prosperity.

The Governor highlighted the Southern Governorate's commitment to maintaining close communication with residents through regular meetings, electronic channels and smart platforms, enabling citizens to submit proposals and suggestions aimed at improving public services.



He stressed that the Governorate will continue coordinating directly with government agencies to address residents' needs, advance key development and

service projects, and preserve the area's historical and national achievements while enhancing the quality of services across the governorate.

Bahrain Small Vessel Registrations Reach 9,636

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Bahrain's small vessel registry recorded 8,729 transactions during the first half of 2026, as the total number of registered small marine vessels rose to 9,636, the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications announced.

Bader Hood Al Mahmood, Undersecretary for Ports and Maritime Affairs, said 8,814 valid marine driving licences were in circulation by the end of June, reflecting increased maritime activity and stronger compliance with safety regulations.

During the six-month period, the office registered 133 new vessels, renewed 1,366 registrations, issued and renewed 3,624 marine driving licences,



Bader Hood Al Mahmood, Undersecretary for Ports and Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications

and carried out 1,499 technical inspections of boats and jet-skis.

Al Mahmood added that 60.6% of all transactions were completed electronically through the small vessel registration portal, highlighting the ministry's progress in expanding digital services and improving user access.

From The Court

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New Car Sale Cancelled After Repeated Defects

Court Orders Dealer to Refund BD7,000

The High Civil Court of Appeal cancelled the sale of a new car after ruling that persistent technical defects made the vehicle unsafe and unreliable.

The court ordered the dealership to refund BD7,000 to the buyer after deducting BD1,675 for the vehicle's use and instructed the buyer to return the car. The dealership was also ordered to pay court costs and legal fees.

According to lawyer Hameed Al Sammak, the buyer experienced repeated faults, including display screen failures,



Lawyer Hameed Al Sammak

transmission issues, and an airbag system defect, despite taking the vehicle to the service centre more than 12 times. The appeal court ruled that the recurring defects during the warranty period justified cancelling the sales contract.

Appeal Set in Fatal Highway Crash Case

Court to Hear Two-Year Jail Sentence Challenge

The Fifth High Criminal Appeals Court set August 5 to hear the appeal of a driver sentenced to two years in prison for causing a traffic accident that killed one person and injured another.

Prosecutors said the defendant failed to exercise proper care while driving a company vehicle on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway near Saar on May 4, 2026.

The collision occurred after a broken-down vehicle had stopped in the emergency lane and a tow truck driver arrived to assist. Despite seeing the two men ahead, the defendant allegedly failed to slow down, stop or change lanes, striking both victims. One later died from his injuries, while the other was injured. The crash also caused damage to the company vehicle.

Barrier Removed and Al Eker Coast Cleaned

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The barrier blamed for trapping rubbish and polluting the shoreline off Al Eker has been removed by the Ministry of Oil and Environment, and the area has been cleaned after residents raised concerns over worsening conditions along the coast.

MP Mohsen Al Asbool thanked the ministry for its quick and effective response after he referred the complaints to it and



Mohsen Al Asbool, MP

called for the structure to be removed as soon as possible.

The barrier had been built in the sea as part of a mangrove



Tubli Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Residents said the mangrove trees later died, while the barrier remained in place and caused rubbish to gather along the shoreline. They also reported that the seawater in the affected area had turned a reddish colour.

The structure had been placed around the planting site to protect the mangrove trees, but residents said it hindered the natural flow of water and led to waste and debris building up along the coast.

planting project carried out alongside the expansion of the

Capital Councillor Holds Cooperation Talks with Sarajevo Mayor

Discussions centre on urban development, municipal ties and food security

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Capital Municipal Council member Dr Abdulhasan Hasan Al Dairi met Sarajevo Mayor Samir Avdic during a visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina to discuss strengthening cooperation in municipal affairs, sustainable urban development and food security.

Mayor Avdic welcomed the visit and highlighted Sarajevo's interest in expanding cooperation with Bahrain, while encouraging Gulf investment in sustainable

development and food security projects.

Dr Al Dairi reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to enhancing ties with Bosnia through continued collaboration with the Chamber of Economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, expressing hope for broader cooperation across multiple sectors.

The Sarajevo mayor also said he hopes to visit Bahrain this year or next to meet government officials and private-sector investors. He presented Dr Al Dairi with publications showcasing Sarajevo's future investment opportunities.

