

# Indian Embassy urges flexi visa holders to update legal status



The Indian Ambassador with the LMRA and ICRF officials, and the Indian community

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All flexi visa holders and undocumented employees are advised by the Indian Embassy to confirm their status and sign up for the Labour Registration Program by March 4.

An event was held by the Indian Embassy in collaboration with the Labour Market Regulatory Authority and the Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) on Saturday to create awareness about the new rules and regulations and the flexibilities that LMRA is offering to all expat

workers in Bahrain.

Following the LMRA's previously announced labour market reforms, which have eliminated flexi permits, the new program will remedy a worker's legal status.

Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended the event along with officials from the LMRA and ICRF.

"It's a very important event for our community members. The event comes following recent labour reform measures and programs undertaken by the government of Bahrain, particularly changing the flexi visa program to the new system," Mr



Indian Ambassador Srivastava speaks at the event

Srivastava said.

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An LMRA representative described the procedures focusing on the latest regulations and obligations of the workers.

"Registered workers will be given a work permit card containing a QR code that includes workers' update data," he said.

The program's goals are to defend workers' rights, oppose illegal labour market practices, register employees to guarantee their legal status is correct, and provide them with access

to medical insurance and wage protection.

The advantages of the Registered Worker permit include allowing expats to have multiple employers, full or part-time work, freedom to travel and return as long as the residence permit is valid and one or two year renewable residency.

The LMRA highlighted that all workers need to verify and register by visiting its website ([www.lmra.bh](http://www.lmra.bh)) and using the 'Eligibility Verification Services', or by sending SMS that includes the work's personal number to 33150150, or by contacting the LMRA call centre on 17103103.

## Court affirms six-month prison term for doctor

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The Court of Cassation upheld the six-month prison sentence of a private hospital doctor for causing the death of a fetus and endangering the life of the mother by failing to take standard medical procedures.

The doctor examined the pregnant victim at the ER despite not specialising in OB-Gyn and did not check the fetus' condition.

The pregnant victim went to a private hospital due to experiencing some pain. She was received by the defendant at the ER, despite the latter not being specialised in OB-Gyn.

The defendant misdiagnosed



the victim with infection and prescribed the necessary medication without checking the fetus' condition via ultrasound.

As a consequence, the victim haemorrhaged after leaving the hospital, resulting in the loss of the baby. She was taken to Salmaniya Hospital where she underwent life-saving surgery following severe blood

loss.

This could have been prevented had the victim been properly diagnosed or referred to an OB-Gyn doctor.

The medical report revealed that the defendant, due to incompetence, neglected to examine the patient with ultrasound leading to a life-endangering misdiagnosis.

She was accordingly referred to Public Prosecution and charged with having compromised the victim's physical well-being by failing to take the necessary measures, thereby causing medical complications that resulted in fetal death and deterioration of the victim's health.

## Life sentence upheld for drug smuggler

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The Supreme Criminal Court of Appeal upheld the life sentence, fine of BD10,000, and deportation of an Asian man for attempting to smuggle 92 heroin capsules from his home country.

Public Prosecution charged the defendant with unlawful obtainment and possession of heroin and psychotropic substances with the intent of trafficking.

The customs officer on duty at Bahrain International Airport suspected the arriving defendant, who was transferred to the red lane.



The defendant was charged with unlawful obtainment and possession of heroin and psychotropic substances with the intent of trafficking.

Upon careful inspection, nothing was found on his person, but under the x-ray machine, it was found that his bowels contained substances suspected of being narcotics.

The defendant was handed to the Anti-Narcotics Directorate where he confessed his guilt. He was transferred to Salmaniya Hospital where he discharged 90 capsules stuffed with heroin.

Investigations indicated that the defendant worked within a drug trafficking network and was aware of the nature of the contraband, which weighed nearly a kilogram.



### REMINDER NOTICE

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION

This is a kind reminder from Bahrain Telecommunications Company B.S.C. ("the Company") regarding the opening of nomination for the membership of the Board of Directors of the Company for the next three years to fill two vacant seats for the upcoming term 2023-2026.

The Company hereby invites those interested in nominating themselves for membership of the Board of Directors to fill in the Nomination application form which can be downloaded from the Company's website [www.beyon.com/board-elections/](http://www.beyon.com/board-elections/)

The form, accompanied by the required documents shall be submitted to [GBS@beyon.com](mailto:GBS@beyon.com) no later than **Monday 20th February 2023 at 13:00 pm.**

Elections for the Board membership will take place during the Annual General Assembly Meeting due to be held on Wednesday 29th March 2023.

