

Clampdown on illegal vendors, bootleggers



Several arrests have been made as part of a clampdown on illegal vendors and bootleggers near the industrial area in Askar

Action has been taken against people violating residency rules and regulations



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The authorities have initiated a clampdown on illegal vendors and bootleggers in the Southern Governorate. Some people have been arrested for possessing and selling alcohol in the district, Southern Governorate Police Directorate said.

According to Southern Governorate Police Director General Colonel Mubarak Al Merri, the arrests were in Ras Zowayed near the industrial area in Askar on the southeastern coasts of the island. The wares of some vendors have also been seized, police said.

"The police removed equipment used by street vendors and arrested violators to the residency rules and regulations. Legal steps are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecutor," Col. Al Merri added.

The move came after a simultaneous crackdown initiated by Southern Area Municipality against illegal

street vendors.

The campaign targeted more than 180 illegal selling points in Ras Zowayed, in a drive described by the municipality as "the biggest campaign against illegal street vendors".

The municipality said in a press statement that the campaign was conducted in coordination with Interior Ministry, Labour Market Regulatory Authority and other concerned authorities.

"The campaign targeted the illegal market organised every Friday. Expired and illegal products are usually sold in this market on a weekly basis. This is one of the biggest campaigns this year and we targeted an area of one square kilometre. The suspects were monitored for a week and their violations were documented in coordination with security authorities," Supervision and Monitoring Department Head Mariam Al Siddiqi said, reiterating the municipality's keenness on eradicating such violations and "unhealthy phenomenon".

Ministry to tender Busaiteen coast revamp project soon

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning has finalised the procedures for tendering the Busaiteen Coast Revamp Project.

In a statement, Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Essam bin Abdulla Khalaf said that based on the directives His

Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the ministry has coordinated with the Muharraq Municipal Council to revamp a number of coasts and sea fronts, including the Busaiteen Coast and Halat Bu Maher Revamp projects, within the sea fronts development projects in the Muharraq Governorate.

The minister asserted that designs and administrative

procedures have been completed, and the Busaiteen Revamp Project will be put out to tender next week, noting that the two-kilometre coast, covering more than 45,000 square metres, will be among the most important sea fronts in the governorate.

Regarding the Halat Bu Maher Corniche Revamp Project, the minister said that the Ministry will present the

local Municipal Council with the designs of the project before carrying on the necessary procedures, adding that the Works Ministry has coordinated with all the competent authorities to prepare the project ahead of its revamp. Khalaf asserted that the Capital Trustees' Board and municipal councils are partners to the Ministry in the decision-making process.

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