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December **Bahrain Police Day**



Bahrain Police move forward beyond achieving sustainability .. programmes promoting human rights & initiatives are the core of security work

services, representing 66% of community service assistance calls. In the same context, the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security dealt from 2021 to 2023 with around 284 anti-corruption cases, including 15 cases with criminal suspicions referred by the Cabinet and mentioned by the National Audit Office. The National Financial Intelligence Centre continued with its role in receiving cases and reports on suspicious transactions, launching investigations and holding awareness campaigns.

National Civil Protection Platform & Coast Guard

HE Interior Minister launched the National Civil Protection Platform on November 3 during a visit to the General Directorate of Civil Defence as a distinctive awareness framework. The Platform's website traffic reached more than 30,000, while it witnesses a high demand to register for the civil defence volunteering programme. Meanwhile, the Civil Defence dealt with more than 12,524 fire cases, mainly due to short circuits, negligence and high temperatures. The civil defence handled 6,465 assistance cases and organised various general safety awareness lectures. In maritime security, the Coast Guard carried out 963 search and rescue operations, dealt with 128 maritime accidents and responded to 23 distress calls, bringing the total number to 1.114 cases.

Decline in Traffic Accidents and Violations

The General Directorate of Traffic announced a reduction in severe accidents by 17% and minor accidents by 51%, which led to a decrease in traffic accidents by 7%. There was also a reduction in speeding violations by 32% and the use of mobile phones while driving by 17%. Meanwhile, the number of in-use vehicles reached 751,000.

NPRA Launches

Remarkable e-services

The Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) launched, in cooperation with the Foreign Ministry and the Information & eGovernment Authority, the service of issuing travel permits for children of Bahrainis who were born abroad and those with lost or damaged passports through the national portal. Bahrain.bh. It also launched the virtual renewal of the residency permits of foreign wives of Bahrainis. Meanwhile, the number of passengers this year reached more than 28 million.

International Anti-Human **Trafficking Recognition**

The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science dealt with many cases, including 1,039 cases by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate. At the same time, the directorate won the second best in field, information and operation cooperation award of the Arab Interior Minister Council. Also, the General Directorate contributed to Bahrain

HE Interior Minister inspects an exhibition or the sidelines of the launch of e-passport event







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maintaining its top-tier ranking for the sixth consecutive year in the US State Department's report on Trafficking in Persons (TIP). In the case of awareness, 220 lectures were held for

Advanced Training Methods

The Special Security Force developed performance through advanced training methods. At the same time, the General Directorate of Guard continued using modern technology and improved the workforce's skills through training programmes.

National Cybersecurity Management

The National Cyber Security Centre designed the "Thiga" Information Security Programme to protect organisations at the national level with a focus on vital sectors to develop national competencies and improve Bahrain's regional and international cybersecurity ranking.

Security Preparedness & High Performance

The Police Aviation carried out around 416 aviation search and rescue patrols. The force fleet was equipped with high-tech cameras. At the same time, the police directorates continued to carry out their security and general order protection roles through improving preparedness and the competencies of security forces. The Southern Police Directorate took a step further toward the digital transformation efforts by designing "QR" to get public feedback about provided security services. The Capital Governorate Police Directorate carried out 567 campaigns to inspect old and deserted buildings that could promote crime activities. The Northern Governorate Police continued to encourage crime prevention methods.

New Customs Mechanisms

Customs Affairs continued to develop its supervisory methods and provide facilities and services by speeding up customs procedures, including introducing new mechanisms related to empty containers and granting more economic operator certificates to promote partnerships between the government and private sectors. Customs Affairs handled various cases, including confiscating multiple narcotics and reporting 16 tax evasion cases.

Governorates Promote Partnership

The governorates continued to promote community partnership and interaction with citizens, and the Southern governorate worked to enable digital transformation through various projects, including a smartphone app and a virtual Majlis. The Muharrag Governorate awarded health city accreditation for two cities, Busaiteen and Al Sayah, by the World Health Organisation. The Northern Governorate received the same WHO accreditation for Aali city, and HE Interior Minister launched the Healthy Cities Project in the Capital Governorate.

Development Projects

The Office of the Assistant Undersecretary for Planning and Organisation followed up on various development projects, including an electronic programme to support families of inmates eligible for social assistance services. It also worked on a unified security platform for all Interior Ministry systems using Artificial Intelligence techniques.

MOI Team Wins Pace Sticking Competition

The Royal Academy of Police (RAP) continued its advanced educational and training role, in which its annual summer camp achieved various milestones. Also, in another international accomplishment, the RAP Pace Sticking team won the World Pace Sticking Competition for the tenth time since the team began participating in the tournament in 2009. Bahrain also won the Best Team Leader Award 2023 in the Royal Military Academy "Sandhurst" event.

National Ambulance Received 40,000 Cases

All National Ambulance vehicles have been equipped with high-tech devices that meet international standards, including a tracking system for better safety procedures and rescue operations. The surveillance cameras and the geographical security system in the ambulances are connected to the operations room of the National Ambulance Centre. From the beginning of January until October 2023, the National Ambulance responded to about 40,249 cases and participated in many awareness programmes.

Human Resources Directorate Launches Al Project

In 2023, the Human Resources Directorate won an excellence award and launched an artificial intelligence project to communicate with deaf individuals in the operating rooms. It also promoted digital transformation by holding the second virtual Artificial Intelligence and Cloud Computing Forum for Arab Youth, establishing the Institute for Information Systems and Artificial Intelligence Applications at the Royal Academy of Police, and implementing the Governance and Government Excellence Standards Project. To promote creativity, the Police Band continued to enhance the performance of its affiliates, develop music programmes, and provide the latest equipment. The band participated in 163 events.

Bahrainouna Marks 4th Anniversary

The Executive Office of the National Plan to Promote the Spirit of Belonging to the Nation and Reinforce the Values of Nationalism "Bahrainouna" celebrated this year its 4th anniversary while it launched "Bahraini Camera" initiative at the Bahrain Film Festival and participated in several

International Sports Achievements

Interior Ministry sports teams under the Public Security Sports Association have achieved honourable successes and achievements inside Bahrain and abroad in archery, tennis, show jumping, martial arts, weightlifting, bodybuilding, and others. The teams won 142 prizes and

Police Media, Professional Media Content

The General Directorate of Media and Security Culture worked throughout 2023 to reinforce performance and provide professional media content, releasing 1,168 press releases in Arabic and translating them into English. It produced 418 videos, 683 radio productions, and many publications. Meanwhile, the followers of the Interior Ministry account on the "X" social media platform reached 492,000.