

# Late-night walk horror

55-year-old nurse in Salmaniya on way home wounded after stray dog attack

● **Top animal activist demands swift action**

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In yet another distressing incident, a 55-year-old nurse from Salmaniya fell victim to a stray dog attack while walking home from work late at night.

The nurse, who reached out to The Daily Tribune to shed light on the prevailing issue of stray dogs, shared her harrowing experience.

Recalling the terrifying night, she stated, "I was walking back from Salmaniya Hospital near the police fort in Manama when I noticed two dogs across the street. They didn't bark, so I continued on my way, minding my own business. Suddenly, one of the dogs lunged at me, biting my right leg calf muscle."

Struggling to maintain her balance, she stumbled and fell onto the road. Promptly, the police officers stationed nearby and concerned bystanders rushed to her aid, immediately calling for an ambulance.

The nurse further revealed the



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The wounds sustained by the victim

extent of her ordeal, saying, "My uniform was torn apart in the attack. Upon reaching the hospital, the doctor prescribed antibiotics. However, I was alarmed to discover that Bahrain does not provide rabies vaccinations. As I live alone and my family, including my husband, resides in India, fear gripped me."

Determined to seek proper medical care, she learned that Saudi Arabia offers rabies vaccinations. Consequently, she obtained a multiple-entry visa and covered all her expenses which was around BD125.

Presently, she has received

three doses of the vaccine and is scheduled to travel to Saudi Arabia this Thursday for the fourth dose.

Despite undergoing medical treatment, the nurse continues to endure pain from her wounds, which have not yet healed. Consequently, she faces challenges in fulfilling her work duties. Unable to attend work on certain days, her colleagues are struggling to find a suitable replacement.

**Immediate action**

Meanwhile, The Daily Trib-

une reached out to Ms. Fathiya Al Bastaki, an animal activist known for her involvement with stray dogs throughout Bahrain. Seeking her perspective on resolving such issues, she emphasised the need for authorities to take immediate action.

Ms. Fathiya stated, "To prevent further complaints, the authorities must remove all stray dogs from residential areas and relocate them to safer places. Merely dumping these dogs in Askar is not a solution."

Expressing her disappointment, she highlighted the un-

fulfilled promises made by the authorities regarding providing shelter for stray dogs over a five-year period.

"They should allocate an entirely new area to accommodate these dogs and ensure they receive necessary food and water. As activists, we cannot bear this burden any longer," added Ms. Fathiya.

**Issue of misinformation**

Furthermore, she addressed the issue of misinformation surrounding stray dogs, stating, "Many individuals falsely claim

that stray dogs are naturally aggressive and hostile. However, this is untrue unless the dogs are provoked or feel threatened. People often lie to conceal their own mistakes and wrongfully blame the stray dogs."

As the victimised nurse continues her battle for recovery and while animal activists demand swift action, the fate of stray dogs in Bahrain hangs in the balance.

It remains to be seen whether the authorities will take decisive steps to address the growing concerns and ensure the safety of both residents and animals.

## Court orders destruction of counterfeit shoes and handbags

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The High Administrative Court has ordered an importer to destroy a shipment of counterfeit women's shoes and handbags that were imported from abroad and were found to be of unknown origin and imitations of a well-known brand.

The court confirmed that the goods were counterfeit and bore an unauthorised resemblance to a registered trademark, which could lead to confusion among the public.

The company that owns the registered trademark in the Kingdom of Bahrain filed a lawsuit, stating that the defendant had imported counterfeit goods, including shoes and bags, produced outside Bahrain, bearing a counterfeit mark of their trademark, without any indication of their origin, with the intention to deceive the public and harm the plaintiff.



The defendant attempted to introduce these counterfeit goods through the customs port. The plaintiff requested the court to prove the defendant's infringement by importing goods bearing the counterfeit mark owned by the plaintiff and to order the seizure and destruction of the goods subject to the lawsuit at the defendant's expense.

The court stated that according to the Trademarks Law of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, the rightful owner, if having valid reasons to believe that counterfeit, forged, or goods bearing a similar mark to their

registered trademark that may cause confusion among the public are being imported, should submit a written request to the competent customs authority to suspend the customs release of these goods and prohibit their circulation.

The request must be accompanied by sufficient evidence to convince the competent authority of the existence of an infringement, on the face of it, on the rights of the applicant in the trademark. The request should also include adequate information that would reasonably enable the mentioned authority to identify the goods in question.

The court stated that based on a letter from the Customs Affairs, it was established that the first defendant imported a quantity of shoes and bags bearing the trademark owned by the plaintiff.

**Inspection campaigns**



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted five joint inspection campaigns, reporting violations related to the Labour Market, Residency Laws, etc. The inspection campaigns included visits to a number of shops, work sites, and labour gathering places to determine the extent of compliance with regulations and laws to preserve the basic components of the labour market. LMRA renewed its call to all members of society to report violations via the electronic form on the authority's website, [www.lmra.gov.bh](http://www.lmra.gov.bh), or by calling the authority's call centre at 17506055.

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