

Swimming pool demolished after five-year-old drowned

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Southern Area Municipality yesterday demolished an abandoned swimming pool in Dar Kulaib village near Hamad Town, after a five-year-old boy drowned in it on Monday.

DT News visited the scene, where demolition cranes were seen destroying the pool and the nearby walls. The person in charge of the process told that the procedure has been instructed by the municipality, as the spot is violating the rules and regulations for private swimming pools.

"We began the demolition on Tuesday and excavated the water from the pool. Today we are burying the pool and the surrounding facilities," the Asian foreman informed.

Mohammed, a resident of the nearby Government Housing Project, told DT News, "The pool has been



The swimming pool which was demolished by Southern Area Municipality in Dar Kulaib village near Hamad Town

abandoned for a couple of years because of a legal dispute between the landlord and the renter, both from the same family. The walls of the pool were demolished last year and the gates were left. Since, the residents and children of the area go swimming there, including myself and my children."

A source in the Southern Governorate Municipal Council informed that "many remarks were raised in regards to this land", stating that "the pool was utilised by groups of the youth for illegal and immoral activities".

"Since the government housing project was established few years back, numerous

complaints were received by the council regarding suspicious activities taking place in the pool. Removing it was a demand of the residents. The fence was removed almost a year back, but the pools were left uncovered. There are at least 16 deaths and injuries reported in swimming pools in the governorate in 2016. Most

cases included children. This in addition to the detection of 80 pools that are violating the safety and security standards. Part of the blame is also on the parents who fail to supervise their children. The loss of this is painful to the parents and the entire society," the source stated, adding that the matter of the pool was referred to

Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry several times in the past few years.

As reported on DT News yesterday, Ali Jassim, 5, died in the swimming pool on Monday. He was rescued and rushed by ambulance to the Military Hospital in Riffa, where he was announced dead.

An important clarification by Nancy Khedouri

Nancy Elly Khedouri, Author of Book about the History of the Jewish community of Bahrain, entitled, "From Our Beginning to Present Day," would like to draw the attention to all social media users that the recent information circulating about the late Massou'dah Shaoul that specified at the end that it was sourced from her Book, is not from her Book.

Chapter VII of the Revised and Updated Edition of her book, carrying ISBN NO. 978-99901-26-06-8, LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY NO. 7111/2008 is about the life of Mass'oudah Shaoul and interested readers will be able to easily identify the difference between what has been circulating recently, compared to what exactly had been published.

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The Author thanks you for your kind understanding and respect as to the importance of accuracy.

AMH opens clinic at Riffa

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American Mission Hospital (AMH) yesterday opened its new clinic at Riffa, expanding to meet the needs of the community. The newly-opened medical and dental Centre is situated in the Callidus Center, opposite The Walk. The Center is the fourth facility of AMH with the main hospital situated in Manama along with satellite clinics both in Saar and Amwaj.

The clinic was inaugurated by Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Health (SCH). Salah bin Hindi, Advisor for Youth & Sports to His Majesty the King, the American Ambassador to the



Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa inaugurating the clinic

Kingdom of Bahrain Justin Siberell and several others attended the inauguration.

"We are pleased to be able to provide residents in the Central and Southern Governorate the highest quality medical services through this new facility," said Dr George Cheriyan, CEO.

The new clinic will provide both General Services including Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Women's Health, Ophthalmology, ENT, Orthopedics, Dental, Radiology, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Dermatology and Plastic Surgery and Specialized Services will include Executive Clinic, Wellness Clinic, Physiotherapy, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathy and also boasts an Olympic sized pool for hydrotherapy. The clinic will operate every day from 7:30 am to 11 pm.

"This clinic is uniquely different in that a considerable space has been allotted to wellness, Physiotherapy, rehab which includes a hydrotherapy

pool. A sports medicine clinic, osteopathy and pain management are all part of this clinic. All other primary care and subspecialty services which include an Executive clinic and dental care are available under one roof," he said.

"The clinic is fully IT enabled with laboratory and X-ray facilities linked to our hospital information systems with images and EMR's shared across all our four facilities where radiologists at Manama can instantly report on images generated in any of our peripheral clinics. IT is built in to enhance patient-physician communication for follow up and home care follow up," he said.



The newly opened clinic