

Bahrain has 343 cars per 1000 people

Kingdom ranked 3rd regionally, 40th globally on World car ownership ranking by the Economist

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Bahrainis own more cars than most other nations in the Gulf, says a new report.

According to a report by the Economist, there are 342 cars per 1,000 people in the Kingdom now.

According to The Economist, this number places Bahrain third among the Arab nations and 40th among the global nations on its report that ranks countries based on car ownership.

As of August 2019, according to the General Directorate of Traffic, Bahrain had over 711,000 vehicles registered.



That number showed an annual increase of 10% when compared to the 640,000 registered vehicles in 2018.

In the Economist report, topping the list from the region on the car ownership ranking is Kuwait, where there are 405 cars per 1,000 people.

Closely following is Libya on the second spot with 350 cars per 1,000 people.

On the bottom end of the ranking is Sudan. The country has only 1.3 cars per 1,000 people.

Mauritania, which is second last on the ranking, has five cars per 1,000 people. Puerto Rico tops the ranking globally with 862 cars per 1000 people.

School maintenance works attract huge interests

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Tenders launched by the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning for school maintenance had attracted huge responses.

Eight companies are bidding for taking up the general repair works of Jidhafs Secondary Girls School & Ha'ajer Primary Girls School.

The bids range between BHD 315,377.000 and BHD 552,285.137. Saraya Contractors made the lowest quote.

Another tender for Al Estqlal Commercial Secondary Girls School and Al Hidd In-



termediate Girls School won five bids.

The bids range between BHD 520,300.000 and BHD 591,002.915. Dar Al Khaleej Trading & Contracting emerged as the lowest bidders.

The works are generally for civil and structural maintenance works.

Both projects have a three-month contract duration.

33 approved ready-mix concrete factories in Bahrain

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There are 33 approved ready-mix concrete factories in the Kingdom, said the Ministry of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning.

Breaking down further, the ministry said, 19 of the factories are for concrete and 14 for pre-cast concrete.

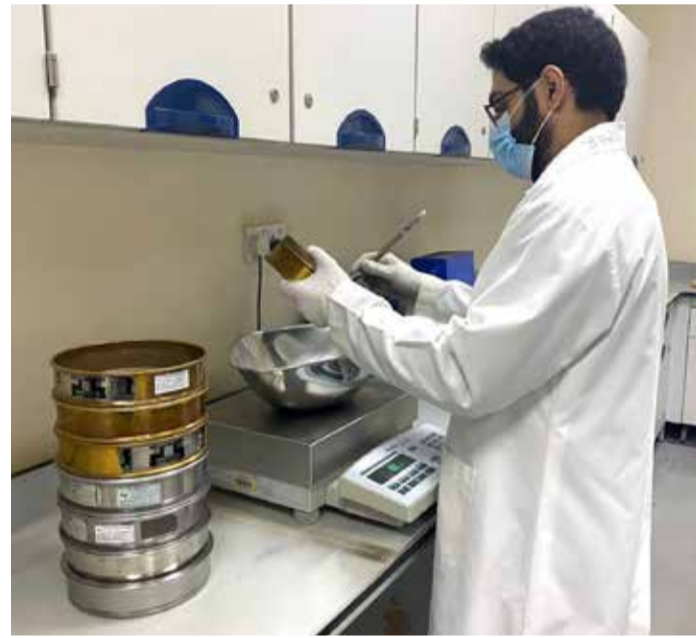
The ministry said it has also given out 189 certificates for ready-mix concrete companies and 19 for pre-cast companies during the first half of 2021 as part of a quality monitoring system by the Building materials department and Chemical Analysis laboratory.

The laboratory keeps a tab on the type of sand, cement, gravel used to improve the concrete and amount of water used. They also monitor the technical aspects a concrete factory should follow to ensure quality.

Works Ministry said they are giving certificates after conducting site visits to conduct experiments using different mixtures.

Cubes are made of each type of concrete mixture to test its strength by specialists.

To ensure the quality of raw materials, Material Engineering Department officials col-



lect samples and test them in laboratories. The visits are unannounced and repeated periodically.

Building materials laboratories examine the samples to determine granular gradation, the proportion of water and the shape of gravel and sand. The Chemical Analysis laboratories perform tests to determine the percentage of slats in gravel, sand, water and conformity of cement to the Gulf Standard Specifications.

Officials are making 100 visits per month to collect samples and monitor the storage and processing of raw materials, said the ministry.

Factories would initially receive a warning for violations and then suspension, if not corrected on time.

The factories should approach the authorities to start procedures for approval for making a concrete mixture with new specifications and materials. "Every six months, au-

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Precast concrete is a construction product produced by casting concrete in a reusable mold or "form" which is then cured in a controlled environment, transported to the construction site and lifted into place. In contrast, cast-in-place concrete is poured into site-specific forms and cured on site.

BMS for BIC attracts three bidders

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Atender issued by the Bahrain International Circuit to update and hire a building management system specialist returned three bids.

Almaooyed Air conditioning (BHD 299,250.000), Trust Electromechanical serv-

es (BHD 1,072,386.000) and Arabian houses contracting (BHD 673,375.500) are the bidders.

A successful contractor, the tender description says, should study the existing system and design a new state-of-the-art BMS meeting BIC's requirements.

Eight companies interested in monitoring Bahrain's air quality

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Atender by the Supreme Council for Environment for placing ambient air quality monitoring stations in the Kingdom attracted bids from eight companies.

The tender was for designing, supplying, and operating two ambient air quality monitoring stations in the Kingdom.

Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo, BDH Middle East, Green Tech Middle East Consultancy, Enviro & Industrial Solutions, Mesec information technology,



Gulf Advanced Control Systems, Newtech International and Mohammed Jalal & Sons Technology are the bidders.

Their bids range from BHD 175,350.000 to BHD 399,466.200.

Green Tech emerged as the lowest bidder.

Eskan bank plans buildings with 400 apartments

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Eskan bank's tender to appoint a consultancy for Al Ramli housing development attracted eight bidders.

The tender was for appointing a consultant for the supervision of Al Ramli housing development plot four.

The project planned includes two 10 storey buildings, with a total of 400 apartments.



The three-bedroom apartments will also have two car parking spaces for each apartment and a retail area of 1,152m².

Among the bidders are Pan Arab Consulting Engineers, Ansari Engineering Services, and Tebodin Middle East Ltd. Their bids range between BHD 147,920.000 and BHD 714,925.000. Urban Vision made the lowest quote.

Man drives off with a person on bonnet in Hamad Town



Representative picture (Courtesy of AlAyam)

● **The arrest followed a video clip of the stunt went viral on social media sites**

● **Police arrest the suspect**

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Police had arrested a 20-year-old Bahraini man

for driving recklessly through the streets of Bahrain.

The arrest followed a video clip that went viral on social media sites showing the man driving through Hamad Town with a person sitting at the front of his vehicle.

The General Directorate of Traffic, based on the video, opened an investigation and brought the suspect into custody.

Public Prosecution is pursuing legal actions.

Motivational Strips honours Bahrain-based Indian Poet

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Bahrain resident and Indian Poet Nivedita Roy was conferred with Independence Day Literary award 2021 by Motivational Strips, the world's most active writers forum and Gujarat Sahitya Academy, under the Government of

Nivedita Roy lives in Manama, Bahrain. She is currently pursuing her career as a teacher and a poet.

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Nivedita Roy has authored

a book of her English poems and coauthored six anthologies in the last one-and-a-half years. Her second poetry collection in Hindi is under publication.

Motivational Strips and Gujarat Sahitya Academy honoured 440 poets and writers from 82 countries as part of 75th Inde-

pendence Day of India.

Shiju H Pallithazheth, the founder of Motivational Strips, said, "Nivedita's poems take you to unexplored zones covering philosophical, rational and practical themes. Her poems guarantee amusement and rational awakening in the readers."