

Safety measures in place

Police directorates and Interior Ministry ensure smooth flow of traffic during Eid Al Fitr



● Security patrols deployed 24/7 around Kingdom

● Citizens, residents and tourists enjoy three-day holiday

● Police guarantee prompt response to incoming reports

● Best services for incoming and outgoing travellers at ports

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Police directorates in the four governorates and Ministry of Interior departments have made all the necessary preparations and procedures to safeguard the safety of citizens, residents and tourists during the Eid Al Fitr holiday, including the deployment of security patrols around the Kingdom.

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streets, complexes, commercial markets and residential neighbourhoods.

They were aimed at spreading the spirit of security, tranquility, joy and pleasure to everyone on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr.

The General Traffic Department, on the other hand, increased its traffic presence by monitoring the main streets and intersections, as well as near commercial complexes and roads, where there is a high traffic density. It also increased the number of foot and mobile police to ensure the smooth flow of traffic.

The Public Security Presidency's Operations Department deployed emergency patrols in



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various locations to support the efforts of the police directorates and guarantee the prompt response and handling of incoming reports.

The General Administration of Ports Security, for its part, confirmed the readiness of the Kingdom's land, air and sea ports to receive and depart visitors during the holiday.

It is coordinating with all the authorities operating at the ports, with the aim of providing the best services to travellers, ensure ease and smooth movement at the ports, and complete the travellers' procedures with the required speed and efficiency.

Directorate service centres to resume normal operating hours

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The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science's Criminal Information Department has announced that its service centres would resume normal operating hours following the Eid Al Fitr holiday.

The service centre in the southern governorate's General Traffic Department is open from 7.30am to 2pm, while the service centre in the Muharraq governorate's security complex is open from 7.30am to 5.30pm.

The Criminal Information Department reminds the public to print the service request form by visiting the Criminal Information Department's website, www.cri.gov.bh, as well as make an appointment in advance using the SKIPLINO application, before going to the

service centers to save time and effort.

NPRA operations

The Nationality, Passports, and Residence Affairs (NPRA) has also announced that its service centres at the Security Complex in Muharraq and Isa Town would resume normal operating hours.

The contact centre accepts phone questions from 7.30am to 6pm.

NPRA emphasises the importance of scheduling an appointment in advance through the MAWAIED application to review the service centres.

For any questions, the public can call the call centre at 17077077 or e-mail info@npa.gov.bh. The e-government site is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week via Bahrain. bh and Evisa.gov.bh.

Four more days left for Filipinos to vote for national election back home

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Filipinos residing and working in the Kingdom still have four more days to cast their votes for the May 9 national election back home.

The Philippine Embassy in Mahooz is calling on eligible Filipino voters to come forward and exercise their right and duty to choose future leaders before the overseas voting comes to a close.

Filipino expats will select the successor of current President Rodrigo Duterte, as well as the next vice-president, 12

senators and a party-list representative.

Nine candidates will contest this year's presidential elections, with Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son and namesake of the late Philippine dictator, being a favourite to win.

Trailing him in pre-election surveys is Vice President Leni Robredo and Manila Mayor Isko Moreno. Boxing legend Sen. Manny Pacquiao is also a candidate.

Voting is open daily from 8am to 4pm until 8 May and from 8am to 2pm on the last day of the voting period on 9 May.

Covid-19 took five lives last month; number of casualties declining

● February 2022 saw 46 Covid-19 deaths, the highest this year

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Five Covid-19 deaths were reported last month as the number of new cases stabilised since the beginning of April, 2022.

Highlighting the Kingdom's success in the battle against the virus, the number is a steep decline when compared to last February, which saw 46 Covid-19 deaths, the highest monthly death number during the third wave of infection.

The death numbers stood at 1,476 yesterday and there are only two critical cases now. Highest single day death number (four) since the beginning of the New Year was reported on February 13 and February 23.

There were 357 new cases yesterday along with 425 recoveries. There are 3,091 active cases including 14 hospitalised patients infected with Covid-19.

Having approved eight vaccines to be administered to the public in its battle against Covid-19 vaccine, the Kingdom now stands fourth along with Botswana, Cambodia, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Viet-

Daily New Cases in Bahrain



Total Coronavirus Cases in Bahrain



nam in the matter of giving nod to different anti-Covid vaccines.

India and Mexico, which have approved 10 anti-Covid vaccines top the list. The two countries are followed by Argentina, Ne-

pal, Moldova, Hungary and Ecuador with each of them approving nine different vaccines.

Bahrain became the first country in the world last month to authorise, receive and admin-

ister Valneva's Covid-19 vaccine manufactured by the French biotech major.

The Kingdom was one of the first countries to provide access to all FDA approved vaccines, with other effective vaccines, such as Sinopharm, also being made available. Elsewhere, most entry restrictions for those arriving in Bahrain have been removed and Bahrain International Airport is in the process of introducing a dedicated medical protocol for COVID-19 cases.

A robust multi-lingual media strategy underpins Bahrain's public awareness campaign, which delivers regular pandemic developments, reiterates the necessity of following restrictions, and promotes getting vaccinated.

Earlier, the Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, praised the efforts of the Kingdom in supporting the organisation's role in facing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. He lauded the Kingdom's remarkable role in curbing the spread of the virus by taking effective preventive measures. He also praised Bahrain's solidarity with the other member states of the organisation in taking comprehensive measures and unifying efforts to quickly find the necessary treatment.

Dr Tedros praised the Kingdom for adopting a compre-

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hensive approach to handle the pandemic by taking precautionary measures in a proactive and extremely effective way to slow the spread of the virus. He also lauded the Kingdom's continuous coordination with the organisation to follow up on the development of the virus and the organisation's decisions in this regard.

Bahrain has taken proactive precautionary measures to mitigate the spread of the virus by implementing the highest tracking standards to know the details of the impact of contacts. Bahrain has also made efforts to increase the capacity of hospitals, precautionary quaran-

tine centers, and isolation and treatment centers. It has also increased the number of laboratory tests, intensive care equipment, and personal protective equipment.

A complete plan was also drawn up to recruit, qualify and train the necessary manpower. It succeeded in handling cases and improving therapeutic capacity, as demonstrated by effective treatment protocols in the Kingdom, which helped in treating a large number of existing cases. Bahrain was the first Arab country to join a "solidarity test" to test the first vaccine, and start clinical trials of treatment with blood plasma.