

14 December... Bahrain Police Day

In a comprehensive report on security services

HM the King stresses on the nation's security and safety and solidarity among its loyal people

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The security and stability in the Kingdom of Bahrain is a blessing and a result of police efforts and their sacrifices and round-the-clock commitment. Their dedication is inspired by the wise thoughts and ideas of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Police personnel function under the directives and follow-up of His Excellency Interior Minister Lt-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa to ensure security and stability in Bahrain. The Bahrain Police Day is celebrated not only to express thanks and appreciation for the sacrifices of sincere and loyal men, but also to reaffirm loyalty to HM the King and faith in his leadership. A survey of the security situation in Bahrain shows that the blessing of security is essential for the growth of various sectors. HM the King was clear on this when he said: "The issue of security and stability is very important and should always be kept in view. Every citizen and resident should be devoted to this idea. Loss of security means loss of five essential elements: religion, soul, mind, honour and money and Islam calls for their protection. As Almighty God said: 'Who provides them with food against hunger, and with security against fear'.

Taking into account HM the King's views, the Interior Ministry has put in place plans and adopted security projects to achieve the ultimate goals which are the security and safety of the public and the protection of public and private property. Statistics show a decline in the crime rate this year. The Operations Room (999) took an average of 4,078 calls every day which shows security commitment and interaction between securitymen and various sections of society.



Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science solves cases

The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science solved a large number of cases in 2017 and, through a specialised team, helped arrest terrorists and those involved in attempts to harm the national security. It also organised workshops and events in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), including a workshop on human-trafficking.

Anti-corruption and Economic & Electronic Security deals with 1,500 cases

The General Directorate of Anti-corruption and Economic & Electronic Security dealt with 68 cases, while the Anti-economic Crime Directorate investigated 977 cases. The Cyber Crime Directorate tackled 464 cases. The General Directorate of Anti-corruption and Economic & Electronic Security website www.acees.gov.bh was launched to inform people about its duties and operations and tell them how to report cases and offer information through the hotline and email. The website also offers an e-form to report cases. The department continues to hold campaigns, workshops and seminars to promote integrity and transparency and develop the culture to fight cyber crimes.

Civil Defence deals with 6,091 cases

The General Directorate of Civil Defence dealt with 6,091 cases this year using state-of-the-art technology for better performance. It also organised 157 lectures and awareness seminars. The Civil Defence centres received visits by NGOs and students from 159 schools and pre-schools. It also held 25 lectures on evacuation.

Legal Affairs continues with its excellent performance

The Legal Affairs Directorate continues to represent the Ministry on legal panels and at conferences and meetings, in addition to the sessions of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives. It also studies security-related proposals on laws and regulations and drafts legal memorandums and recommendations. The department was involved in the revision of 77 legal proposals referred from the Shura Council



and the Council of Representatives and was involved in another 19 legal proposals and decisions. Its team assigned to implement court verdicts won the e-government Award for Excellence for its system of fines and granting bail.

Police Aviation accounts for 1,261 flights

The Police Aviation was involved in 1,261 flights this year to prevent crimes, detect pollution and monitor maritime borders. The flights totalled 15202500 hours [CHECK. FIGURE TOO HIGH]. The helicopters were equipped with air surveillance cameras for better performance.

Coast Guard helps 492 boats, rescues 851 individuals

The Coast Guard has increased the number of vessels, speed boats and maritime patrols to prevent and reduce crime. It uses the latest technology such as the radar system and electrophoresis cameras. The department helped 492 boats and rescued 851 individuals this year. It also monitored fishing violations and deployed security patrols for competitions organised by various authorities, including the General Or-



- More than 26 million travellers entered and departed Bahrain in 2017

- Governorates continue to play their social and security roles to meet citizens' needs and demands

- The Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) introduces e-system at Ports Directorate to improve services for travellers

ganisation of Youth & Sports, and sailing clubs.

Fatal accidents decline by 40%

The General Directorate of Traffic achieved the World Health Organisation goal by reducing fatal traffic accidents by half, beating the deadline by four years. It managed to reduce fatal traf-

fic accidents by 40% and traffic violations by 50%. The department endeavours to reduce accident-related deaths through awareness programmes among road-users. This has enabled it to win the e-government Forum 2017 Award for best government practices. It also managed to bring many services into the e-system thereby

processing 10,000 applications per day. There are around 700,000 vehicles registered in Bahrain and the department runs traffic safety projects and awareness campaigns covering 123 schools and pre-schools with 12,053 students, a project for 1,649 students from 24 secondary schools and bike projects for 570 students.

Rescue Patrols (Najda) deal with 14,000 cases

The rescue patrols (Najda) dealt with 14,000 cases, including accidents, and provided 4,092 community services until October 2017. In the same period, the Anti-narcotics Directorate dealt with 905 cases and seized about 169kg of drugs and 39,282 pills of psychotropic substances. In terms of training, the Interior Ministry offered 352 courses in Bahrain and 108 courses abroad. It also offered scholarships to 59 officers to enable them to continue with their higher education.

26 million visit Bahrain

A total of 26 million travellers entered and departed Bahrain in 2017 while 160,000 visas were issued. The Nationality, Passports and