

MPs Seek 15pc Chamber Fee Fund for Entrepreneurs

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Fifteen per cent of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry membership fees, yearly subscriptions and late-payment fines would be diverted to business incubators and a fund for small firms under a draft law lodged by five MPs.

The proposed change would amend Article 9 of Decree-Law No. 48 of 2012 on the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as amended by Law No. 16 of 2020.

The MPs behind it are Dr Ali Al Nuaimi, Abdulwahid Qarata, Hamad Al Doy, Mohammed Al Rifai and Hassan Ebrahim.

The added paragraph would send 15 per cent of sums due for membership registration, annual chamber subscriptions and late-payment fines towards two aims: incubators for new entrepreneurs and a fund for small, medium-sized and micro firms in Bahrain's governorates.

The draft law has two articles. The first adds the new paragraph to Article 9. The second requires the Prime Minister and ministers, each in their own field, to carry out the law from the day after it is published in



Dr Ali Al Nuaimi, MP



the Official Gazette.

It also says the change is meant to cut the risk of failure for start-ups, widen the role of entrepreneurs in the economy and help smaller firms last be-

yond their early years.

The MPs say the legislature has a duty to bring forward laws that improve citizens' welfare and open wider paths for growth.



Proposal linked to constitutional principles of social justice and economic growth

- MPs call for stronger co-operation between public and private sectors
- Part of private sector income to support entrepreneurs and start-ups
- Focus on helping small businesses grow and expand
- Plan includes business incubators and a dedicated support fund
- Entrepreneurs to receive training, guidance and advisory support
- Easier access to financing and investment opportunities proposed
- Incubators to provide workspaces and business networking platforms.

Bongiyo Samaj Bahrain Hosts Cultural Tribute Evening



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Bongiyo Samaj Bahrain organised "Rabindra/Nazrul/Satyajit Sandhya" on May 29, 2026, celebrating the enduring legacy of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, and legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray.

The special cultural evening was held at the Quality Education School auditorium in Saar in the presence of Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, His Excellency Vinod K. Jacob.

Participants of all ages showcased Bengali culture and heritage through soulful songs, graceful dance performanc-



es, recitations, and expressive drama presentations inspired by the works of the iconic literary and cinematic figures.

The event provided a vibrant platform for the community to honour the rich cultural contributions of Tagore, Nazrul, and Ray.

Audiences were captivated by the heartfelt performances, making the evening both memorable and meaningful.



Money Supply Grows

Narrow money reaches BD2.86 billion in 2025



Public sector funds add BD2.11bn to liquidity levels

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Bahrain's wide money supply reached BD14.44 billion in 2025, while narrow money stood at BD2.86 billion, Central Bank of Bahrain figures published on the Bahrain Open Data Portal show.

The wider measure rose to BD16.55 billion when government deposits were added, giving a fuller view of the cash and bank deposits held across the economy.

Narrow money covers cash ready for use, along with current deposits held by people

and firms. Wide money also takes in savings deposits and near-money, giving a wider measure of liquidity inside the banking system.

The figures show that Bahrain's money stock is held mainly in bank deposits rather than as cash in hand. Therefore, banks remain the main channel for keeping savings, offering credit, and moving liquidity through the economy.

Government deposits added about BD2.11 billion to the wider measure. These funds, held by public bodies with banks, form part of the financial cycle and affect liquidity across the banking system.

Taken together, the data point to an economy in which money is held mainly through banks, with government funds adding further weight to the overall money supply.



- Wide Money Supply: BD14.44bn
- Narrow Money Supply: BD2.86bn
- Including Government Deposits: BD16.55bn
- Government Deposits: BD2.11bn
- Source: Central Bank of Bahrain

Company Loses Fight Over BD12.7m Award



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The Court of Cassation upheld an arbitral award ordering a company to pay more than BD12.7 million in a dispute linked to a development project in Hidd Industrial Area.

The case stemmed from a 48-year lease agreement covering several industrial plots intended for a hotel, residential compound and business centre under a master plan attached to the contract.

The claimant argued that the other company failed to carry out agreed works surrounding the hotel project, including offices, public facilities, landscaping and entrepreneur support services, which were key elements of the agreement.

The dispute was referred to the GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre, which ruled in favour of the claimant and ordered termination of the lease. The High Civil Court later enforced the award, while the High Civil Court of Appeal and the Court of Cassation both rejected further appeals.

In its judgment, the Court of Cassation confirmed that a company is bound by arbitration clauses signed by its lawful representative and stressed that arbitral deliberations remain confidential and protected from court scrutiny.

The court also reaffirmed the independence and finality of arbitration proceedings, warning against attempts to challenge awards through the disclosure of private discussions between arbitrators.



"The Court of Cassation's decision reinforces the finality and integrity of arbitration in Bahrain, affirming that parties are bound by valid arbitration agreements and that arbitral proceedings remain confidential, independent, and protected from unnecessary judicial interference."