

Lit cigarette bud leads to blaze in Isa Town flat

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A seven-member Bahraini family yesterday escaped unhurt from a fire that engulfed their flat in Isa Town, caused due to a lit cigarette bud, it has been revealed.

The incident occurred at around 4am at Block 813 in Isa Town Government Housing Projects.

Interior Ministry confirmed the incident on its official Twitter page, stating, "Civil Defence put out a fire in a flat in Isa Town and evacuated the building as a precautionary measure."

The ministry added, "Initial details indicated criminal suspicions."

Civil Defence issued a report later, attributing the mishap to a lit cigarette bud that was left unattended. It was also mentioned that the flat was completely destroyed in the flames.

The Housing Ministry, which is in charge of the housing units in the project, rubbished the rumours stating that the ministry disregarded the damaged apartment.

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of the fire immediately after it was reported. "As soon as the firefighting procedures were completed, the ministry personnel initiated cleaning processes of the flat, to make it livable," the statement read.

The ministry added, "The electricity maintenance services history of the flat showed that it was serviced in May, June and July this year."

The statement also confirmed, "Even though the fire was caused due to the residents' negligence, the ministry provided them with a temporary flat, while revamps are being done."

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A copy of the Civil Defence report on the incident, stating it was caused by an unattended cigarette bud

World Standards Day today

Manama, The Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry will today mark the 45th World Standards Day (WSD).

The annual celebration was specifically chosen to mark the establishment of the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) on the October 14, 1947.

The first World Standards Day was celebrated on October 14, 1970 to highlight the importance of standards issued by international organisations, such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The event aims at raising global awareness among regulators, industry and consumers of the importance and benefits of standardisation to the global economy.



An Asian national was killed when a car mowed him down in Budaiya Highway, while he was crossing the road at about 3pm. He was declared dead on the spot. The Ministry of Interior tweeted confirming the incident, "Asian died when a car hit him on Budaiya road. Police took the necessary steps."

Attorney General honoured

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Public Prosecutors, Attorneys General and Heads of public investigation bodies in the GCC countries held their 9th meeting in Doha on October 10 and 11, in the presence of GCC Secretary General Dr. Abdullatif Al Zayani.

An Award of Excellence

for members of the GCC Public Prosecutions and investigation bodies has also been named after former Kuwaiti Attorney General Hamid Al Othman.

The Hamid Al Othman Award of Excellence was conferred on Bahraini Attorney General Wael Buallay in recognition of his outstanding performance and wealth of experience in the

judicial field.

They discussed key issues and approved many recommendations including exchanging prosecutors among the GCC countries, making it possible for them to serve in any of the GCC member states. They also mooted handing over suspects accused of various crimes to their homelands for trial.

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