

# Horses used for beachside riding activities 'exhausted'

Concerns growing as lack of proper nutrition and care may be contributing to animals' condition

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The popularity of horse riding near beaches and parks has soared, attracting both locals and tourists seeking leisurely activities. However, the well-being of the horses involved in these ventures has become a subject of growing apprehension.

Witnesses have noted that these horses, which should be robust and healthy, often display signs of physical and mental exhaustion.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Osama Al Ali, Partner at Aali Equestrian Club and Horse Riding School, shed light on the situation.

He pointed out that limited budgets in some stables could result in insufficient funds to purchase adequate and proper feed for the horses. Additionally, a lack of experience in implementing a suitable diet system

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duce the amount of feed during the summer months when activities are minimal. Furthermore, certain horses may require a specific type of feed, but they are forced to consume a regular feed, which can negatively impact their health. It is crucial for owners and grooms to be knowledgeable about the dietary requirements of each horse.”

Al Ali emphasised the importance of stables and clubs having a comprehensive understand-

ing of horse dieting. He recommended that horses undergo health checkups at least twice a year. Moreover, he stressed that the proper care of horse hooves should be a top priority.

## Dietary needs

“Different breeds of horses have different dietary needs,” Al Ali continued. “Thankfully, our country provides a wide range of feed and nutrition options. We tailor the feed based on the breed and conduct regular health checkups to ensure the horses’ well-being.”

When asked about the measures taken at his club, Al Ali outlined several practices aimed at maintaining the horses’ health. “We administer vaccinations to all horses every six months and prioritise hoof care, scheduling trimming and shoeing at least once a month.”

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activities, daily cleaning of the stables, providing a comfortable environment, regular worming every six months, and round-the-clock grooming are all part of our commitment to ensuring the horses’ optimal health.

Al Ali concluded by highlighting the cultural significance of horses in the Kingdom. “Horse riding is deeply ingrained in our society. It is a common activity, hobby, and even a business for many.”

“Bahrain has always been at the forefront when it comes to horses, and it is not uncommon to find a significant number of people owning or riding horses. Equestrianism is widely available throughout the country.”

As concerns grow regarding the welfare of horses at local stables and clubs, it is expected that stricter regulations and increased awareness will be implemented to safeguard the well-being of these majestic animals.

## Three Asians held for theft

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The Capital Governorate Police Directorate arrested three Asians for stealing cash from companies and shops.

The value of the stolen items is estimated to be around BD14,000.

The Directorate’s police explained that they received a number of reports in this regard, after which they began search and investigation operations and collected information and evidence, which resulted in identifying the aforementioned persons, arresting them, and identifying a fourth person suspected of his involvement.

Initial information indicated their involvement in theft cases in various regions of the Kingdom.

The necessary legal measures are being taken and the case is being referred to the Public Prosecution.

## Two arrested for online blackmailing

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The Cybercrime Department of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security arrested a 30-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman for blackmailing individuals by threatening to circulate private videos on social media.

The department explained that upon receiving complaints in this regard, it immediately started search, investigation operations that led to identifying the identities of the mentioned individuals and arresting them.

The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security indicated that the necessary legal measures are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

## Kingdom keen to fight trafficking in persons

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Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) CEO Nibras Mohammed Talib, stressed the importance of continuing work and coordination between various parties to develop the work environment in line with the rapid changes in the labour market, and enhance the efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain to proactively address all forms of trafficking in persons.

Also Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Talib added that Bahrain was able to gain the trust and respect of countries around the world for its advanced measures in this field.

Through it, he noted, the Kingdom was enabled to achieve the first category in the annual US State Department report on the classification of countries in the field of combating trafficking in persons, as the first country in the Middle East and North Africa region to reach this category and maintain it for six consecutive years within Years (2018-2023).

This came during his chairmanship of the third meeting of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons during the current year, where Talib explained that maintaining the position the Kingdom has achieved in terms of combating trafficking in persons requires sustained efforts in following up on market developments.

# Court grants Arab woman divorce on grounds of husband’s constant assault

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The High Sharia Appeals Court has ruled for the divorce of an Arab woman from her husband on the grounds of harm after he admitted to physically assaulting her.

The court stated that it was satisfied with the corroborating witnesses’ testimonies without the need for rebuttal witnesses, and that the removal of harm would be achieved by separating the couple through divorce.

The lawyer, representing the wife, stated that her client

married the defendant as a second wife, and he provided her with accommodation. However, they constantly had disputes, and he would physically assault her, even during her pregnancy.

She filed police reports against him, after which he expelled her from the marital home, leaving her with no option but to travel to her mother’s country.

The lawyer further added that her client filed a lawsuit seeking divorce from her husband due to the harm inflicted upon her.

He consistently subjected her to physical abuse, verbal insults, and had doubts about her behavior, to the point where their relationship became unbearable, the lawyer stressed.

## Appeal

However, the court of first instance rejected the lawsuit, prompting an appeal. The appellant’s lawyer requested the court to refer the case for investigation to prove the harm suffered by her client. A witness from the appellant’s relatives

attended the reconciliation council held at the appellant’s aunt’s house.

The aunt confronted the husband regarding his physical assault on the appellant, striking her three times, and expelled her from the house, forcing her to leave with her clothes.

The husband admitted to two assaults but denied the third, promising not to repeat the abuse. The woman had to be hospitalised after the defendant attacked her again. As a result, the court ruled in favour of the woman.

# BD53,600 restaurant fees ruling overturned

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The Court of Cassation has overturned a lower court’s ruling that ordered a Manama restaurant to pay municipal fees totaling BD53,600.

The Capital Municipality had filed a lawsuit seeking unpaid fees accrued over a 20-month period when the restaurant was closed. The lawyer, representing the restaurant owner, appealed the lower court’s decision upholding the fees owed.

He argued the email notification sent to the commercial registry on file was invalid as registration had been cancelled over a year earlier.

The Court of Cassation found that the restaurant owner was not properly notified of the case, as the lower courts failed



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to verify whether the commercial registration and contact email were still valid before using them to issue summons.

As a result, the ruling was

overturned for lack of verification of current registration and contact details, depriving the defendant of a fair defense against the alleged unpaid fees.

## Workshops on addiction and internet security

● Cooperation with foreign communities highlighted

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The Crime Prevention Directorate of the Public Security Presidency, in coordination with the Capital Governorate, has held two workshops on addiction risks and internet security at the Philippine Embassy.

Assistant Chief of Public Security for Community Affairs, Col. Mustafa Al Sayed, highlighted during the workshops the significance of cooperation with foreign communities as one of the Interior Ministry’s priorities to limit crimes. He said that cooperation promotes community partnership



Col. Mustafa Al Sayed

and security awareness.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain, HE Anne Louis, hailed the workshops for protecting people and general safety by adopting preventative measures.

After the workshop, the participants toured an exhibition by Maan (together) programme against violence and addiction.