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# TRAnSforming the Vision to Reality



## Highlights of 2004

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The TRA moves to new offices in Taib Tower</li> <li>Mr Rasheed Al Meraj resigns from the Board of Directors</li> <li>Public Access Mobile Radio (PAMR), paging, international facilities and Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) licences are made available</li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The TRA launches its revamped website</li> <li>The Bahrain Internet Exchange licence is issued</li> <li>The TRA issues the 3rd Interim Interconnection Order to facilitate interconnection between Batelco and MTC-Vodafone Bahrain</li> <li>The consultation process on GSM Mobile Jammers begins</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The VoIP position paper is issued</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sh. Hamad bin Abdulla Al Khalifa is appointed by Royal Decree to the Board of Directors</li> <li>The consultation process on dominance in certain market and provision of access services begins</li> </ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new 8 digit numbering scheme is fully operational, old numbers are ceased</li> <li>The consultation process on local loop and relation facilities and services begins</li> <li>A Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the TRA and the Greek National Telecommunications and Post Commission (EETT)</li> <li>The Carrier Pre-Selection Regulation is issued</li> <li>The TRA approves Batelco's Reference Interconnection Offer (RIO)</li> <li>The TRA issues the 4th Interim Interconnection Order to facilitate interconnection between Batelco and MTC-Vodafone Bahrain</li> <li>The consultation process on Mergers and Acquisitions begins</li> <li>The updated Numbering Plan is issued</li> </ul>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The liberalisation of Bahrain's telecommunications sector is completed with the availability of licences for national fixed services (NFL) and international services (ISL)</li> <li>Batelco and MTC-Vodafone Bahrain sign interim interconnection agreement based on the RIO and the TRA's 4th Interconnection Order</li> <li>The TRA is called upon to resolve the interconnection dispute between Batelco and MTC-Vodafone Bahrain</li> </ul>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Accounting Separation Regulation is issued</li> <li>The first Consumer Advisory Group is set up, for Carrier Pre-Selection (CPS)</li> </ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The TRA announces that all its publications will be available upon request in Braille and large print format, free of charge</li> <li>The Regulation on Mergers and Acquisitions is issued</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the TRA and the Jordanian Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC)</li> <li>The TRA issues its Preliminary Analysis on the interconnection dispute between Batelco and MTC-Vodafone Bahrain</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mobile Phone Jammers Regulation is issued</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The consumer awareness campaign 'Use Your Mobile Phone Wisely' is launched</li> <li>The setting up of the annual Development Review Panel is announced</li> </ul>