

# Speed limits raised on major highways

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As per the instruction of the Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to readjust speed limits on the Kingdom's roads, the authorities have raised speed limits on several highways.

Beginning Thursday, speed limits on both sides of Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway were raised from 100 km/h to 120 km/h in the area between the flyover near the University of Bahrain (Zallaq Highway) and the middle flyover above Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway (Isa Town and Mina Salman exits).

This makes this part of the highway the third to have a maximum speed limit of 120

km/h, along with King Hamad Highway (Durrat Al Bahrain) and Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway, which was modified last week.

However, the General Directorate of Traffic or Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry are yet to make any comments on this, but signs were already fixed on the highway yesterday morning.

Additionally, sources confirmed that the speed limit on King Faisal Highway near Bahrain Financial Harbour (BFH) has also been raised from 80 km/h to 100km/h from today.

According to recent statements of senior officials in the General Directorate

of Traffic, majority of over-speeding offences were reported by the smart cameras installed at BFH junction on this highway, as drivers cross the green signal while driving over 80 km/h, believing that the cameras would only snap pictures of them if they jump the red light. The officials clarified that the cameras would report over-speeding vehicles whether the signal is green or not, in order to "enhance safety on junctions".

Today will also witness an increase in the maximum speed of Shaikh Isa bin Salman Bridge, linking the Mother Island and Muharraq.

The modifications come as per the Premier's directives to reconsider the speed limits applied on the main roads and highways, and modify them to ensure they are commensurate with the traffic movement, and that they meet the requirements of safety to reduce traffic violations and to ensure the application of the law on violators.



**Speed on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway has been raised from 100 km/h to 120 km/h between the flyover near the University of Bahrain and the middle flyover**

## Shaikh Abdullah is US envoy



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued decree No. 43 for 2017 appointing Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador for the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States. The Minister of Foreign Affairs will implement the decree that comes into effect from the date of its issuance.

## Moon-sighting panel meet

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Moon-sighting panel will meet at Supreme Islamic Affairs Council premises today to confirm crescent sighting reports to decide on Eid-Al-fitr. Public are urged to report crescent sightings to the panel.

## 2017 eGovt Excellence Award nomination deadline extended

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The Organising Committee of the eGovernment Excellence Award 2017 - held under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Information & Communication Technology (SCICT) - has announced that the nomination period and registration of work was extended to July 13.

The extension aims to provide more time for entities wishing to participate and improve their submitted work as well as present it at its best, the committee said.

Participants may submit their work on the award's official website which contains all the details associated with the categories, criteria and method of registering work online.

Held annually under the

patronage of the Deputy Prime Minister as one of the initiatives which aim at valuing national initiatives in the ICT field, it provides participants with the opportunity to assess their work by jury members who represent a group of local, regional and international experts who also own many years of experience in the ICT sector.

The jury's diversity of specialisations ensures objectivity in the assessing mechanism and allows participants to develop their work as well as enhance it according to the latest IT advancements to strongly compete with similar projects in a rapidly evolving sector.

Information & eGovernment Authority Enterprise Architecture & Information Technology Director as well as Award's Organising Committee

Chairman Dr. Khalid Ahmed Al Mutawah said that during the past eight years, the award was able to create a local weight for itself amongst interested individuals and entities working in the IT sector.

"This is especially since government entities have been demanding to hold such an award as the honouring of entities reflects the quality of work and possession of local faculties capable of professionally dealing with technology to become involved in providing government services which benefits a large number of audiences," he said.

"Based on these requests, the award is being held this year in its ninth edition and nomination period has been extended so as to enable these entities to provide their work in the best manner that meets all the requirements."

Entities can register in various categories - Government Awards categories comprise 'Best eGovernment Website', 'Best Government-to-Government eService', 'Best Practice in Community eParticipation', and 'Best eGovernment Integrated Services for Individuals or Businesses'.

Multi Sectors Awards categories encompass 'Best Application for Smart Devices'; combined with Citizen Awards categories of both 'Best eConcept' and 'eCitizen' which reflects the extent of the public's confidence in the eServices presented by the Information & eGovernment Authority based on a large number of transactions conducted electronically by winners along with the large amounts of payments paid online as service fees.

HH Shaikh Mohammed will honour the winners.

## Warning issued against new wave of cyber attacks

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Cyber security authorities yesterday warned of a new wave of cyber attacks targeting social media users in Bahrain.

The General Directorate of Anti-corruption and Economic and Electronic Security in Interior Ministry said that "multiple hacking attempts by fake accounts on social media networks have been detected recently".

Anti-corruption and Economic and Electronic Security General Director Colonel Bassam Al Miraj called upon the public to be vigilant and cautious to such attempts.

"Vigilance is necessary at this stage. Do not open random, suspicious or sourceless links, in order to avoid any infiltrations that may be carried out by lawbreakers who seek to exploit these operations in extortion and defamation," The official said in a statement issued here yesterday.

## Bahrain condemns terror attack

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Bahrain has strongly condemned the terror bombing of a police checkpoint in Quetta, west of Pakistan, killing and injuring scores of people, including policemen.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs extended its profound condolences to the Pakistani government, families and relatives of the victims, wishing speedy recovery to those wounded in the act of terror.

Bahrain stands with Pakistan in its war against terrorism and supports its efforts to underpin security and peace, the statement added.

## Solidarity summit

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Bahrain Ambassador to Bahrain and Permanent Representative to the Arab League Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahmane bin Rashid Al-Khalifa attended the two-day summit aimed at highlighting the Ugandan model of tackling the refugee issues and find funds to deal with the humanitarian plight of refugees.