

Outdoor work ban begins on July 1; pledges zero tolerance for violations

● **Summer work ban effective from 1st of July to 31st of August**

● **Ongoing projects will not be affected by the ban: minister**

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Bahrain will enforce a two-month summer outdoor work ban starting on the 1st of next month, announced Labour Minister Jameel Humaidan.

The minister also pledged a zero-tolerance policy towards those who violate the ban.

According to Article (192) of Law 36 of 2012, violators may face a jail term of up to three months and/or a fine ranging from BD500 to BD1000.

The ban, effective during July and August, will apply to work conducted under direct sunlight and in open areas from midday until 4 pm, as specified by the Ministry of Labour.

The objective is to safeguard workers, ensuring their safety by protecting them from heat stress, sunstroke, summer diseases, and reducing occupational accidents during the hottest months of the year.

The ministry urged everyone



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Representative picture

to comply with the ban and has initiated an awareness-raising campaign. It has distributed brochures, multilingual leaflets, and informative posts highlighting the impact of high temperatures on workers' health and safety.

The ministry said it has also provided guidance to health

and safety supervisors in private sector institutions regarding the necessary measures to protect workers from summer-related illnesses and occupational accidents.

The minister also called upon private institutions to intensify efforts in raising awareness among workers about summer

diseases, highlighting the risks of excessive work in hot weather. He also stressed the importance of providing healthcare, first aid, and exploring ways to minimise exposure to heat and humidity.

The minister commended private sector companies for their past compliance with the ban, recognising their commitment to creating a safe and suitable work environment for employees.

The minister also assured that ongoing projects will not be affected by the ban and will be completed within the specified timelines.

Companies are expected to adjust work schedules during the ban period, as stated by Minister Humaidan.



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EWA plans five fast charging stations for EVs



Minister during the meeting

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The Electricity and Water Authority is preparing to construct five rapid charging stations for Electric Vehicles (EVs), said Yaser bin Ibrahim Humaidan, the Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs (EWA).

This announcement came during a meeting with the Chairman and members of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Car Dealers Association.

The minister Sid the initiative aligns with Bahrain's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by the year 2060.

The meeting highlighted various endeavours to support renewable energy initiatives, including the adoption of EVs. It also underscored the importance of developing new renewable energy projects and establishing the necessary infrastructure for EVs, all aimed at raising public awareness and fostering a sustainable lifestyle.

SMC reports 69% surge in surgical procedures

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Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) yesterday announced a 69% increase in the number of surgical operations performed compared to previous years.

In May alone, the Operations Department at SMC successfully conducted 1,913 surgeries as part of their strategic efforts to reduce waiting lists and enhance patient care.

Dr Ahmed Muhammad Al-Ansari, the CEO of government hospitals, further provided a breakdown of the surgeries performed. These include 32 dental and maxillofacial surgeries, 389 general surgeries, 309 orthopaedic surgeries, 43 vascular surgeries, 24 neurosurgery operations, 198 ENT surgeries, 185 obstetrics and gynaecology surgeries, 141 urology surgeries, 107 children surgeries. Additionally, the hospital performed 61 burn and plastic surgeries,



2 kidney transplant surgeries, 276 laparoscopic procedures, 16 anaesthesia procedures, and 130 eye surgeries.

To accommodate the growing demand, the medical staff's working hours have been extended from 7 am to 7 pm, and the working week expanded to six days, compared to the previous five days.

Dr Al Ansari said, as part of ongoing development initiatives, the governmental hospitals have launched a project to expand the operating rooms.

He said this expansion will increase the number of operating rooms from 13 to 17, resulting in a 33% increase in their capacity to cater to over 13 medical specialties.

Urban Planning okays 11 new zoning maps

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The Urban Planning and Development Authority (UPDA) has granted approval for 11 new zoning maps.

Now in its third phase, the initiative aligns with the UPDA's commitment to strategically plan and re-plan lands in the Kingdom to fulfil the requirements outlined in the National Strategic Master Plan 2030. The UPDA has called upon all property owners to take the necessary steps within a period of 90 days to update their ownership documents for properties

situated within the following zoning maps:

- Detailed zoning map of the Southern part of Eastern Sanad region (745)
- Partial detailed zoning map for Al Hamriyah (I) - Block 611
- Partial detailed zoning map of the Jebelat Hebshi area - Block 435
- Detailed zoning map of Shabatha and Al Farsiya - Blocks 636-952
- Approved detailed zoning map of North West A'ali (western part) - Block 742
- Detailed zoning map of North Tubli - Blocks 701-713

- Detailed zoning map of Dar Kulaib and Zallaq - Blocks 1048 - 1051 - 1052
- Detailed zoning map of Jid Ali and Tubli - Blocks 709-721
- Partial detailed zoning map of Jidhafs and Al-Musalla areas - Blocks 411-425
- Partial detailed zoning map of East Sanad - Block 743
- Detailed zoning map of the Northeast region of Sanad - Blocks 743 - 745 - 625

To initiate the update process, owners are required to submit a copy of the ownership document, a copy of the survey certificate (if the ownership docu-

ment is outdated), and a copy of their identity card. In case the applicant possesses a power of attorney, an approved power of attorney bearing the signature of the property owner should be provided, followed by completion of the application form.

These procedures can be carried out either by visiting the UPDA's customer service center located in the Survey and Land Registration Bureau building in Sanabis or by submitting an inquiry request regarding the land situation via email to ask@upda.gov.bh or through the UPDA's platform at www.upda.gov.bh.

BisB brings Eid joy to children at Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society



In pictures, the event held at Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society

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Team "Jood," the volunteering team at Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), in collaboration

with Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society, launched an initiative to shop for Eid clothes for more than 30 children from Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society, ages 7 to



12, on the 19th of June, at one of the largest shopping malls in the Kingdom. Yaser Alsharifi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, said: "We are honoured to be repre-

sented by Team "Jood" in our continuous endeavour to launch initiatives that support various segments of our community?"

Sh. Adnan Abdullah Al Qat-

an, Chairman, Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society, said: "We deeply value the initiative as it embodies the best form of social solidarity and is in line with the

concept of community partnership which ensures synergies between institutions in the community to provide and deliver support to those in need."