

Online food delivery: Is reporting drivers fueling reckless driving?

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Drivers are becoming increasingly frustrated by erratic and dangerous driving by delivery workers, resulting in accidents around the island. But many people claim that those reporting delivery drivers when delivering the food late are the reason for this.

There have been proposals to ban delivery drivers from certain roads in the Kingdom, as well as only allowing their services during specific timings each day. Furthermore, talks for tougher penalties, including jail time, to deter riders from violating traffic laws have occurred.

In turn, this could prevent crashes between drivers and delivery motorists, as well as ensure safety on the roads.

"There have been many times where a delivery driver drives



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very close to my car, or fails to use indicators resulting in dangerous driving, which affects all drivers," Yusuf, a Bahraini, told The Daily Tribune.

"They are usually speeding and driving in incorrect lanes which increases drivers' caution on the road as delivery motorists

can be unpredictable," he added.

Even though drivers are becoming increasingly frustrated with delivery motorists, others highlighted the factors as to what causes their erratic and unpredictable driving.

Vincent, a resident in Bahrain, told The Daily Tribune that



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people in Bahrain expect their food to be delivered as quickly as possible, and when the food is not delivered in a timely manner, many will resort to reporting the drivers through the delivery app.

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roads by the delivery workers. More times than not, when they are speeding, it is to avoid being reported by the customer," he said.

By reporting the delivery workers, it can cost them their job and income. "It's a sad reality that they are being overworked

and underpaid, which is why if my food arrives late, I avoid reporting them as it could likely cost them their job or they could face punishment," Vincent added.

Divorce granted to abandoned wife

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The Supreme Shari'a Appeals Court granted a divorce to a woman who had been abandoned by her husband for nearly a decade.

In its ruling, the court recognised that abandonment is one of the most harmful forms of harm that can be inflicted on a married woman, leaving her in a state of limbo where she is neither a married woman nor a divorced one.

The wife's lawyer explained that her client had married the defendant and had two children with him, but he had left her without financial support for almost ten years. Due to the harm she suffered, the woman filed her current lawsuit requesting a divorce.

The Court stated in its ruling that harm inflicted on a wife by her husband that leads her to seek a divorce can take many forms, including physical and emotional harm such as beat-



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ing, insulting, slandering, and damaging her reputation, as well as abandonment.

"Each form of harm can cause significant damage, and a single form is sufficient to prove the harm," the Court added, stressing that the testimony of witnesses confirmed that the man had harmed his wife by abandoning her and refusing to return to the country since April 2014. He also did not invite her to live with him at his place of residence, as per the court files.

Summer 'Travel Safe' campaign launched

Foreign Affairs
Ministry's annual
awareness initiative

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has launched its annual awareness campaign, "Travel Safe", on various media platforms to increase citizens' awareness of travel safety and security guidelines, and instructions for communicating with diplomatic and consular missions abroad.

The campaign identified mechanisms for contacting diplomatic or consular missions abroad and the ministry's follow-up office on phone number (17227555), for assistance in the event of any problems, emergencies or crises.

The ministry has also advised citizens to download "Wejhaty" application to get all information and updates.

The campaign continues throughout the summer, starting in July, through the ministry's digital platforms, the Bahrain News Agency, radio and television channels, and screens at Bahrain International Airport.

Sharia Court of Appeals rules in favour of non-Muslim wives in inheritance case

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The Supreme Sharia Court of Appeal upheld the nullification of a religious ordinance document for the inheritance of three wives of a Bahraini man for failing to include his two African national wives under claims that they are non-Muslims.

The court stated that witness testimonies do not negate the two wives' Islamic faith according to the marriage documents. As per the court files, the deceased Bahraini husband had been married to his first Bah-

raini wife, with whom he had children and divorced prior to his death.

He then married an African woman who bore him a daughter, who is currently a minor. He later married a third wife, also African, in her home country and obtained legal certifications in Bahrain. She is Muslim from birth and bore him a son, who is also currently a minor.

When the husband died, his heirs issued the religious ordi-

nance document without including the names of the plaintiffs under the pretext they were non-Muslims. The plaintiffs filed a lawsuit demanding the nullification of the document and the issuance of a new one including their names.

They submitted copies of their marriage contracts and certificates of conversion to Islam issued by Sharia courts in Bahrain. The sons of the deceased filed a counterclaim in which they requested confirma-

tion of the religious ordinance document and referral of the case to investigation to prove that the wives are non-Muslims.

The court heard the testimonies of two witnesses who were friends of the deceased, stating that the two wives were not Muslims. However, the court was not satisfied with the testimonies, which constituted hearsay and failed to negate the plaintiffs' Islamic faith according to the marriage papers and official documents. Therefore, it ruled to reject the appeal and uphold the ruling of the Court of First Instance.



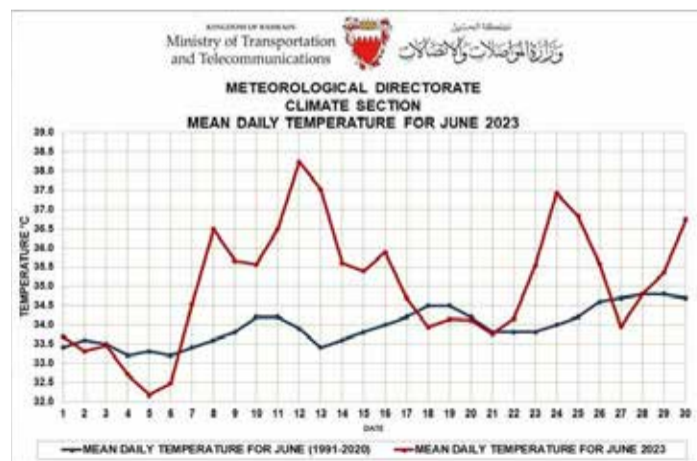
June 'warmer' than normal in temperature

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June was warmer than normal in temperature with above average wind speed, according to the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications' Meteorological Directorate monthly weather summary.

The mean temperature of the month was 35.0 C, which is 1.0 C above the long-term normal for June, and this goes on record as the fifth highest mean temperature for June since 1902. Note that the highest mean monthly temperature for June was 36.3 C recorded in 2019.

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ature of the month was 39.0 C, which is 0.4 C above the long-term normal, and this goes on record as the eighth highest

mean maximum temperature for June since 1946. This is the same as in June for the years 2020, 2012, 2010, 2008, and 1997. Note that the highest mean monthly maximum temperature for June was 40.9 C recorded in 2019.

During the month, Bahrain had 9 days with a maximum temperature exceeding 40 C. The highest temperature recorded during the month was 45.8 C, which occurred on June 12 at Bahrain International Airport (BIA), and this goes on record as the fourth highest temperature for June since 1946 at BIA.

Mangrove seedling-planting scheme

Twenty thousand mangrove seedlings were planted yesterday at Umm Al-Naas Island as part of the Green Forever afforestation campaign. HH Shaikh Abdullah was received upon his arrival by the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Oil and Environment Minister, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, Major General Muhammad bin Bahrain Al-Muslim, Commander of Sakhr Air Base, and Undersecretary for Agriculture and Marine Resources Dr. Khalid Ahmed Hassan.

