

Workshop assembling used surgical tools shut



The workshop that was used to manufacture surgical tools for the local market

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The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) and Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry have shut down a workshop assembling used surgical tools imported from a neighbouring country to distribute in the Kingdom.

The workshop was operating in the backyard of a villa to illegally manufacture surgical tools for the local market, according to NHRA.

"The tools were made in the workshop using construction

materials so it could be distributed in the local markets," NHRA explained.

"NHRA coordinated with Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry to visit the workshop, which has been operating without a permit from the ministry. All the tools and equipment detected at the workshop were confiscated," the statement added.

Engineering Safety Consultant at the Authority Nada Al Sayigh confirmed that the workshop is not qualified to manufacture and maintain medical tools in accordance to international standards.

Local variety shrimps sold in regional markets

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Local variety shrimps are being openly sold in regional fish markets while shrimping is banned in Bahrain, videos shared by netizens indicate.

Pictures of large quantities of fresh shrimps being sold in central markets in Saudi Arabia are widely shared on local social media networks.

Interestingly, catch and sale of shrimp are banned in Bahrain as per a decision taken by Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam Khalaf issued on March 7.

The minister's decision bans shrimping for six months, between March 15 and September 15. According to the resolution, violators are subjected to fines and penalties that include imprisonment and confiscation of boats and fishing equipment. Local fishermen had held a series of meetings recently with the concerned officials, including Minister Khalaf. They repeatedly demanded to harden punishments against violators and to intensify monitoring of coasts, exits and markets.

Probe sought

As a response to the circulating videos, MP Ali Al Ateesh demanded the authorities

to launch an immediate investigation into the smuggling of fresh shrimps.

"We demand to know how these large quantities of shrimp reached a local market in a neighbouring country," the MP questioned.

"We understood the goals of imposing the ban and we support the protection of marine wealth. But we don't understand how local variety shrimps are being sold in regional markets when Bahraini fishermen are prohibited from catching them. Official statistics show that our fish stock is declining. We demand the export of local fish to be banned by the authorities concerned," he added.



Pictures of local variety shrimps being circulated in social media. Videos shared by netizens say the shrimps are being sold in Saudi central markets



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