

Debates to shape the nation

Parliament to tackle eight key issues in upcoming session

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The Parliament is gearing up for a busy session, with eight general discussion requests approved during the previous session set to be debated.

The most recent request, approved on May 7th, seeks clarification on the government's strategy for addressing unemployment and providing job opportunities for first-time job seekers.

The parliament will also delve into the government's plan to alleviate the growing traffic congestion in the country, a pressing issue that affects daily commutes and economic activity.

Moreover, they will scrutinise the government's response to the declining fish stock in Bahrain, the limited variety of fish



MPs brace for marathon discussions

available, and the rising prices in the local market, an issue that impacts the livelihoods of fishermen and the affordability of seafood for consumers.

Furthermore, the parliament will examine the government's policy on improving the standard of living, as outlined in the government's work programme

for 2023-2026, focusing on the government's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Bahraini citizens.

They will also address the government's approach to tackling dilapidated homes and overcrowding in existing housing units, highlighting the need for affordable and adequate housing

for all citizens.

Besides, the parliament will discuss the government's policy on outsourcing services to private companies, including the regulations governing collaboration with these companies, focusing on ensuring transparency and accountability in the outsourcing process.



Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam

They will explore the government's strategy for strengthening partnerships with the private sector to drive economic growth.

Finally, the parliament will address the government's provision of public services in the Southern Governorate.

These discussions are expect-



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ed to provide a platform for the parliament to contribute to finding solutions for these critical issues affecting Bahraini citizens.

'Unemployment and housing' most urgent issues needing action

● Muharraq by-elections candidates submit their applications

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Five candidates yesterday filed their applications for the by-elections in Muharraq's First Constituency at Busaiteen Intermediate School.

Among them were three men and two women, one of whom had her writing proficiency evaluated, as mentioned by the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee overseeing the process.

Even before the official process was underway, eager candidates were already gathering at the supervisory centre for the First Constituency in Muharraq, ready to submit their applications for the recently vacated seat.

The Daily Tribune managed to speak with some of those who arrived early. Discussions largely revolved around unemployment and housing, which several candidates viewed as urgent issues.

Former MP Hamad Al Kawheji was the first to arrive, well



Aspirants formalise their candidacy before the centre opened.

His early presence suggests a strong intent to reclaim his position. He spoke about the need to address social insurance and his aim to continue efforts to improve the standard of living for citizens.

Deep ties

Businessman Ebrahim Al Shaikh highlighted his deep ties to the constituency.

From an economic standpoint, he pointed to the importance of raising living standards.

The first female candidate to arrive was Lawyer Khawla Al Shamsi, who brings over two decades of experience in state administration.

She aims to be a voice for women in the Kingdom and mentioned to The Daily Tribune that she is currently preparing her stance on the new lawyers' law.

Steps

Dr Ali Al Shuwaikh, Head of the Higher Supervisory Committee, detailed the required steps for candidacy in the First

Muharraq constituency.

Candidates must submit various documents, including copies of their ID card, passport, birth certificate, proof of fee payment to the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf, along with a personal photo and a CV.

Al Shuwaikh noted that once submitted, legal requirements related to nationality, age, residency, and criminal record, among other criteria, will be verified.

The application will then either be approved or rejected.

Appeal

He also confirmed that candidates whose applications are rejected have the right to appeal the decision before the High Court of Appeal.

Dr Al Shuwaikh mentioned that the committee is currently reviewing all applications, including the one involving the writing assessment.

The results will be announced in due course.

Health Minister visits Youth City 2030 venue



H.E. Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hasan is briefed on the event's activities

● Thirteenth edition at Exhibition World Bahrain

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The Minister of Health, Her Excellency Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hasan, visited the Youth City 2030, where she was briefed by H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, on the city's various sections.

Youth City 2030 is organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in collaboration with Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

The visit was part of Health

and Sports Week at the Exhibition World Bahrain.

Dr. Jaleela reviewed the objectives of Youth City 2030 and its thirteenth edition programmes, which focus on science, technology, arts, culture, leadership, entrepreneurship, media, entertainment, sports, and health.

These initiatives, totalling 148 programmes and over 4,000 training opportunities, aim to enhance youth skills and capabilities.

During the visit, the Minister also explored the "Mutanafas" campaign, which promotes mental health awareness, and the National Genome Station, highlighting the city's role in supporting health awareness and youth development.

Court upholds medical board's decision on work injury disability

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A worker who was injured in a work-related accident and subsequently deemed partially disabled by a medical board has lost his case in court.

The worker, who had initially been assessed with a 60% disability, appealed the decision, claiming his injuries resulted in total disability.

The appeals board, after reviewing medical reports, in-

creased the disability percentage to 70%, but the worker still contested the decision, taking the case to the High Administrative Court.

The court, however, sided with the medical boards, stating that they are the competent authorities for determining disability levels for both occupational and non-occupational disability benefits.

The court further emphasised

that the appeals board's decision, having accepted the appeal and issued a ruling on the worker's injury and disability percentage, is considered final under the Social Security Law.

It's worth noting that the worker had sustained multiple fractures and injuries during the accident, requiring several surgeries.

His employer ultimately placed him on retirement due

to his inability to perform his job duties and any other office-related tasks.

The medical boards had initially determined a partial disability exceeding 30% but less than 80%, resulting in a 60% permanent disability.

The worker's appeal argued that his disability was total, not partial. The appeals board, after reviewing the medical reports, adjusted the permanent disability

to 70%.

However, the worker remained dissatisfied, arguing that the decision was legally flawed and unfair.

He sought the court's intervention to overturn the decisions of both the general and appeals medical boards, demanding a complete disability assessment.

The court, in its ruling, reiterated that medical boards, composed of experienced and

specialised physicians, are responsible for assessing disability levels.

The court stressed that the boards' decisions, based on their expertise and medical evidence, are final and cannot be overturned by the court unless there is evidence of abuse of power, which was not found in this case.

The court stated that the appeals board's decision is final under the Social Security Law.