

Limit Foreign Work Permits, Says MP

Seroor says Bahrainisation can curb remittance outflows and keep wages in the local economy

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Limiting work permits for foreign workers and hiring more Bahrainis are the best ways to cut the flow of remittances abroad and keep wages spent inside the Kingdom, MP Dr Muneer Seroor has said.

Dr Seroor said Bahrainisation would keep money circulating in the local economy and raise cash levels in the market.

He made the call during a visit to the Labour Ministry,

where he met staff from the employment, unemployment compensation and support, and labour relations departments.

The MP said Bahrainisation must be measured in jobs, not quotas.

Employers' needs should be matched with Bahraini jobseekers, while skills gaps should be tackled through job-focused training, he said. Bahrainis should be given priority for jobs when they have the skills needed, or can be trained for the role.

Talks also covered ways to speed up hiring, improve work



“Bahrainisation should focus on creating real jobs, not just meeting quotas. Bahrainis must be given priority where they have the skills or can be trained. Job creation and stability should remain a shared national responsibility.”

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inside the ministry, keep job-seeker records up to date and

tackle social barriers that put some people off certain kinds

of work.

Unemployment payments, court rulings in favour of job-seekers, job security and giving Bahrainis greater priority in the labour market were also discussed.

Dr Seroor called for closer work between Parliament and the ministry on laws that help create jobs, along with training schemes that lead jobseekers into well-paid work.

He also urged checks on any hiring practices that deny Bahrainis a fair chance at work or leave them without job security.

During the visit, he congrat-

ulated the ministry's new leaders and said its work should be judged by the results citizens get.

That includes the process for a jobseeker, from signing up and being matched with vacancies to training, interviews and finding a suitable, stable job.

'Job creation, worker protection and job stability are a public responsibility that requires everyone to work together,' Dr Seroor said.

'There is no alternative to Bahrainising jobs, even gradually, if we are to close the gap in the labour market.'

Eye Doctors Warn Against Cosmetic Eye-Colour Surgery

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A rise in adverts for cosmetic eye-colour surgery has drawn a warning from Bahrain's eye doctors that the procedures can cause glaucoma, corneal damage, and permanent sight loss.

The Bahrain Ophthalmology Association said it was concerned by the growing promotion of treatments such as keratopigmentation, or corneal tattooing, and artificial iris implants.

Doctors warned that surgery on a healthy eye carries risks including inflammation, infection, corneal damage, raised eye pressure, glaucoma, and light sensitivity. In the worst cases, patients can suffer permanent sight loss.

Some of the same procedures are used in certain medical cases involving eye disease or injury, the association said, but they should be considered only after a full check by a qualified ophthalmologist.

The association also warned against social media adverts that portray eye-colour procedures as quick, safe or free from risk.

Anyone considering such a procedure should first seek medical advice and make sure



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it is carried out by a qualified ophthalmologist at a properly regulated medical centre, it said.

The association said patients should be guided by medical evidence rather than claims made in online adverts.

“The addiction can be silent”

Doctor warns nicotine pouches can deliver high doses of nicotine and should not be viewed as a safe alternative to smoking

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You cannot smell it. You cannot see it. Because it is small and discreet, someone can use it at a desk, during a meeting, or even while driving without people around them noticing.

Dr. Magdy Bukhari is warning about the growing use of nicotine pouches, including products known locally as DZRT, particularly among young people.

The small pouches are placed inside the mouth and produce no smoke or noticeable odour, making them easy to conceal and use in places where smoking would not be permitted.

But the doctor says their discreet nature can hide a serious problem: users may not realise how much nicotine they are taking.

According to Bukhari, a single pouch can contain a nicotine dose comparable to that found in a pack of 20 cigarettes.

The high nicotine intake can quickly reach the brain and produce a temporary feeling of calm or relief. But that effect can be followed by anxiety, tension, and a drop in mood, encouraging the user to take another pouch to regain the initial feeling.



“The problem is how easily users can become dependent.”

- DR. MAGDY BUKHARI

This can create a cycle of repeated use and dependence.

Because nicotine pouches can be used discreetly through-

out the day, users may consume them repeatedly at work, while studying, or behind the wheel.

With continued exposure to high levels of nicotine, the body can develop tolerance and dependence, Bukhari said. Users may eventually feel they need nicotine to concentrate and may experience changes in their sleep and mood.

Bukhari stressed that nicotine pouches should not be considered a safe alternative to cigarettes, warning that their small size and lack of odour can make it difficult for users to recognise how much nicotine they are consuming.

The danger, he said, is that something that looks small and harmless can deliver a very large dose of an addictive sub-

Muharraq Street Marks Poet's Legacy

A street in Muharraq Governorate has been named after the late Bahraini writer and poet Ali Abdulla Khalifa, in recognition of his contributions to the Kingdom's literary and cultural life.

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The move follows a directive by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to honour Khalifa's literary legacy and contributions to Bahrain's cultural heritage.

A plaque bearing the late writer and poet's name was unveiled during a ceremony attended by Information Minister Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi, Muharraq Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai, Muharraq Municipality Director General Khalid Ali Al Qallaf, officials from the Bahrain Authority for



Culture and Antiquities (BACA), and members of Khalifa's family.

Al Noaimi said the royal directive reflects His Majesty the King's appreciation for Bahrain's leading cultural and literary fig-

ures and his commitment to honouring national figures who have contributed to the Kingdom's cultural and intellectual life.

He praised Khalifa's distinguished literary career and rich

creative legacy, describing it as an important part of Bahrain's cultural memory and noting his contribution to the Kingdom's cultural scene and the wider region.



BACA President Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa also welcomed the royal directive, highlighting Khalifa's contribution to Bahrain's cultural and intellectual life.

He stressed the importance of preserving the names and legacies of the Kingdom's cultural figures as part of Bahrain's collective memory for future generations.