

MP lauds Bahrain's remarkable Olympic success



MP Mohammed Al Maarafi

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MP Mohammed Al Maarafi has expressed admiration for the major milestone achieved by Bahrain at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, where the nation claimed a gold medal in the women's 3,000-metre steeplechase.

Yesterday, Bahrain won a second medal, a silver, in the women's 400 metres courtesy of Salwa Eid. These victories highlight Bahrain's growing prominence in international athletics.

Al Maarafi offered his warmest congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, who has been a central figure in promoting sports in the country, as well as to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He also acknowledged the roles of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Vice President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority (GSA), and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.

Al Maarafi pointed out that these victories are one of many in a series of sporting successes driven by the dedicated efforts of various teams, all of which are supported by the country's forward-thinking leadership.

Driving change

New safety standards implemented for school transport vehicles in Bahrain

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The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has implemented new safety standards for school transport vehicles in Bahrain.

These regulations, which came to light through a document sent to drivers and bus owners, outline the requirements for obtaining and renewing licenses for school bus drivers, including a detailed list of safety features and equipment that must be installed on the vehicles.

The new regulations emphasize the importance of rear view sensors, as well as the installation of cameras in school buses.

Buses with a capacity of 25 passengers or less must have two cameras: one to monitor the interior of the bus and another for rearview. Buses with a capacity of 26 passengers or more are required to have three cameras, two for the interior and one for rearview.

The document also highlights the importance of fire extinguishers, with two required for each bus, one near the driver's seat and the other near the door, and clearly marked.

Large mirrors on both sides and the front of the bus are man-



School transport vehicles

datory for buses with a capacity of 26 passengers or more, allowing the driver to have a complete view of the vehicle.

A first-aid kit, appropriate for the number of passengers, must be present in the bus, with a clear label indicating its location.

A "School Bus" sticker must be placed on the left side of the rear of the bus, and a sticker displaying the driver's number and the number of passengers must be placed both inside and outside the bus.

A "No Smoking" sign must be displayed inside the bus.

The document also emphasizes the importance of maintaining the functionality of the air conditioning system, the condition of the seats and upholstery, and the proper closure of the left-side door (if present).

'Stop' sign

Additionally, buses with a capacity of 16 passengers or more must have an automatic "Stop" sign on the left side, activated when the door is opened.



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Buses with fixed windows are required to have at least four glass-breaking hammers.

Other safety equipment includes reflective warning triangles, a first-aid kit, and the display of the school's name and logo in Arabic on both sides of the vehicle.

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has stated that these new regulations are designed to enhance the safety of school children during their transportation to and from school.

Supermarket employee jailed for stealing from customers

● Stolen amount reaches BD2,000

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A 29-year-old man has been sentenced to six months in prison for stealing from customers at a popular supermarket.

The man, who worked as a customer service supervisor at the supermarket, tricked customers into paying for their purchases through his personal "Benefit Pay" account by claiming that the electronic payment system was down. He then pocketed the money and cancelled their receipts.

The case came to light when a customer requested a receipt for their purchase, which they had not received despite the employee's claims.

The supermarket management investigated and discovered numerous cancelled receipts, all attributed to the employee.

The employee confessed to the crime, admitting to cancelling receipts and stealing the money for himself.

The supermarket reported the incident to authorities, and the Public Prosecution charged the employee with embezzlement.

Calls for action against overcrowded workers' housing

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Many workers' accommodations flagrantly violate the law by cramming multiple individuals into small rooms.

Abdullah Al-Qubaisi, a member of the Northern Municipal Council, is calling for stricter enforcement of regulations governing workers' living conditions.

He asserts that no more than eight workers should occupy a



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single room, with each person entitled to at least four square metres of personal space.

Beyond overcrowding, Al-Qubaisi points out that these accommodations often lack proper ventilation and adequate lighting, creating conditions conducive to the spread of disease.

He insists on a strict ban on placing cooking stoves or fuel in rooms and corridors, and he also stresses the prohibition of keeping animals or birds in these

areas.

Despite clear regulations requiring proper organisation of these accommodations, enforcement has been inadequate.

Al-Qubaisi references the situation in Hamad Town, where property owners rent these spaces to workers, causing disruptions for local residents. Workers frequently park their vehicles — cars, buses, trailers, and motorcycles — in residential areas and public parking spaces, adding to the disruption.

Muharraq to receive candidacy applications today

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The Supreme Committee for Overseeing the Integrity of the 2024 Supplementary Parliamentary Elections in the first constituency of Muharraq Governorate (Busaiteen) will open the door of the supervisory centre starting today to receive candidacy applications.

The committee announced on Thursday through its social media accounts a reminder of the required documents for submitting candidacy applications.

These include: a copy of the birth certificate (candidates must be born in 1994 or earlier and have completed their 30th year upon winning the election), a copy of the identity card, and a copy of the passport.

The committee also requires a copy of the candidate's resume, not exceeding 300 words, preferably in electronic format, along with two personal photographs with a white background

and an electronic copy.

Additionally, candidates must present a receipt of a BD200 deposit to the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

Payments

A ministry employee will be present at the supervisory committee headquarters to receive these payments.

The committee further requests a copy of the candidate's academic qualifications, if available.

Alternatively, the committee will conduct a written test for the candidate to verify their literacy.

The candidacy period will last for three days only, with Monday, August 12th, being the last day. The deadline for submission is 9pm.

Intention

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The supervisory committee headquarters

including two women, have declared their intention to run for the parliamentary seat that became vacant due to a court ruling nullifying the membership of Mohammed Al Hussaini.

This number is expected to increase with the official opening of the candidacy period.

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Potential candidates have opened their offices to receive voters, while others have increased their presence at religious and social events.

Social media platforms have

also seen increased activity from potential candidates.

Potential candidates

Several potential candidates confirmed their intention to run in the elections, including: Dr. Essam Al Alawi, Ibrahim Al Shaikh, Abdulaziz Al anaei, Khalid Sulaibeekh, Saleh Al Sada, Khawla Al Busmait, Nada Bin Shams, Abdullah Al Sehli, Ahmed Al Tamimi, and Shaikh Mohammed Al Qallalif, and lawyer Khawla Hazeem.

Many of those who have declared their intention to run have begun their campaigns, either by announcing their candidacy and outlining some of their plans for the constituency if they win the seat, or by opening their offices to receive residents.

Some have also appeared in video programmes on social media to reach a wider audience and connect with voters more closely.