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Manama
Tomato prices have reached BD1 per kilo as prices continue to fluctuate. Vendors at Manama central market are perplexed by the fact that prices of tomatoes have stood high for the past one month.

They said that prices fluctuated from time to time but did not remain high for more than one or two weeks. Tomatoes, which are sold for 500 fills per kilo under normal circumstances, have been sold for BD1 or more in the past month. However, traders at the market said that they were



A shopkeeper arranges tomatoes in his shop

expecting the prices to go down after a week.

Speaking to *DT News*, Khalid, a trader at the market,

said that it was the first time in twenty years that he had witnessed the prices to remain high for over one month.

"The longest period of high price I have seen was one-and-a-half week," he added.

The traders admitted that the high prices had not affected their business. "Customers have not boycotted tomatoes like they have done against meat."

Another trader Rajeev said that the price hike had improved their business. "Because of the price hike, cold stores have stopped selling tomatoes so the customers have to come to us directly."

The prices are likely to fall down as winter approaches and when tomatoes from Saudi Arabia will be available during this season.

HUES OF HOMAGE



Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and his wife Sare Davutoglu lay red carnation flowers on the site of the double suicide bombings in Ankara that killed 97 people. (AFP)

High turnout drains H1N1 vaccine in Bahrain

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Manama

Following the swine flu phobia that recently swept the country, health authorities announced yesterday that the country's stocks of vaccines are almost over, due to the huge turnover witnessed by healthcare outlets in the

past few days. Health Ministry stated that "communications are being made with the producing company to import more shipments of the vaccine."

"The Ministry has directed the company to immediately send 25,000 additional injections. Furthermore,

the Ministry is also seeking importing vaccines from different sources in the neighbouring countries," the statement read.

Simultaneously, the Ministry

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requested the public to avoid panicking, confirming that situations are under control. It assured that H1N1 was nothing more than a seasonal disease that accompanies the seasons-changing part of the year.

However, the Ministry advised to take precautionary measures such as maintaining

hygiene, eating healthy food, ensuring good sleep and exercise. It informed that such steps would contribute in improving the immune system.

The Ministry has also intensified its awareness campaigns as rumours increased lately about the reemergence of the disease.



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