

# 3,890 mangroves planted in 'less than two hours'

25 volunteers from CleanUp Bahrain and Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture take part

● Part of Kingdom's commitment to raising climate, environmental awareness campaigns

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In less than two hours, volunteers from the CleanUp Bahrain (CUP) and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture planted an additional 3,890 mangrove plants in South Sitra.

Around 25 volunteers took part in the event opening the door for larger numbers in the upcoming Mangrove Planting project to cover wider areas.

Ruqaya Hashem, Co-founder and Vice President of CleanUp Bahrain, told The Daily Tribune that the campaign has been very unique and a first of its kind for CleanUp Bahrain, as it was both a cleanup and a green up all in one.

"As a collaboration with Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, and as an ongoing effort to plant over 230,000 mangroves by the year 2023, the members and volunteers of CleanUp Bahrain took part in cleaning up the designated beach from washed-up natural algies that cover the newly planted mangroves.

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Participants in the eco-friendly project



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grow. After cleaning the area, the volunteers continued planting the remaining area with more mangrove seedlings adding up to a total of 3,890 mangroves planted in less than two hours.

"The waste that was collected was all natural algies that had covered the mangroves and hindered them from growing."

CleanUp Bahrain is an enthusiastic and proactive group of Bahraini and expatriate volunteers that aim to make a differ-

ence in the society by actively hosting beach clean-ups all over the Kingdom.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to raising climate and environmental awareness through the provision of initiatives, policies and programmes aimed at strengthening climate-smart sustainable development.

The Municipal Affairs and Ag-

riculture Minister, Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, reviewed the accomplishments last year of quadrupling mangrove coverage and doubling tree coverage across the Kingdom.

It showcased the success in achieving 100 per cent of its annual afforestation goal by planting 110,000 seedlings of mangrove trees, and approximately 140,000 trees across several governorates.

Bahrain's afforestation plan

aims to double the number of trees by 2035, with mangroves increasing four-fold in accordance with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change goals.

The plan also includes a number of initiatives, such as increasing the number of trees in government projects, encouraging community collaboration to maximise green space, and encouraging individuals to participate in afforestation.

## Policemen and citizens honoured

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Muharrag Governor Salman bin isa bin Hindi Al Mannai honoured a number of policemen and citizens in recognition of their efforts to promote community partnership and foster the spirit of belonging to the nation.

The ceremony was attended by Muharrag Deputy Governor Brigadier Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Jeeran and Muharrag Police Director Brigadier Saleh bin Rashed Al Dosari.

## Smart City Summit 2023 kicks off in May

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The sixth edition of the Smart City Summit Committee 2023 (Smart-Way Consulting Company) will be held on May 16-17, under the patronage of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak.

The organising committee stressed that the sixth edition of the summit keeps pace with the Kingdom's vision to initiate smart and sustainable cities.

The summit will focus on presenting global practices in the digital transformation of smart cities and discussing the most prominent challenges facing countries in the transition to smart cities.

## Gudaibiya running out of parking spaces

Ashen Tharaka

Gudaibiya is heavily populated with expats and is currently running out of parking spaces due to the growing number of vehicles in the area.

Some drivers have to wait for

a long time to find space for their vehicles in the designated parking area or on the road during the evening hours, from 6pm to 9pm.

After 10pm, the Exhibition Avenue is completely blocked by

vehicles on both sides of the street.

Abdul Musavir, an Indian who has been living in Bahrain since 2000, told The Daily Tribune that in some days he had to stay outside for an hour to find parking space.

"There are few open spaces where we can park in Gudaibiya, however, those areas are not secure. The majority of the property is owned by private companies, and parking is not permitted there," Musavir said.

Before this becomes a significant problem for the city, Musavir expressed the need for parking spaces for the residence.

"Residents of Gudaibiya told us that sometimes they had to pay a third party to keep the spaces open until they got back from work," he said.

They claim that the area's smart parking meters are broken and that sometimes they have been fined for breaking the



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parking laws as a result.

This is a result of more vehicles being registered in the Kingdom, and it will now pose a serious problem for the residence.

The appropriate authorities must take the required action on this developing problem before it becomes a significant one.



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## Civil Defence holds evacuation exercise

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The General Directorate of Civil Defence has held an evacuation exercise at the Gulf Hotel in Adliya.

The evacuation scenario began with the alarm bell, as the hotel security and safety officials, under the supervision of the specialised civil defence team, guided all employees and hotel visitors outside at the safe gathering points through emergency exits.

The team said that the drill was within the framework of the virtual evacuation operations carried out by the General Directorate of Civil Defence to ensure the readiness



Firemen conduct evacuation drill

of facilities for emergencies by ensuring that they apply public safety requirements for vital facilities, as the evacuation experience.

The exercise converted 689 employees and hotel visitors were evacuated.

## Joint inspection campaign



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted a joint inspection campaign in the Capital Governorate, in coordination with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) of the Ministry of Interior and the Capital Governorate Police Directorate.



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