

# Food firm owner charged over ‘fake’ expiry dates

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A warehouse filled with expired baking goods, repackaged with altered use-by dates, has led to court charges against a company boss. Prosecutors allege the expiry dates were stripped off and replaced with new ones before the products were put back into circulation.

The case has been scheduled for hearing on Wednesday, 2 July 2025, before the Minor Criminal Court.

The matter came to light when

Khamis Police Station (A) received information via the Ministry of Industry and Commerce about a warehouse storing expired stock.

## Premises

Inspectors from the ministry visited the premises and found food products either long expired or tampered with.

The warehouse was ordered shut immediately.

A team from the Public Prosecution inspected the site and took statements from twenty-three people, including suspects, workers, and witnesses.



The warehouse was sealed, and ministry staff were instructed to inventory its contents, identify expired goods, and lo-

cate any similar items on sale elsewhere.

## Baking ingredients

Among the confiscated stock were baking ingredients and packaged items bearing forged expiry dates.

Investigators later found more products in a shop supplied by the same company, also carrying changed labels.

A forensic expert confirmed that the original dates had been removed and replaced with new ones, either by printing directly onto the packaging or applying replacement stickers.

Police enquiries supported these findings.

## Trial

The prosecution, having gathered sufficient evidence, ordered the defendant's referral to trial.

The company owner stands accused of putting public health at risk through fraudulent practices.

The head of the relevant prosecution division said legal measures would continue to be taken against anyone found tampering with food supplies, stressing that public safety remains a top concern.

## Court nullifies gift after Bahraini man dies in same house

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A Bahraini man's attempt to give his house to his wife fell apart after the Sharia Court of Appeal found he had never left the property, making the transfer void.

Judges ruled the house must return to the deceased's name and be divided among his heirs, including children from a previous marriage.

Since he remained living in the house until his death, the court found the gift had never taken effect.

The case was brought by the man's children, who said their stepmother had transferred the property into her name using a gift deed signed while their father was still alive.

## Poor health

They argued he was in poor health at the time, lacked full awareness, and never vacated the home.

Their lawyer, Mohammed Al Sharabi, told the court that un-

der Maliki doctrine and Article 912 of Bahrain's Civil Code, a property gift is only valid if the donor gives up possession while still alive. Otherwise, it is treated as a will.

Islamic law does not allow bequests to legal heirs unless all other beneficiaries agree.

The court agreed. It found the man owned other houses but chose to remain in this one.

## Ownership

His wife never moved in, never used the property, and never showed any sign of control or ownership.

There had been no handover, either in fact or in practice. Without that, the court said, the gift was void.

The lower court had dismissed the claim and ordered the children to pay costs.

The appeal court overturned that decision, cancelled the gift, and ordered the property returned to the deceased's name to be shared out according to Islamic inheritance law.

## Verdict due in boat ‘theft’ and forged ownership form

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A man accused of forging papers to steal his friend's boat will learn his fate on 15 July.

Prosecutors allege the 36-year-old defendant worked with a ministry employee to alter a government form used for transferring boat ownership.

The form, supposedly signed by the rightful owner, was used to register the boat under the defendant's name at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications between 2022 and 2023.

## False information

The case turns on claims that the accused provided false information to a ministry clerk, who accepted it without suspicion.

The boat transfer went through based on these statements.

Prosecutors say the defendant knew the document had been tampered with, yet submitted it as part of the ownership process.

According to the complainant, he had purchased the boat



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in 2022 for his brother to use for fishing.

After his brother was fined, the vessel was kept in a stable owned by the family.

The accused, a frequent visitor, later removed it. When questioned, he claimed he was only cleaning and servicing it.

But when pressed to return it, he said he had sold it due to an unpaid debt owed by the complainant's brother.

The complainant later found his signature had been faked on the transfer form. His brother

confirmed this in his testimony.

Another man said the accused had offered to sell him the boat, claiming to be the owner.

The man, who enjoyed fishing, agreed to buy it after the accused helped complete the legal paperwork.

A clerk at the small vessels registration office told the court he had handled the ownership transfer and signed the form as part of his job.

He said he followed all the usual steps and acted on the documents presented.

## Indian Embassy relocates consular ‘services to Al Seef premises

● Starting July 1

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The Embassy of India in the Kingdom of Bahrain has announced the relocation of all consular services from IVS Global Services at Dana Mall to the Embassy premises in Al-Seef, effective July 1, 2025, until further notice.

The services affected by this move include the issuance and renewal of passports, visas, and other miscellaneous consular functions.

All consular services will now be rendered at the Embassy of India, located at Building 1090, Road No. 2819, Block No. 428 in the Al-Seef area of Manama.

The working hours for consular services will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, excluding public holidays. Collection of documents such as passports and other consular certificates will take place between 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. on the same working days, with no prior appointment required for collection.

## Appointments

To streamline operations and ensure efficiency, the Embassy has clarified that all applicants must schedule appointments in advance through the “EoIBHConnect” mobile application, available on both Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

Consular services will only be provided to applicants with prior appointments. Walk-in applicants will be entertained solely for Emergency Certificate (EC) applications.

Applicants are required to bring a duly filled application form along with all supporting documents as specified on the official website of the Embassy at [www.eoibahrain.gov.in](http://www.eoibahrain.gov.in).

## ICRF Thirst Quenchers 2025 second week held at Salmaniya worksite

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The Indian Community Welfare Association – ICRF Bahrain continues its annual summer awareness program – Thirst Quenchers 2025.

Aligning with the Ministry of Labour's initiative to ensure a safe working environment during the sweltering three months, ICRF Bahrain distributed water, juice, laban, orange, apple and banana at the worksite of Mohammed Jalal Contracting Company located in Salmaniya.

This year, the event is supported by the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour, LMRA and IOM.

Around 150 workers took part in the event.

Guests from Ministry of Inte-



ICRF Bahrain and generous volunteers distribute food and drinks to expat workers

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rior, Ms Nedal Abdulla Alalawai, from Ministry of Labour - Mr Hasan AlAradi - Head of Occupational Safety & Health Inspection and from LMRA - Mr Fahad AlBinali, all spoke about the support extended to the workers by

each Ministries.

Advisor Dr Babu Ramachandran talked about health and safety precautions to be taken during the summer months.

ICRF Chairman Adv. V K Thomas, Joint Secretaries Javad Pasha and Suresh Babu, Vice Chairmen Prakash Mohan and Pankaj Nallur, Treasurer Uday Shanbhagh, Thirst Quenchers Coordinators Faisal Madapally and Siraj, Sivakumar, Ajayakrishnan, Zulfiqar Moiz, Kalpana Patil, Sandra Palanna, Althea D'Souza, HSE Officer Rajesh Sadanand along with enthusiastic students have joined the distribution.

As in previous years, the Bohra community and generous volunteers have shown strong support for this project.