

Urgent call for swift action on environmental concerns

● **MP Ali Al-Asboul inspects Tubli Bay and other villages**

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MP Mohsen Ali Al-Asboul conducted a field visit to Tubli Bay and the villages of Al-Akar and Al-Ma'ameer in coordination with the Supreme Council for the Environment, accompanied by a number of local residents.

The visit aimed to assess the environmental situation in the area, monitor ongoing efforts to improve water quality, and review sustainability measures.

Al-Asboul said the inspection was prompted by complaints from residents of the Ninth District of the Capital Governorate regarding foul odors in recent days, as well as the spread of algae blooms and the accumulation of waste along the coasts.

He emphasised that these environmental challenges require urgent and effective action.

The lawmaker stressed the importance of accelerating sustainable solutions to enhance water quality, address pollution sources, and adopt practical measures to curb environmental degradation.

Review

The visit also included a review of recent government projects, including the expansion of the Ma'ameer Canal, along with the technical and regulatory steps being implemented as part of this initiative.

Al-Asboul praised the swift response of the Supreme Council for the Environment to residents' concerns and highlighted the importance of continued cooperation between the legislative authority and relevant government agencies to safeguard coastal areas, protect public health, and preserve the environment surrounding residential communities.

Bahrain Pledges UNSC Gaza Focus

H.E. Al Zayani vows Gaza focus at UN

● **Bahrain to prioritise Palestine at UN**

● **Saudi-led two-state drive praised**

● **OIC unity fuels Gaza diplomacy**

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Bahrain has vowed to place the Palestinian cause at the heart of its upcoming United Nations Security Council term, using its 2026-2027 seat to amplify the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's call for urgent action on Gaza.

Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani at the extraordinary meeting

made the pledge during the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers' meeting in Jeddah, chaired by Türkiye's Hakan Fidan. H.E. said the Kingdom will use its UNSC role to highlight the justice of the Palestinian cause and renew support for the people of Gaza.

H.E. Dr. Al Zayani urged unified diplomatic action with the United Nations and Security Council to end the conflict, uphold international humanitarian law, release hostages and speed relief efforts. His Excellency stressed this coordination is key to achieving a just and lasting

peace.

H.E. praised Saudi Arabia's leadership of the international coalition for a two-state solution, while backing Qatari-Egyptian-American mediation to secure a permanent ceasefire and release of hostages. His Excellency also welcomed Egyptian initiatives for recovery and reconstruction in Gaza.

Highlighting Gaza's deprivation of food, water, medicine and essential services, H.E. the minister said the crisis underscored a shared duty to defend the rights of its people to life, freedom and dignity.

H.E. added that the OIC's united stance reflected the Islamic world's deep concern, reinforcing Bahrain's conviction that diplomatic momentum must continue at the UN.

Municipalities Minister reviews afforestation work at REHC

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His Excellency Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, made an inspection visit to the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC), accompanied by H.E. Shaikh Mishal bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Works, and Dr. Maher Al Shaer, Managing Director of Buraq Al Retaj Company.

The delegation reviewed ongoing afforestation work at the club's facilities, in the presence of Yousif Osama Buhejji, Chief Executive Officer of the club, and a number of officials.

The minister affirmed that efforts to expand green cover in Bahrain are guided by a compre-



H.E. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak is briefed about efforts to expand green cover in Bahrain

hensive national vision aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and developing green infrastructure across government projects and facilities.

He noted that these efforts are supported by community partnerships and policies aligned

with the National Afforestation Plan, which targets the planting of 3.6 million trees by 2035.

Al Mubarak highlighted the development achieved by the club under the chairmanship of His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khali-

fa, Minister at the Court of the Prime Minister and Chairman of the REHC High Committee, affirming the importance of maintaining an integrated green environment that enhances its standing as a leading sporting and tourism destination.

BSA takes part in space sustainability panel discussion



H.E. Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al Aseeri

● **Focus on future**

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His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al Aseeri, CEO of the Bahrain Space Agency (BSA), participated in an open panel discussion on the overview effect, the change in perspective experienced by astronauts when seeing Earth from space.

The session featured astronaut Eiman Jahangir and international experts in space philosophy and explored how the human perspective of Earth from space shapes future approaches to space sustainability and supports efforts to ensure a safe environment on Earth.

Dr. Al Aseeri noted that the dialogue, organised in collaboration with the Frank White Institute and the Space Debris Foundation, addressed three key themes.

Existential transformation

The first centred on existential transformation, considering how viewing Earth from space reshapes human awareness of global responsibility, beyond political boundaries, and highlights the fragility of the ecosystem.

The second focused on space sustainability, stressing the need to shift from a "space colonisation" mindset to one of "responsible stewardship", particularly as the number of satellites is expected to exceed 60,000 by 2030.

The third theme highlighted the unity of human destiny and the close interconnection between humanity and Earth in the face of global challenges.

Joint inspection campaign on commercial outlets



Reinforcing public security and safety
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The Interior Ministry stated that the Community Police Division at the Muharraq Governorate Police Directorate, in cooperation and coordination with the Inspection Directorate at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, conducted a joint inspection campaign

targeting several commercial outlets across the governorate.

The campaign aimed to monitor the conditions of commercial establishments and ensure their compliance with public safety standards and requirements, thereby enhancing consumer protection and providing a secure commercial environment.

Legal ban breach

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Publishing a full paternity judgment and case details to a newspaper has led to a lawyer standing trial, with prosecutors setting out the charges as the hearing opened.

The Lower Criminal Court was told the lawyer sent an unredacted ruling in a Sharia paternity dispute to a local journalist, exposing her client's personal information along with details of related inquiries.

Prosecutors argued this broke the legal ban on reporting certain family cases, including marriage, divorce, custody, alimony, adultery and paternity.

The law restricts reporting in these disputes to protect family life, preserve values and maintain public order.

The prosecution presented oral and visual submissions, laid out the evidence, and examined articles published under the lawyer's name. Their presentation also included examples of readers' comments on social media responding to the reports.

The prosecutor said the law does not forbid publishing judicial rulings altogether but makes it conditional on strict rules, particularly to shield parties in sensitive cases.

"The lawyer is the custodian of her client's secrets, and her most basic duty is not to disclose them," she told the court.

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