

The Eye Infirmary Achieves NHRA Diamond Accreditation



MANAMA, BAHRAIN

Marking 10 years since its inception, The Eye Infirmary has been awarded the prestigious Diamond Accreditation status—the highest tier of national recognition—by the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA). This dual achievement honors both the Seef and Janabiya branches of the specialized eye care center.

The official certificates were presented by Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al-Ansari, CEO of the NHRA, who praised the vital role of private health institutions in raising service quality, institutional governance, and patient safety across the Kingdom. The NHRA accreditation is granted for four years to anchor principles of quality and excellence.

Statement from Founder & CEO, Dr. Saad Al Khalifa:

“Receiving the Diamond Accreditation for both our branches is a proud milestone as we celebrate a decade of excellence.”

— DR. SAAD AL KHALIFA, FOUNDER & CEO, THE EYE INFIRMARY



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Accreditation for both our branches is a proud milestone as we celebrate a decade of excellence. This double achievement belongs entirely to our remarkable team's dedication

and synergy. For 10 years, we have committed to advanced, patient-centric care, and this honor reaffirms that our services align with the highest standards.”

RHF Starts Jerusalem Education Endowment



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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) laid the foundation stone for the “Bahrain Endowment for Education and Orphans” project in Jerusalem, in cooperation with the Jerusalem Empowerment and Development Fund.

RHF Acting Secretary-General Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri laid the foundation stone during the Foundation's delegation visit to Jerusalem.

The project follows a coop-

eration agreement between the RHF and the Jerusalem Empowerment and Development Fund and will benefit Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi Girls' School in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood.

The endowment aims to support the school's educational and orphan-care services by contributing to its operational costs, expanding educational opportunities and strengthening its ability to continue providing services.

Aldoseri said the project reflects Bahrain's commitment to humanitarian and development

initiatives focused on education, orphan care and human development.

He described the project as the first endowment initiative of its kind in Jerusalem, adding that it represents an extension of Bahrain's efforts to support the Palestinian people.

Aldoseri said the initiative reflects the RHF's approach of moving beyond immediate humanitarian assistance towards sustainable development projects designed to create lasting benefits for individuals and communities.

289 Spaces Set for Food Trucks

New regulation drive gives operators until January to complete requirements and secure approved locations

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The Northern Municipal Council reviewed new measures to regulate Bahrain's food truck sector, giving operators until January 2027 to meet the required conditions.

Northern Area Municipality Director General Eng. Mohammed Saad Al Sahli said 289 designated spaces have been allocated nationwide for food trucks, with applications for locations handled online.

The sector expanded rapidly during the COVID-19 pandemic, with around 400 commercial registrations issued by January 2022, compared with about 150 trucks registered with the General Directorate of Traffic.

Authorities said the new system will use existing health, Civil Defence, Traffic and municipal requirements rather than introduce additional regulations. Health and Civil Defence inspections will be followed by vehicle checks from Traffic, while municipalities will approve locations after the requirements are completed.

A six-month grace period and awareness campaign are currently under way; compliance will become mandatory afterward.

Key Issues Discussed at Northern Council Meeting

- Pedestrian safety and the traffic light on Shaikh Hamad Street
- Fatal pedestrian accident in Hamad Town
- Converting unused plots in Aali into public parking
- Registering a Hamad Town park and playground under the municipality's purview
- Maintenance work at Jasra coast and park
- Auction process for abandoned vehicles
- Disputed water bill and service concerns
- Road damage caused by repeated infrastructure works

Competition

Northern Municipal Council members have raised concerns about competition between established restaurants and independent food truck operators as Bahrain moves to regulate the sector.

Council member Basem Ali Abuidrees questioned the policy allowing some businesses with existing restaurant commercial registrations to operate food trucks.

He argued that small independent operators could face difficulties competing

with larger restaurants with significantly higher revenues and established operations.

Director General confirmed that some commercial registrations currently allow their holders to operate food trucks, noting that the issue of fair competition was separate from the regulatory process.

Members also called for more designated food truck locations, including in Saar and Hamad Town, to reduce the need for operators to travel to locations such as Malkiya and Abu Subh.

Flooding Problem Enters Ninth Year

Northern Municipal Council members have renewed calls for permanent solutions to flooding problems affecting several areas, saying some locations have remained unresolved for years.

Council member Abdullah Mubarak Al Qubaisi said around 30 flooding points identified over the past eight years still require permanent solutions.

He said authorities continue



Abdullah Mubarak Al Qubaisi

and pumps while the same locations remain affected during heavy rainfall.

Al Qubaisi called for a dedicated budget to address the problem permanently, highlighting areas including Al Lawzi and parts of Hamad Town.

He said the council had been receiving explanations about temporary solutions since 2018 and urged authorities to move towards long-term infrastructure measures.

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