

# Bahrain: Law No. 11 of 1971 Regarding the Inheritance and Settlement of Estates of of Non-Muslim Aliens

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## **Abstract**

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The laws of the deceased foreigner's country shall apply for the purpose of identifying the heirs, determining their shares of the inheritance and transferring the money from the estate to them (Art. 1).

Without prejudice to any other law, the police department shall be notified of the death of the foreigner by the relatives residing with him or by his adult heirs or by the officials who established the death within 24 hours. The police department must then report the death to the district attorney (Art. 2).

Art. 3 sets the penalties for not informing the police in accordance with the previous article.

Article 4 through 16 set out the procedures that must be followed to settle the estate, pay debts and transfer the money to the heirs.

In accordance with Art. 17, if no present or known heirs exist, the money from the estate shall, after receiving approval from the court, be transferred to the Financial and National Economy Administration. The Administration shall then request the Consul of the deceased's country to conduct investigations into whether or not s/he has heirs. If no heirs are found within a year, the money shall be transferred to the Bahraini Treasury.