

Outrage over 'unloading veggies at open ground'

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Residents of Sehla have expressed their anger over an open ground being used by a group of wholesale traders to unload vegetables before they are packed and sent to retail shops and outlets.

They asked why the authorities are turning a blind eye to the issue despite being brought to their attention many times.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, a resident in the area said tonnes of vegetables are unloaded to the open ground, which is a grave violation of rules.

"Vegetables must be unloaded and stored in a warehouse. How can they do it in an open ground?"

Another resident said, every day, the ground has become slushy after rains and "mud soaked vegetables were being transported to retail stores from the open ground".



A trailer truck is parked at the open ground in Sehla to unload vegetables



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CONCERNED RESIDENT

He said at least 20 trailer trucks transport vegetables to the place, from where it is packed and carried in light trucks and other vehicles to retail stores.

Sources said generally trailer trucks carrying

vegetables from Saudi Arabia and Jordan directly unload them at the Bahrain Central Market, from where it goes to the retail market.

"This sounds like a mystery. We don't know who is buying these vegetables from these people?" they said.

Bahrain welcomes Sudan talks

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Bahrain has welcomed the dialogue between the Sudanese parties and stressed its support for reviving the political process in Sudan, which would achieve its security, peace, unity and stability.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs noted the constructive role of the United

Nations in this regard and the efforts exerted by the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS), to hold political consultations among all components.

It affirmed Bahrain's solidarity and full support for Sudan to achieve the aspirations of its people for stability, peace and development.

Bahrain to host MENA forum on 'women of technology' on Jan. 25-26

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The Kingdom of Bahrain will host the "Women of Technology in the Middle East and North Africa" forum on January 25 and 26.

The event is expected to attract more than 400 participants representing 20 countries from the Arab region, while more than 25 Arab women leaders and entrepreneurs will speak.

Ahmed Attia Al Hujairi, CEO of WorkSamat, the organiser of the event, said that the forum is being held with the participation of female leaders in the technology and business sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the entire Arab region.

They will discuss women's leadership and innovations in the various business and technology sectors. Participation in the forum is also open to men who support women and their successes in various fields.

Al Hujairi explained that female technology leaders from all over the Middle East and North Africa will present various

dialogue sessions during the forum, including a main session, panel discussions and technical talks, in addition to a mentoring session, and an innovative session for women entrepreneurs.

The forum also includes interactive activities to motivate participants during these sessions. It will also feature a virtual exhibition that will be held parallel to the virtual forum to give sponsors an opportunity to showcase their services through this platform.

The forum sheds light on how women are leading the labour market in the Middle East and North Africa, and takes a future look at the entrepreneurship landscape of Arab women in the region, as well as provides career guidance to build a successful career in the technology sector.

It is also an opportunity for women entrepreneurs to learn from women leaders in the technology and business sector, and present their ideas and innovative projects to speakers and participants.

Legislative employees are active despite pandemic

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A total of 1,870 employees of the Shura Council, Representatives Council and municipal councils have taken part in 74 specialised events – both in-person and virtual – during the fifth legislative term.

The Bahrain Institute for Political Development said that despite the existing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the fifth legislative term has witnessed a significant growth in the number, quality and volume of participation in specialised activities such as training courses and awareness programmes, as well as a series of discussions on various important topics.

The activities included 55



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workshops, 10 lectures, five discussion sessions, three training sessions, and one special meeting for the legislative sector's employees.

In 2020, five specialised programmes were organised such as training courses, workshops and lectures.

They also included Parliamentary Support Programme for the employees of the General Secretariat of the Shura Council, the Municipal Support Programme for the employees of municipal councils and Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs

and Urban Planning, as well as a Municipal Skills Programme for municipal councils, and members of the Shura Council and the House of Representatives.

Last year, the institute implemented five programmes, which included Parliamentary Skills Programme for members of the House of Representatives, secondment programme for Their Excellencies the Representatives, Parliamentary Skills Programme for members of the Shura Council, Municipal Skills Programme for members of the Capital Municipality and municipal councils, and Parliamentary Support Programme for Parliament secretariat employees. The implementation of these activities comes from the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The directives are in line with a royal decree providing training programmes, studies and research related to the constitutional and legal fields for different groups of people, particu-

larly to members of the Shura and Representatives Councils as well as members of municipal councils.

Cooperation

On this occasion, the institute affirmed the continuation of cooperation with the legislative authority and municipal councils during the coming period, as a commitment to implementing the plans and programmes approved by the Board of Trustees, while adapting their implementation in line with the precautionary measures against the COVID-19.

In 2018, the Parliamentary Support Programme was launched. It included crisis management workshop, parliamentary research preparation skills workshop, skills interpreting legal texts workshop, and how to deal with the internal regulations of the House of Representatives.

In 2019, the institute implemented six specialised programmes for members of the Shura and Representatives Councils, municipal councils and the Capital Municipality.

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Bahraini man in the dock for human trafficking

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The High Criminal Court will be hearing today the defense of a 42-year-old man accused of holding an Asian woman and trafficking her.

The Bahraini man denied the accusations levelled against him, stating that the case file against him is malicious as the woman demands unpaid salaries from him, and she resort-

ed to suing him on different grounds.

Investigations discovered that the man was implicated in inciting maids to flee from their sponsors by offering them better salaries and lower working hours.

According to court files, the Bahraini man locked up the 22-year-old man in a flat and he physically assaulted her.



She was saved after she managed to contact a friend, who also happened to be a maid, and she informed her sponsor. The latter went to the police station and informed cops who rushed

to the victim and rescued her.

The man was discovered to be already implicated in cases of indecent acts. He, however, denied any wrongdoing stating that he had several women working for him as cleaners.

He revealed that he had to terminate their contracts after facing financial struggles, indicating that he kept the woman with him because he was in her debt.

Verdict set for Industry Ministry employee accused of corruption

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The High Criminal Court will announce on Wednesday the verdict against a public employee accused of corruption.

The employee is serving at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism and his misconduct was exposed after his illegal services were offered to an imitated products

trader. According to court files, the trader found himself facing violation after he was caught selling counterfeit products. A clearance agent approached him and offered to remove the violation with the help of the Industry Ministry employee in return for cash money. However, the trader informed the police who seized the phones of the pair and examined their

communications. It was established that they were receiving bribes to remove violations.

The Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Chief Prosecutor said earlier that the pair landed in the police net after a tip-off sent from the Anti-Corruption Department to the Public Prosecution revealing that business owners were reported that the employee,

with the help of clearance agent, were demanding bribes in return for removing the violations.

The Public Prosecution investigated the case, hearing witnesses and examining text messages traded between the pair. It was established that the pair committed the wrongdoing, as a result of which they were detained.