

Sustainable Energy Authority to launch 'Award' for Renewable Energy

● Focus on solar energy, wind energy and other renewable energy resources

● Awards are for "Innovation", "Sustainability" and "Impact"

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The Sustainable Energy Authority will launch an award



Dr Mirza

for supporting efforts to achieve the national interim and long-

term goals, including reaching net-zero carbon emissions.

The award will focus on solar energy, wind energy and various renewable energy resources that are feasible for application in the Kingdom.

There are three award categories: "Innovation" - for innovative and exceptional research that provides unique solutions, "Sustainability" - for initiatives characterised by versatility, scalability and entrepreneurship and "Impact" - for measurable initiatives that could achieve sustainable development goals.

SEA President, Dr Abdul-

hussain bin Ali Mirza, said the award aims at promoting technologies, applications and effective practices to enhance the contribution of renewable energy as an alternative to fossil energy.

"It also aims at advancing and

encouraging investments in the renewable energy sector of the Kingdom, enhancing public awareness, maintaining the sustainability of energy resources and achieving national, regional and global commitments," Dr Mirza said.

Registration date soon

SEA would soon announce the registration date for individuals, government agencies, the private sector, non-profit institutions and other entities.

Endorsed by Bahrain's Cabinet and monitored by SEA, the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP) and the National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP) have national energy efficiency and national renewable energy 2025 targets of 6 and 5%, respectively, with the NREAP target increasing to 10% by 2035.



Bahrain's proposed renewable energy pipeline consists of solar, wind, and waste to energy technologies, with SEA intending to capture the majority of Bahrain's renewable energy mix from solar power. SEA is planning for a solar farm project on the Askar landfill, delivering 100 megawatts of renewable power

Classic Car Show



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The Bahrain Motor Federation, in collaboration with the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, is holding a two-day exhibition at Bahrain National Museum.

The outdoor exhibition for Classic Cars will be held opposite Darseen Cafe from 8 am to 8 pm today and tomorrow.

Light showers mark onset of winter

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Parts of the Kingdom's Central Governorate witnessed light showers last night, marking the beginning of the winter season. Scattered showers have been predicted by the Kingdom's Meteorological Department under the Transportation and Telecommunication Ministry.

Bahrain Training institute to hold first-semester final exams online



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The Bahrain Training Institute said it would hold final examinations virtually for theoretical subjects of the first semester of the current year.

Practical exams will be in person, according to the recommendations of the National Medical Taskforce for combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

The institute stated that this decision follows the yellow level alert level, which started on December 19, 2021, and continues until January 31, 2022.

Final exams will start on January 3, 2022, and continue until Thursday, January 20, 2022, according to the examination schedules for each trainee.

Fatal accidents reduced by 50%

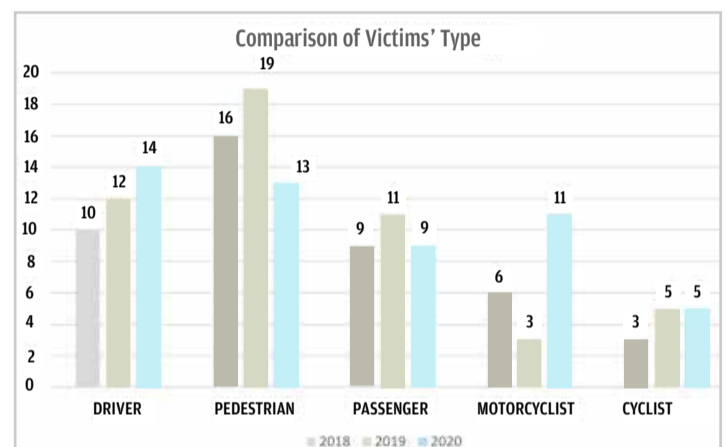
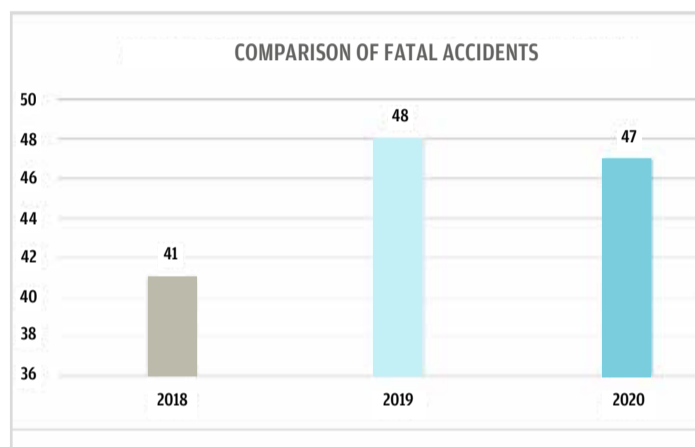
● Despite the increase in the number of vehicles by 36 per cent in the last five years, the accidents in general reduced by 21.55pc and the fatal accidents by 30pc

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Forty-seven fatal accidents occurred in the year 2020. There were 48 fatal accidents in the year 2019 and 41 in 2018 respectively. According to the General Directorate of Traffic, by implementing adequate measures the Kingdom has been able to reduce the number of fatal accidents by 50%.

"The accident rate is the lowest in the Gulf region and the Middle East. This is because of the increasing steps to monitor wrong traffic practices apart from boosting awareness activities."

A study conducted two years ago revealed that despite the increase in the number of vehicles by 36 per cent in the last five years, the accidents in general reduced by 21.55pc and the fatal accidents by 30pc, while the fatalities dropped by 38pc and injuries-related accidents among drivers by 41pc and passengers by 52pc.



“Traffic injuries and fatalities reduced by 60pc after the implementation of a comprehensive traffic strategy.”

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRAFFIC, BRIGADIER SHAIKH ABDULRAHMAN BIN ABDULWAHAB AL KHALIFA

The General Directorate has always been highlighting the important role of the community in reducing traffic accidents by their traffic awareness and culture. He said that the department works within three main points; enhancing traffic safety through studies and reports,



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regulation of traffic on the roads and the enhancement of traffic services through e-facilities.

The Director-General of Traffic, Brigadier Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa, earlier revealed that traffic injuries and fatalities reduced by 60pc after the implementa-

tion of a comprehensive traffic strategy.

Launched in 2015, the strategy reduced such accidents by 25pc from last year until 2021, making Bahrain the top in the region in the drop of traffic accidents rates, he had stated.

He said that such achieve-

ment was a milestone despite an increase in the number of vehicles, heavy traffic and the construction of new cities as part of urban development.

Municipal councils received 175 requests from the part of the public with regard to the traffic safety issue. The subjects of these requests encompassed safety fence, pedestrian crossing facilities, pedestrian fence and speed humps.

The Works Ministry said that, upon receiving requests, site inspections were carried out by engineers along with technicians and municipal council members. "A speed hump committee has been constituted comprising municipal council members, which is looking into 135 requests presented by the citizens or residents," the ministry said.

COVID-19 violations: MoH closes two restaurants, refers 17 others for legal actions



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The Ministry of Health yesterday announced closing two restaurants administratively in the capital on Friday for violating COVID-19 restrictions for yellow level.

The actions came during an inspection held in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, and

the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority.

The inspectors visited 193 restaurants and cafes, of which 17 were found not adhering to the preventive measures. Legal actions are taken.

The Ministry of Health called on everyone to continue to adhere to COVID-19 measures and report violations to limit the spread of the virus and ensure the health and safety of everyone.

Six in the dock for hacking ePayment website and clearing dues using fake payments

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Six people are in the dock for carrying out fictitious payments by hacking an ePayment system to clear their dues with a government agency.

They will face trial before the High Criminal Court starting on the 4th of January 2022.

All of the suspects are now in pretrial detention.

One of the suspects was on the run, and police arrested him from a Gulf Country by issuing an international arrest warrant.

The Gulf country (name not disclosed) handed him over to Bahrain police for facing trial.

Police interrogated him with the rest of the suspects in the Kingdom and charged them with electronic fraud and misrepresentation of information technology system data.

The suspects used a foreign bank abroad for making fake payments after hackin their electronic payment key. How-



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ever, all the fictitious payment transactions were detected and stopped.

Case files say the police opened an investigation based on a complaint registered by the government agency through Public Prosecution.

The head of the Capital Governorate Prosecution said the suspects tampered with the digital link of the electronic payment site to carry out fake payments and clear their dues.

Investigators gathered evidence from the specialists of

the government e-Payment website and the financial company responsible for validating the transactions received through the e-Payment website.

The head of the Capital Governorate Prosecution said the Public Prosecution is determined to confront firmly any violation of information technology systems, and called on everyone to maintain the confidentiality of electronic key data and not to disclose it to others.