

Liquor, electronic cigarettes, sheesha smuggled from Bahrain seized

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Customs authorities on the Saudi side of King Fahad Causeway have seized large quantities of liquor and other items smuggled from Bahrain. These items are banned in Saudi Arabia.

Quoting King Fahad Causeway General Director Sulaiman Al Bulaiheed, several Saudi journals mentioned that the items were seized during the recent Eid Al Adha Holidays, between August 27 and September 8.

They included 547 bottles and cans of alcoholic beverages, 225 electronic cigarettes and sheesha, 14, 111 boxes of cigarettes and more than 1, 000 boxes of molasses.

The confiscated items noticeably included more tobacco products, as new taxes were imposed on them there, raising its prices by double.

Al Bulaiheed also said that customs officials foiled attempts to smuggle banned animal drugs and around 14, 500 litres of banned petroleum products.

The Saudi Customs on King Fahad Causeway periodically announces foiled attempts to smuggle prohibited items into Saudi Arabia from Bahrain through the causeway.

The most common smuggled items are usually alcoholic beverages, drugs, weapons and sometimes humans.

Vehicles crossing the causeway are only checked on one side to save travellers' time, as announced by the customs of both the kingdoms. Cars coming from Saudi are only inspected on the Bahraini side of the causeway and vice versa.

Kingdom participates in anti-Daesh coalition meet

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Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa headed Bahrain's delegation to the Anti-Daesh Coalition meeting, themed "Shaping the Peace: The Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS", held on the sidelines of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

In his remarks, the ambassador, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, commended the efforts of the Iraqi Prime Minister, Haider Al Abadi and the Iraqi government in liberating Mosul, Tal Afar and the surrounding areas from Daesh.

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of rebuilding Mosul and other heavily damaged areas in order to pave the way for the return of Mosul residents to their homes and cautioned the urgency of this endeavour to avoid the risk of the emergence of another terrorist organisation, looking forward to the international donor meeting to convene in Kuwait in the upcoming year.

On Syria, Shaikh Abdullah stressed on the importance of cooperation between all relevant global players and responsible regional countries to resume peace talks and pave the way for a political solution to the crisis, while ensuring the adequate provision of humanitarian

aid to all those who need it.

"In considering Syria's future, we must not ignore the threat to Syria's stability from terrorist groups such as Hezbollah. As the presence of Daesh decreases, we must put in place the proper mechanisms to prevent other terrorist groups from seizing territory and competing for influence within the Syrian state," he said.

Shaikh Abdullah reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to all aspects of the fight against Daesh and to continuing to be heavily involved in combating the financing of Daesh and similar terrorist groups, as well as to counter its deviated toxic ideology.



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