

City overrun with illegal, shaky houses

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Most of the houses in the capital city of the Kingdom are either a ramshackle or illegally built, said a study made by the DTNews.

Because of the severe housing problem in the city, people including the expats are mostly driven to those kind of houses, said the study yesterday.

Most of the building owners construct extra rooms on terraces to accommodate more tenants. Those additions are illegal and the safety measures have been sparse. More than one family is usually crammed into such shaky houses, which have been furtively built on the edges of terraces blinding the eyes of the authorities, said the study.

A resident living in one of such crude houses on road 407 said, "We have been here for two months but our neighbours have been living in those shanties for years with children. We know the houses are illegally built but we are without much options as housing takes all the money from us."

A building on 411 is at the risk of falling down any time, its foundation being ruined for a long time. The house is still in one piece because the tenants have been supporting it with hollow bricks. It has been rented to a few expat labourers.

Still another on 523 is much



An entrance to one of the buildings on road 523

worse. Thin pieces of plywood have been used for walls, and those tiny huts have also been given to families for rent.

The study said that eight out of 10 houses falling apart are such shanties constructed illegally.

Responding to the situation, Mohammed Ali Alkhozai, Chairman of Capital Municipal

Council, said that the issue is still important before the council, but lack of complaints from the tenants are preventing us from taking actions against the owners.

Jassim Redha, General Secretary of Capital Municipal Council, said a few such issues have come before us and we have sent them notices. At the same time, there are houses for which we have given permission to make additions, but only in the purview of the existing rules. We have also given clear instructions on the number of tenants to be allowed in each such house, said Jassim Redha.

He told DT News that further investigations into such illegal constructions would only help the council to study more on the issue and initiate legal steps.



Kingdom of Bahrain Ministry of Interior Purchasing Directorate

The Ministry of Interior invites vendors for the following tender:

Tender Title	Tender No.	Initial Bond	Tender Fees	Closing Date		
				Day	Date	Time
Supply of Medicine for MOI (Term tender for 2 years)	05/2017	BD 5,000	BD 50	Wednesday	19/04/2017	13:30

- Those who are Capable and want to participate in the above tender can buy its document by visiting Bahrain tender board web site and download the tender document starting from **Wednesday 29/03/2017** (<http://etendering.tenderboard.gov.bh>) using credit card or through cashier by cash or cheque at the finance department in the police fort, and to enclose with the offer an Initial Bond for the amount specified above or at the rate of %1 of the tender value whichever amount is lesser, Knowing that no initial bonds value shall be less than BD. 100/-. The initial bond should be in the form of a Certified Cheque, Bank Guarantee or Insurance Policy valid for the duration specified in the tender documents.
- For further inquiries please call the **Tenders & Contract division office - MOI on 17390543 during the working hours.**
- Specified above Offers should be deposited in the tender box provided at Tendering submission office, Tender Board's Office at Al Moayyed Tower, Seef Area, (7th Floor).
- This tender should comply with the provisions of the General Tenders Regulations, no. (36) For the year 2002, and its executive Regulations No. (37) For the year 2002.
- In addition these conditions has to be considered:
 - Enclose copy of the Commercial Registration Bill, for the current year, and has to be included/matched with the tenders subjects.
 - Form no. (T B 02) is to be filled completely, mentioning the Total Tender Value and Unit Price (accordingly).
 - Enclose a certificate of compliance with the employment percentages for Bahraini manpower issued by the Ministry of Labour.
 - All tenders documents (Original / Copy) which has been submitted with the offers should be stamped with the company's Stamp.
- This advertisement is considered to be a supplementary to the tenders Documents.

BD300,000 collected daily as traffic fine

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The General Directorate of Traffic is collecting around BD300,000 as traffic fine every day, according to reports yesterday.

Details of the figure came out following a discussion in the House of Representatives on a bill to include revenues from all public establishments in the state budget.

In the discussion, MP Jamal Dawood said, revenues, taxes and fees have always raised questions. However, the total of these non-oil revenues has been estimated to be more than



MP Jamal Dawood

BD224 million in a year, he said.

He further elaborated that 15,000 traffic offences are charged daily, and on the basis of a fine of BD20 collected per case, the total amount would BD300,000 a day. Which means, BD110 million by way of fine in an year, he said.

According to the latest data, over 600,000 new vehicles are registered each year. A fee of BD20 per registration will make another BD12 million, he said.

The income from these two traffic areas alone is tagged above BD120 million. Income from other non-oil areas when added up can easily make BD224 million in an year, he claimed.

General Director of Traffic, Colonel Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa said the daily traffic violations detected on a day has, however, been reduced to 15, 000 from 20, 000 earlier.