

Registration  
open for DANAT  
pearl program  
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The Bahrain Institute of Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) has officially opened registration for its upcoming Professional Pearl Program, scheduled to take place from 24 to 31 October.

This initiative comes as part of DANAT's ongoing efforts to revitalize Bahrain's rich pearling heritage, promote knowledge transfer to younger generations, and prepare a qualified national workforce capable of contributing to the preservation and advancement of this historically significant sector.

The eight-day program offers a comprehensive blend of theoretical and practical learning experiences.

Participants will explore the science and history of both natural and cultured pearls and will engage in hands-on sessions using advanced gemological instruments, testing tools, and authentic pearl samples.

These practical components aim to equip participants with in-depth understanding and applied skills in pearl analysis.

Seven jailed  
for smuggling  
hashish by boat  
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Seven people have been sentenced for running a drug smuggling and dealing racket that brought hashish into Bahrain by boat, with the rulings handed down by the High Criminal Court yesterday.

Promoting gender balance, social fairness

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Bahraini women married to citizens of GCC states would become eligible for the cost-of-living allowance under a proposal by MP Jalal Kadhem, provided they reside in Bahrain permanently.

The measure is framed as extending the same rights as other Bahraini citizens, with the stated aim of promoting gender balance and social fairness.

Kadhem said he tabled the proposal after noting cases of Bahraini families burdened by rising household costs.



MP Jalal Kadhem

He pointed out that these women are excluded from the allowance despite many carrying the responsibility of supporting their families.

The lawmaker argued that Bahraini women married to GCC nationals are no less connected to the country than others.

Prison for  
tricksters

Three foreigners jailed for nine years over crypto fraud and money laundering

● Fined BD100,000 each, and set to be deported after services sentences

Mohammed Darish  
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A bogus cryptocurrency and stock-trading scheme has led to three foreign nationals being jailed in Bahrain for up to nine years, fined BD100,000 each, and ordered to be deported after serving their sentences.

The First High Criminal Court also ordered the seizure of BD83,710,939 from the first defendant's assets and BD444,290,800 from the second and third defendants.

Assests

company in whose name the crimes were committed was not confiscated from its assets.

The Deputy Chief of the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution said the convictions followed schemes that tricked victims into paying money under the pretence of investing in digital currencies and stock trading.



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- DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FINANCIAL CRIMES AND MONEY LAUNDERING PROSECUTION

The payments were channelled to one of the accused and to an unlicensed company in Bahrain before those involved realised they had been defrauded.

Investigation

The Financial Intelligence National Center was asked to investigate.

Its report traced the de-

fendants' accounts, assets and movements, confirming that the funds obtained through online fraud had been sent abroad.

Prosecutors questioned one of the men, confronted him with the evidence, and ordered his detention.

Witnesses were also heard before the case was referred to court. The judgment was delivered yesterday.

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Bahrain Post goes hi-tech to upgrade services

Mohammed Darwish  
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Bahrain Post processed 132,819 parcels in the second quarter of 2025, according to the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications. The total comprised 114,819 inbound items and 18,000 outbound.

Sixty-eight companies are licensed to provide postal services in Bahrain, split evenly between 34 domestic operators and 34 international operators.

Service

By service, and for the period from May to July, Barid Mumtaz handled 7,912 parcels, including 1,517 outbound and 6,395 inbound. Parcel Post handled 18,579 parcels, with 2,406 outbound and 16,173 inbound.

Express Mail (Barid Mumtaz) recorded 29,534 parcels, of which 3,846 were outbound and 25,688 inbound. Ordinary mail accounted for 76,792 parcels, comprising 10,231 outbound and 66,561 inbound.

In July alone, total processing across outbound and inbound parcels reached 47,517, down 3.71 per cent from 49,279 in July 2024.

Parcels

Barid Mumtaz registered

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has moved Bahrain Post's app services to MyGov, the unified government services app.

523 outbound parcels and 2,007 inbound, lower than July 2024's 707 outbound and 2,725 inbound.

Parcel Post rose to 624 outbound and 1,921 inbound, up from 576 and 1,589 a year earlier. Express Mail increased to 2,171 outbound and 12,439 inbound, compared with 1,606 and 11,344 in July 2024.

Ordinary mail logged 4,515 outbound parcels and 23,317 inbound, against 3,403 outbound and 27,329 inbound in the same month last year.

App services

The ministry has also moved Bahrain Post's app services to MyGov, the unified government services app.

It said the Bahrain Post app would no longer be available from 28 August 2025.

Bahrain Post forms part of Land Transport Affairs at the ministry, which oversees the provision and regulation of postal services, including universal service.

HIRING

LIC International B.S.C. (C), Market Leader in the Life Insurance industry in Bahrain, is looking for talents to join the Investment and Accounts Department for the following positions:

1. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT-INVESTMENT (BAHRAINI NATIONAL)

Qualifications:

- Graduate (preferably Commerce).
- CA (Inter) / ACCA (Applied Skill Level) / MBA (Finance) / CFA (L1 or enrolled) or equivalent.
- Minimum 1 year of relevant Accounts/Investment experience in a Life Insurance Company.

2. MANAGER (FINANCE & ACCOUNTS)

Qualifications:

- Age: Maximum 42 years as on 01.09.2025
- A qualification in Chartered Accountancy or a related field, such as ACCA or CPA, is preferred.
- At least 3 years of junior-level managerial experience in the Life or General Insurance industry, with a total of 5-6 years of relevant experience in accounting roles, preferably within the life insurance or financial services sector.

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Push for enforcement of disability employment laws

● MPs file measures to urgently put them into effect

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Bahrain has laws guaranteeing jobs for persons with disabilities, but MPs say they remain on paper and have urged the government to put them into effect.

Khalid Buanaq, Ahmed Al Salloom and Hesham Al Awadhi filed a proposal calling for these measures to be enforced in both public offices and private firms.

Gap

They argued that while Bahrain has taken steps to secure



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equal rights, the gap between law and practice still leaves many unable to find suitable work.

In their note, the MPs pointed out that people with disabilities form part of the backbone of society, with many proving their ability across study and employment.

They are entitled to fair chances under Bahraini law and the treaties the Kingdom has

signed. Yet many still face closed doors when seeking jobs that match their skills and training.

Rules

The MPs said applying the rules would help ensure fairness and equal chance, while drawing on untapped national talent.

It would also lessen the weight on families and the state



MP Khalid Buanaq

by allowing more to earn their own living.

The proposal, they added, matches Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and its duties under international agreements on the rights of persons with disabilities.

They stressed that the wider community gains from workplace inclusion.