

Keep it private



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Public shaming through the broadcast of family and moral disputes has no place in a civilised society, MP Jalal Kadhem has said.

The lawmaker warned that such exposure is a breach of privacy with serious consequences for individuals and the wider public.

He described the spread of these cases across media outlets and online platforms as a clear intrusion into personal and family life.

The fallout, he said, can be deeply damaging, both to those involved and to the cohesion of society.

Details

Publishing these details serves no shared good. Instead, it risks smearing reputations and drawing in people who were never part of the matter.

Kadhem added that this behaviour clashes with religious teachings and long-standing customs that value discretion.

In some cases, he warned, it may verge on indecency.

Legislation

He pointed out that Islamic law and national legislation treat defamation and the invasion of private life as criminal offences.

Justice, in his view, is the domain of the courts and reform institutions, not the realm of public spectacle.

Parliament, he noted, has recently passed a draft law that penalises interference in per-



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Legal protection

The intention behind the measure is to offer clearer legal protection for private matters and to curb the reckless handling of sensitive issues by the media.

Kadhem called on the relevant authorities to act against content that breaches privacy or harms the names of people not involved.

This is especially necessary in cases that have no bearing on public order or community safety.

Freedom of expression

He stressed the need to weigh freedom of expression against the responsibility to avoid harm.

Public peace at risk

Man arrested over sectarian social media posts

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A 36-year-old man has been taken into custody after posting sectarian videos online, with prosecutors accusing him of stirring division and threatening public peace.

The arrest followed a report from the Cybercrime Directorate at the Ministry of Interior, which had identified videos on the man's public social media account.

Footage

The footage, investigators said, contained remarks aimed at certain religious sects, in a manner likely to inflame tensions across society.

Prosecutors viewed the material and found that it included speech targeting specific beliefs and groups.

The man was summoned for questioning, shown the content,



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and ordered to remain in detention while inquiries continue.

Mobile phone

His mobile phone, thought to have been used in connection with the incident, is being examined by forensic teams.

According to the Chief of the Cybercrime Prosecution, the office will enforce the law in cases

involving provocation against religious beliefs, in order to uphold social order and protect the rights of all communities.

The Ministry of Interior called on the public to act responsibly when using social media, warning against the posting or sharing of material that breaks the law or unsettles social peace.



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Discord

The Cybercrime Directorate added that it would keep responding to attempts to cause discord through online platforms.

It said measures would be taken against anyone seeking to upset unity or disrupt calm through digital means.

Registration open for evening education programs

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The Ministry of Education has announced the opening of registration for new students in evening education programs for the equivalent basic education stages — primary and preparatory — for the academic year 2025/2026.

Eligible students must be born in 2010 or earlier and be

15 years of age or older.

Registration will be open from August 3 to August 24, 2025.

According to the Ministry, applications must be submitted electronically via a dedicated form available on the official Ministry website: www.moe.gov.bh.

Applicants are required to complete the form and upload all necessary documents as



specified in the instructions.

Registration will be accepted based on available capacity.

The Ministry further clarified that students already enrolled in evening education during the 2024/2025 academic year will be automatically re-registered and do not need to complete a new application.

For additional information or assistance, the public may contact the Ministry at the following numbers: 17873053, 17896975, or 17896992.

NIHR closely monitoring anti-trafficking measures

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His Excellency Ali Ahmed Al Derazi, Chairman of the National Institution for Human Rights, has emphasised that the NIHR is closely following the Kingdom's efforts in combating human trafficking, a key part of its independent role.

On the occasion of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, Al Derazi noted that the institution continuously monitors policies and practices in this domain, including legislative and institutional measures issued by official bodies.

He noted that the Kingdom has maintained its Tier 1 ranking in the US Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report for several consecutive years, which reflects its continuous efforts and commitment in this area.

Al Derazi highlighted that the NIHR monitors relevant developments and submits observations and recommendations to the concerned authorities.

This contributes to strengthening national efforts and achieving a balance.

Reckless driver held



A driver was arrested for endangering road users by driving recklessly and making disturbing noises. The necessary legal measures were taken, and the vehicle was seized.

Unlicensed bus driver arrested



A bus driver in the Capital Governorate was arrested for operating public transport without the required legal license. The arrest came after a video documenting the violation circulated widely on social media platforms. Legal action has been taken against the suspect, and the bus has been impounded. Authorities confirmed that the measures fall within ongoing efforts to monitor violations, regulate transportation activities, and ensure full compliance with applicable laws and safety standards.

Embassy Services Shift

● New ICAC opens on Friday

● All services shift from embassy

● No appointment for document pickup

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The Indian Embassy in Bahrain has announced that all consular services will be shifted from the embassy premises to a new Indian Consular Application Centre (ICAC) at Bahrain Mall starting tomorrow.

The newly opened centre, located at K.A. Visa Services on the first floor of Bahrain Mall in Sanabis, will handle passport, visa, attestation, and other miscellaneous services previously offered at the embassy.

New Centre Details

From August 1, services will be available at the ICAC between 8 am and 6 pm, Saturday to Thursday, excluding public

holidays. Applicants can collect their processed documents directly from the same location during working hours without needing an appointment.

Appointments can now be booked exclusively through www.skylane.com/bh/india, as the EoIBH Connect App is no longer in use. In addition to Government of India fees, a service charge of 180 fils (0.180 BHD) will apply, along with any applicable bank fees.

The ICAC will offer several complimentary services to ease the application process. These include form filling, document photocopying, photographs, and courier service, at no extra cost to applicants.

Flexible Payment Options

Applicants can pay using cash, debit or credit card, Benefit, or STC Pay. They are also reminded to bring original documents for verification, as mandated by embassy procedures.

Further information and documentation requirements can be found on the Embassy of India, Bahrain's official website at www.eoibahrain.gov.in.