

Doctor accused of drug trafficking

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The High Criminal Court has ordered the release of security camera footage from a private hospital in connection with a drug trafficking case involving a doctor.

The court responded to a request by the defendant's lawyer, Abdulrahman Ghanim, who argued that the footage would be crucial in proving his client's innocence.

The case involves three defendants: a 29-year-old doctor, a 24-year-old man, and a 34-year-old man.

The doctor and the second defendant are accused of possessing and selling cannabis with intent to traffic, as well as possessing and using controlled substances.

The third defendant is accused of possessing and using the stimulant shabu.

The incident occurred when police received a report about a car being used to dispose of items in a sewage pipe in Riffa.

Three Africans face trial for drug trafficking

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The High Criminal Court in Bahrain has commenced the trial of three African nationals accused of importing and trafficking drugs.

The defendants are alleged to have smuggled narcotics into the country concealed within food tins.

The prosecution charged two of the defendants, both in their 30s, with importing and possessing marijuana with intent to traffic. The first defendant is accused of possessing and selling marijuana and the stimulant methamphetamine.

The second defendant, in his 20s, is charged with possessing marijuana with intent to use.

The third defendant is charged with possessing methamphetamine with intent to use.

The case stems from a tip received by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate from Bahrain Airport customs officials.

Road Deaths Rise in 2023

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The number of fatalities from traffic accidents in the Kingdom of Bahrain last year was slightly higher than in 2022, according to a new report released by the Information and eGovernment Authority (IGA).

Thirty-three people lost their lives in traffic accidents last year, compared to 27 fatalities the previous year, which included 24 men and three women.

The report also provides a breakdown of injuries sustained by drivers, categorized by severity and gender.

The statistics reveal a significant disparity in the number of male and female fatalities. While 30 men died in traffic accidents last year, only three women lost their lives.

The report highlights the number of serious and minor injuries as well.

Serious injuries

In 2023, 236 men sustained serious injuries in traffic accidents, compared to 45 women. Minor injuries were reported



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for 199 men and 86 women.

When compared to 2022, the number of serious injuries for men increased slightly from 228 to 236. However, the number of serious injuries for women rose

from 37 to 45.

Minor injuries for men saw a slight decrease from 213 to 199, while minor injuries for women remained relatively consistent at 88 and 86.

MP hails Interior Ministry success in rehabilitation

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MP Mohammed Al-Maarafi praised Bahrain's Ministry of Interior for significant advancements in reformation and rehabilitation, both locally and globally.

He credited these achievements to His Excellency Lt-General Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior.

In a recent statement, Al-Maarafi highlighted impactful directives issued by the Minister, emphasizing his commitment to improving the reformation and rehabilitation environment across affiliated centers.

One notable directive ensures inmates receive a minimum of two hours daily for sports activities, supported by appropriate facilities, equipment, and resources. Additionally, inmates now have access to specialized dietary guidance from the center's medical clinic.

"These measures, alongside initiatives like alternative punishments and open prisons, position Bahrain at the forefront of human rights advancement," noted Al-Maarafi. He underscored the positive impact on inmates, their families,



MP Mohammed Al-Maarafi



This milestone underscores Bahrain's commitment to safeguarding human rights.

and society at large.

Al-Maarafi also disclosed that the General Directorate of Reformation and Rehabilitation is pursuing international accreditation from the American Correctional Association (ACA).

BFC Gold Festival grand prize winner



Bahrain Financing Company (BFC) is delighted to announce Mr. Ali Idrees Sher Mohammad Qambir Ibrahim as the grand prize winner of the BFC Gold Festival. Mr. Ibrahim received his prize, a half kilo gold bar, presented by BFC's CEO, Mr. Deepak Nair. BFC extended its gratitude to all participants who made the BFC Gold Festival Campaign a success.

Vehicle inspections shift to private centres

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Vehicle inspection in Bahrain will be progressively handed over to private centers from 1 August 2024.

This was announced yesterday by Brigadier Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Abdul Wahhab Al Khalifa, Director General of the General Directorate of Traffic (GDT).

The transition, set to be fully implemented by July 2025, will see private centres progressively take on the responsibility for inspecting all vehicle categories, including light vehicles, motorcycles, heavy vehicles, and public transportation.

The transition will be rolled

out in three stages:

Phase 1 (1 August 2024): Private centres will start inspections of light vehicles and motorcycles not exceeding 10 years old, allowing the GDT to concentrate on more specialised inspections.

Phase 2 (Early 2025): The range of private centre services will expand to include all light vehicles and motorcycles, regardless of age, further simplifying the process for vehicle owners. Phase 3 (1 July 2025): In the final stage, private centres will take over inspections for all vehicle categories, including heavy vehicles and public transportation, completing the transfer of this responsibility to the private sector.

Workshop on protecting IP in interior design

Middle East Traders, Bahraini Intellectual Property Society collaborate to host important event

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Middle East Traders, the trusted source for flooring, sanitary ware, healthcare products, wall covering, and building materials, recently collaborated with the Bahraini Intellectual Property Society to host a workshop titled "Preserving Intellec-

tual Property Rights Within the Interior Design Industry."

The workshop took place at Middle East Traders' showroom near Al Khamis Mosque and was conducted by Dr. Nehal Al Merbati, a member of the Bahraini Intellectual Property Society.

Over 30 participants, including industry professionals and enthusiasts, attended the event to deepen their understanding of Intellectual Property in interior design.

They gained insights into its concepts, importance, and methods to safeguard the creative works of designers and clients alike.



Mr. Salman Al Khan

Mr. Salman Al Khan, Business Development Manager, expressed his satisfaction with the collaboration, stating, "We are delighted to collaborate with the



Ms. Omaira Al Sayed

Bahraini Intellectual Property Society, which has a prominent role in the Kingdom. We also extend our thanks to Dr. Nehal Al Merbati, the member of the

society, for holding this workshop and sharing valuable information, insights and expertise from the interior design industry with the audience."

Ms. Omaira Al Sayed, Deputy Chairman of the Bahraini Intellectual Property Society, emphasised the society's commitment to raising awareness about intellectual property's significance in Bahrain's economic development.

She appreciated Middle East Traders' initiative in addressing this fundamental issue, noting its impact on service quality and business standards.

"We believe that the insights

shared in this workshop will greatly benefit the attendees and participants," Ms. Omaira added.

Established in 1951, Middle East Traders is recognised as a leading supplier of finishing building materials.

Their comprehensive range includes flooring solutions, sanitary ware, porcelain tiles, wall coverings, HD Smart Glass, shelving, and racking solutions.

They provide top-quality products tailored for residential, healthcare, educational, industrial, and commercial projects, ensuring exceptional standards across sectors.