

## Paediatric ICU at Salmaniya Medical Complex upgraded

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H.E. Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, opened the renovated neonatal intensive care unit at Salmaniya Medical Complex.

The upgrade comes as part of Government Hospitals' plan to enhance service readiness and provide an advanced care environment for children.

The event was attended by H.E. Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hasan, Minister of Health.

H.E. Lt. Gen. Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah was briefed by Government Hospitals officials on the development stages, which included upgrading the infrastructure, equipping the unit with advanced specialised critical-care devices, increasing capacity, and improving workflows to enhance care quality and response times for critical cases.

The SCH Chairman said that the renewal of the neonatal intensive care unit is an important step in further developing paediatric services in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

### Care

He noted that the project is part of wider efforts to improve the level of care at Salmaniya Medical Complex and enhance the quality of health services provided to citizens and residents.

On her part, Dr. Mariam Adhbi Al Jalahma, CEO of Government Hospitals, said the upgraded unit will provide high-quality care for newborns who require intensive care, in line with international standards.

She added that the development reflects Government Hospitals' commitment to modernising medical facilities and building staff capabilities in line with the national health plan and patient needs, supporting efforts to improve patient experience and service quality.

Dr. Al Jalahma also noted that Government Hospitals will continue implementing further development projects across various departments to keep pace with medical advances and ensure safe, high-quality services.

# Misconduct screening

New Registrar-General would review patient complaints before they reach police or prosecutors

## ● MP proposal to probe breaches, issue penalties

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A proposal to create a Registrar-General for physicians and other health professionals would place a new gatekeeper between patient complaints and the police or Public Prosecution, under a draft amendment to Decree-Law No 7 of 1989 on the practice of human medicine and dentistry. The draft, submitted by MP Abdulla Al Rumaihi, would add five new articles to the existing law so that most complaints against doctors and health practitioners pass first through a single post – the Registrar-General rather than going straight to law-enforcement bodies.

The text has been put forward for referral to the competent committee for study before it is taken up by Parliament.

### Recommendation



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Under the proposal, a "Registrar-General for Physicians and Health Professions" would be appointed by Royal Decree on the recommendation of the competent minister.

The Registrar-General would receive complaints lodged against doctors and other health practitioners, arrange for them to be examined by specialised medical committees and decide, in light of those findings, what disciplinary action to take.

The Registrar-General would be able to issue a range of penalties: a caution, a warning, suspension from practice for up to one year or removal of a doctor's or practitioner's name from the professional register. If the facts of a case suggest a criminal offence, the Registrar-General would refer the file to the Public Prosecution.

Another article would limit direct recourse to police stations and the Public Prosecution in

“Routing complaints through the Registrar-General before they reach police stations or the Public Prosecution is designed to protect the rights of all parties, both the complainant and the person complained against.”

– MP ABDULLA AL RUMAIHI



The draft law also provides for a disciplinary committee chaired by the Registrar-General, with a representative of the Health Ministry and a representative of the doctors' union or the health professions as members.

This committee would examine professional breaches and issue disciplinary decisions.

### Regulation

The implementing regulation would lay down how complaints are submitted and investigated, and how disciplinary decisions can be challenged.

cases linked to medical practice.

### Criminal conduct

Except in matters that amount from the outset to purely criminal conduct, no complaint against a doctor or a person treated in the same way under the law would be handled by police or prosecutors unless it had first been submitted to the Registrar-General.

## Safe seas, sustainable shipping

London

His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transport and Communications, has emphasised that Bahrain views international conventions and treaties as fundamental for building a safe and sustainable maritime sector.

H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla participated in the 34th session of the General Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) held in the United Kingdom.

In his address to the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed affirmed that since Bahrain acceded to the IMO, the Kingdom has remained an active partner, fully committed to the organisation's goals and mission of enhancing global maritime safety and protection.

The Minister explained that the Kingdom implements its international commitments through an advanced legislative and regulatory framework, including the Maritime Law issued in 2022, which contains



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa addresses the General Assembly

provisions that reinforce full compliance with maritime conventions, provide a legal framework to protect lives and property, and ensure the safety of navigation.

### Commitment

He also highlighted Bahrain's strong commitment to marine environmental protection, considering the safeguarding of the oceans and seas a humanitarian and ethical duty.

H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla emphasised that the Kingdom

follows a modern legislative system primarily based on the MARPOL Convention and is working to accede to the remaining annexes to support plans for achieving net-zero emissions by 2060.

The minister emphasised that the IMO's theme for this year, "Our Ocean, Our Commitment, Our Opportunity", reflects the environmental and economic significance of the oceans, recognising them as a lifeline and vital resource for millions of people worldwide.

## Bahrain steps up drive to protect workers

New York

Bahrain is advancing its efforts to enhance the work environment and combat human trafficking through a government-led, integrated institutional approach.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Nibras Taleb, Chief Executive Officer of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), as he participated in the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Also Chairperson of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Taleb highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to combating human trafficking and its support for the 2025 Political Declaration on the implementation of the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

### Institutional approach

He emphasised Bahrain's continued institutional approach to strengthening the protection of rights, establishing a comprehensive framework that contributes to crime prevention and addresses all forms of trafficking, while supporting global efforts to enhance labour systems in line with the specificities and obligations of each country.

The LMRA CEO noted that promoting human rights and combating trafficking are central to the Kingdom's long-standing approach, rooted in a civilisational and ethical legacy, and form part of its commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This approach positions Bahrain as a model for protecting rights, with a comprehen-



“Bahrain is committed to providing guidance channels for migrant workers from the time they arrive in the Kingdom and maintaining advisory support throughout their employment.”

– H.E. NIBRAS TALEB, LABOUR MARKET REGULATORY AUTHORITY (LMRA) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

sive system based on prevention, protection, justice, and partnership, institutionalising measures and integrating them into national policies and plans to ensure sustainability.

### Initiatives

Taleb highlighted several initiatives supporting the improvement of the work environment, including the establishment of the Migrant Workers Protection Centre, the first specialised comprehensive centre in the region providing preventive, advisory, and legal services, receiving complaints and grievances, investigating potential indicators of human trafficking, offering shelter to victims and potential victims, and operating a 24-hour call centre.

## Honouring a Legacy of Learning for Students

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Under the patronage of His Excellency Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Office and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Educational Charitable Endowment, the 2025 Isa bin Salman Endowment Ceremony brought together students, graduates, educators and partners at the Isa Cultural Centre yesterday, celebrating education as a national investment in peo-



Displaying the students' creativity

ple and progress.

The ceremony opened with remarks from H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, who

highlighted the educational achievements supported by the endowment.

H.E. Dr. Juma emphasised that the foundation continues

to encourage students to pursue university education and excel in their chosen fields, both locally and abroad.

The Minister noted that numerous students have distinguished themselves in universities across Bahrain and beyond, reflecting the endowment's far-reaching impact.

He also underscored the Ministry of Education's strong partnership with the foundation, reaffirming the shared commitment to promoting the values of learning, dedication and service to the country and its citizens.