

# Govt to implement plan to tackle stray dogs menace

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A well-studied plan by the Government to resolve the increasing numbers of stray dogs will soon be implemented, it was officially announced yesterday.

Few days after Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry announced that it will begin the second phase of addressing the widespread phenomenon of stray dogs in residential areas, Agriculture Acting Assistant Undersecretary Dr. Ibrahim Yousif confirmed that a meeting was held to discuss the mechanisms of implementing the plan, which includes cooperating with private sector's licensed veterinarian clinics to carry out castration process on stray dogs to stop their breeding.

Dr. Yousif confirmed that the ministry will call on the clinics to offer their tenders

**Agriculture Acting Assistant Undersecretary Dr. Ibrahim Yousif confirmed that a mechanism has been devised to tackle the stray dogs menace which includes castration**



through Bahrain Tender Board.

He commented, "This meeting reflects the beginning of the joint work between the municipalities in the Ministry and the private sector to reduce the phenomenon of

stray dogs."

The official also said that it was also discussed during the meeting, the means of strengthening of the current campaign procedures to presently deal

with the phenomenon of stray dogs and in the long term, in accordance with the standards and methods used at the global level".

The ministry had announced on Thursday

that it will bear the costs of carrying out these operations until the completion of the construction of a permanent shelter for stray animals within this year in Ma'ameer village.

## Driver detained for performing car stunts

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The Public Prosecution yesterday announced the detention of a driver for performing car stunts, the video footage of the illegal act went viral.

Traffic Prosecution Chief Attorney Hassan Al Buali confirmed in a statement that the prosecution initiated its investigations into the video, which appeared online yesterday and showed the man dangerously performing the stunts using illegal tyres and near pedestrians and private properties.

Al Buali said the investigations led to the man, who was immediately arrested. Further probe showed that the man doesn't hold a driver's license.

The official added that the suspect confessed to his crimes in the interrogation and that he will stand trial before the criminal court tomorrow (18/4). At least seven similar cases were reported this year, in a bid by the concerned authorities to impose tighter control on illegal traffic practices and behaviours.

## Jerusalem capital of Arab tourism

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Arab Tourism Organization (ATO) has declared Jerusalem as the 'Capital of Arab Tourism' for 2018. The announcement was made by the President of Arab Tourism Organization, Dr. Bandar bin Fahad Al Fuhaid during the 20th session of the Arab Ministerial Council for Tourism held in Cairo.

Al Fuhaid expressed his gratitude to the President of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and

National Heritage and Honorary President of ATO and Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz, for supporting the announcement.

He praised the support provided by the Arab tourism ministers and Arab League towards promoting tourism in the Arab world.

Dr. Bandar confirmed that declaring Jerusalem as the 'Capital of Arab Tourism' reflects the Organization and the Arab Ministerial Council for Tourism's continued efforts to highlight its

importance as a historical and religious destination, further strengthening its relationship with citizens of the Arab nations. It also reflects the interest of Arab leaders and Secretary-General of the Arab League in preserving Jerusalem's Arab-Islamic identity.

The selection of the 'Capital of Arab Tourism' is an annual occurrence, which chooses a destination based on its historical and tourism offerings.

## Canadian accreditation renewed



Officials of Health Directorate during the meeting

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The Directorate of Health and Social Affairs has renewed the Accreditation Canada Agreement as part of an official visit of a delegation from the international organisation to the department.

The latest development of the programme and the upcoming plans were reviewed during a joint meeting that was attended by the Assistant Undersecretary of Administration Affairs, Director of Health and Social Affairs and experts.

The Director of the department, Major Fatima Omar Abdulrahman asserted that the agreement includes accreditation of the Public Security Health Centre and seven clinics, along with the new standards that would be launched in 2019.



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