

**Almansoori claims BTCC  
 double in action-packed  
 round of National Race  
 Day at BIC**

Saeed Al Sulaiti wins  
 1,000cc class and  
 Mohamad Alzaidan  
 triumphs amongst  
 600cc riders in Bahrain  
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**WORLD 8 Israel says targeted Hezbollah chief of staff in Beirut strike**

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**Liverpool a 'mess', says Van Dijk 15 SPORTS**

**BUSINESS 6 NBB announces Special Mortgage Financing offer during Real Estate Exhibition 2025**

**HM King invites  
 Oman Sultan to  
 attend GCC Summit**  
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His Majesty King Hamad  
 bin Isa Al Khalifa sent  
 a written message to His  
 Majesty Sultan Haitham bin  
 Tariq Al-Said, the Sultan  
 of the Sultanate of Oman,  
 inviting him to take part in  
 the 46th GCC Summit, to be  
 hosted by the Kingdom of  
 Bahrain in December.

The message was received  
 by H.E. Sayyid Badr bin  
 Hamad Al Busaidi, Minister  
 of Foreign Affairs of Oman,  
 during his meeting with  
 H.E. Dr. Juma bin Ahmed  
 Al Kaabi, Ambassador of  
 Bahrain to Oman.

They discussed the long-  
 standing ties between the  
 two countries and means  
 to enhance bilateral coop-  
 eration within the frame-  
 work of joint Gulf action to  
 support greater cooperation  
 and integration among GCC  
 states.

**Bahrain welcomes  
 US efforts to end  
 Russia-Ukraine war**  
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The Kingdom of Bahrain  
 welcomed the efforts  
 undertaken by the US, led  
 by President Donald  
 Trump, to bring an end to  
 the ongoing Russian-  
 Ukrainian conflict.



In a statement, the Min-  
 istry of Foreign Affairs said  
 that these efforts are ground-  
 ed in diplomatic, security,  
 and humanitarian principles  
 and are aimed at promoting  
 peace and stability, foster-  
 ing mutual understanding  
 and coexistence, supporting  
 economic cooperation, and  
 preventing the proliferation  
 of nuclear weapons.

The Ministry of Foreign  
 Affairs described this initia-  
 tive as a significant diplo-  
 matic step toward achiev-  
 ing a lasting ceasefire and  
 reinforcing stability on the  
 European continent.

Bahrain reiterates its sup-  
 port for regional and inter-  
 national efforts to resolve  
 conflicts through dialogue  
 and negotiation, mitigate  
 humanitarian consequenc-  
 es, and advance security  
 and a just and sustainable  
 peace, in full conformity  
 with international law and  
 the Charter of the United  
 Nations.

# Zero deaths goal

New traffic rules bring points system, more road cameras to deter dangerous driving

**Mohammed Darwish**  
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**Z**ero fatal crashes is the  
 aim behind Decree-Law  
 30/2025, which the Shu-  
 ra Council passed yesterday,  
 raising traffic penalties and in-  
 troducing a points system that  
 strips licences from repeat of-  
 fenders.

The decree-law amends the  
 2014 Traffic Law.

It increases prison terms and  
 fines as Bahrain tries to curb  
 dangerous driving and repeat  
 breaches.

Ali Al Aradi, rapporteur of the  
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and  
 National Security Committee,  
 said the changes update the law  
 to match the growth of the road  
 network and the rise in vehicles  
 and drivers.

He said the tougher rules are  
 meant to cut reckless conduct  
 seen in recent years, including  
 extreme speeding, overtaking  
 in banned spots, driving against  
 the flow of traffic, drink- or  
 drug-driving, using a phone at  
 the wheel, and failing to wear  
 a seat belt.

Second Deputy Chairwom-  
 an Dr Jehad Al Fadhel said the  
 amendments respond to deadly  
 road behaviour that has harmed  
 innocent families as well as of-  
 fenders.

"Our goal is to reach zero fatal  
 accidents," she told the chamber,  
 asking the General Directorate  
 of Traffic to show the gains from



Ali Al Aradi

the new law in clear figures once  
 it is in force.

She also asked how dash-cam  
 footage is handled under current  
 rules, and how the law keeps  
 pace with the spread of electric  
 and self-driving cars.

**Offenders**

The lawmaker suggested that  
 some offenders given alternative  
 penalties should be assigned to  
 units treating crash victims, to  
 deepen moral deterrence.

First Deputy Chairman Jamal  
 Fakhro thanked the Ministry of  
 Interior for moving quickly to  
 change the law after a rise in  
 reckless driving.

"What happened in Bahrain  
 recently is outside the nature of  
 our society," he said, adding that  
 the ministry set penalties firmly  
 but without inflating fines to



From left, Dr Jehad Al Fadhel and Jamal Fakhro



Rashid Bu Najma

**"Our goal is to reach  
 zero fatal accidents."**

- DR JEHAD AL FADHEL, SECOND DEPUTY  
 CHAIRWOMAN

unrealistic levels.

**Review**

He urged other ministries  
 to review their laws regularly  
 so they keep pace with social  
 change.

Rashid Bu Najma, Undersec-  
 retary of the Ministry of Inter-  
 ior for Legislative Authority  
 Affairs, said the decree-law was  
 drafted on the back of accident  
 figures and field data, which  
 called for urgent action to curb  
 traffic crimes.

He said early signs point to

fewer breaches, but warned  
 against drawing quick conclu-  
 sions.

"Its effect cannot be studied in  
 three months," he said, adding  
 that a clearer assessment will  
 come after six months of use,  
 and the Council will be given the  
 results once they are available.

**Optional**

On dash cams, Bu Najma said  
 fitting them remains optional  
 because they are not a formal  
 safety condition for cars.

"We cannot oblige people to  
 install them because they are  
 not a safety requirement," he  
 said, noting that recordings can  
 serve as an indicator rather than  
 conclusive proof after review,  
 and that users must respect pri-  
 vacy rules.

He said electric cars fall under

the amended law in the same  
 way as petrol vehicles, and that  
 a separate law for self-driving  
 cars is being prepared.

Bu Najma also outlined a wid-  
 er move towards automated en-  
 forcement.

**Monitoring**

He said 500 extra cameras are  
 planned for traffic monitoring,  
 with a small trial run due in De-  
 cember and about 300 expected  
 to go live in the first months of  
 2026.

The points system will start  
 alongside that rollout, with each  
 offence carrying a set tally and  
 licences withdrawn once repeat  
 drivers hit the limit.

The Shura Council approved  
 the decree-law and sent it to the  
 Speaker of Parliament to notify  
 the government.

Technological journey

## Milestone as Bahrain celebrates digital excellence

**● Marking 30 years of  
 internet connectivity**

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**T**he Minister of Interior, His  
 Excellency General Shaikh  
 Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa,  
 commended Bahrain's re-  
 markable progress in digital  
 development, highlighting its  
 pivotal role in supporting com-  
 prehensive development under  
 the leadership of His Majesty  
 King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Also Chairman of the Ministe-  
 rial Committee for Information  
 and Communication Technol-  
 ogy, H.E. General Shaikh Rashid  
 bin Abdullah praised the sus-  
 tained support and guidance  
 of His Royal Highness Prince  
 Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa,  
 Crown Prince and Prime Min-  
 ister, in advancing constructive  
 initiatives aimed at enhancing  
 government performance.

**"This is considered  
 one of the most  
 significant  
 technological  
 achievements during  
 the prosperous era of  
 HM the King."**

- H.E. GENERAL SHAIKH RASHID BIN  
 ABDULLAH AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF  
 INTERIOR

Speaking at a ceremony hon-  
 ouring the winners of the thir-  
 teenth edition of the eGovern-  
 ment Excellence Award 2025,  
 the Minister said, "It is my pleas-  
 ure to welcome you to this day  
 of achievement as we celebrate  
 the winning digital projects and  
 initiatives... which reflects the  
 levels of development and digital  
 milestones achieved by the King-  
 dom of Bahrain and its clear role  
 in supporting the comprehensive  
 development process, under the



leadership of His Majesty King  
 Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa."

The event, themed "Digital  
 Excellence and Government In-  
 novation," coincided with the  
 celebration of the 30th anniver-  
 sary of connecting the Kingdom  
 to the Internet, marking a key  
 milestone in Bahrain's techno-  
 logical journey. "It is suitable, as  
 we celebrate the winning digital  
 projects, to also mark the 30th  
 anniversary of connecting the  
 Kingdom of Bahrain to the in-



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior,  
 presenting the 2025 eGovernment Excellence Award in the private sector  
 category to Mr. Ali Al Baqali, Chief Executive Officer of Aluminium Bahrain (Alba),  
 for developing an AI system predicting high-risk areas within the company.

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 of the most significant techno-  
 logical achievements during the  
 prosperous era of HM the King,"  
 the Interior Minister noted.

H.E. General Shaikh Rashid  
 also highlighted Bahrain's pio-  
 neering role in the digital era,  
 stating, "The Kingdom of Bah-  
 rain became the first country

in the world to provide inter-  
 net access to all its government  
 employees, aiming to improve  
 government operations and ser-  
 vice quality. It also ranks among  
 the most connected countries,  
 achieving 100% internet cov-  
 erage, according to the Inter-  
 national Telecommunication  
 Union's report."

