

Man accused of running down victim

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A driver who allegedly ran down a man with his car in a street incident, leaving him with fractures and a 5 per cent permanent disability, will appear before the High Criminal Court on 8 December.

According to the Public Prosecution, the defendant first drove into the back of the victim's vehicle as the latter was leaving a petrol station.

The victim pulled over on the right side of the road to check the impact and stepped out of his car. He then saw the defendant driving towards him at speed.

Instead of leaving the area, the defendant's vehicle struck him and pinned him against his own car.

Pain

The victim fell to the ground in severe pain, shouting for help and unable to stand or move.

Prosecutors say the driver then got out, insulted him, kicked him on the head, back and face, spat on him and then returned to his vehicle. Bystanders went to the victim's aid and called the police and an ambulance.

Protecting heritage

Cultured pearls banned from Bahrain's jewellery counters

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Cultured pearls are barred from Bahrain's jewellery counters as the Industry and Commerce Ministry enforces a natural-only trade policed by DANAT lab tests, it has told the Shura Council.

In a written reply to Shura Council member Talal Al Mannai, the ministry said inspectors keep watch on local markets under Decree-Law 10 of 1990 on the control of pearls and precious stones, as amended by Decree-Law 65 of 2014.

Field teams visit shops to check that only natural pearl pieces are on show or for sale, and that each item carries a test certificate from the Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT), the licensed national laboratory for pearls and gemstones.

The ministry said DANAT's



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The Industry and Commerce Ministry imposes legal ban on trading and circulating non-natural pearls to protect, promote and support the trade in Bahraini natural pearls.

work is reviewed every year to ensure it follows all the rules and procedures laid down in Decision 163 of 2016, which spells out the conditions and controls for companies allowed to examine pearls, precious stones and related jewellery.

Asked about the value of nat-



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ural pearl imports and exports over the past three years, the ministry replied that prices in the local market turn on several factors.

Weight, colour, shape and size all matter, as does the state of the outer layer and whether the pearls are loose, drilled or strung in strands and necklaces.

Price

The price also rests on how each trader judges a piece, and that judgement changes from one dealer to another.

up by divers – is kept rather than sold or traded locally, or is handled under direct deals between divers and traders who work in natural pearls.

Turning to plans to protect, promote and support the trade in Bahraini natural pearls, the ministry pointed to the legal ban on trading and circulating non-natural pearls as the main tool.

Role

It also drew attention to DANAT's role as the first national laboratory working to international standards, with a licence to examine pearls and gemstones and offer services beyond Bahrain's borders.

According to the reply, the ministry joins other bodies in shared events and campaigns to draw more attention to the pearl sector and its place in the economy.

The ministry said the control system for pearls and gemstones has been upgraded in co-operation with DANAT, with the Testing and Metrology Directorate and the Inspection Directorate sharing day-to-day checks to support oversight.

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AMH becomes the first private hospital to start Arab Board Residency Program

The American Mission Hospital has become the first private hospital in Bahrain to be recognized for the Arab Board residency program, from November 2025.

"Four residents, in the four different departments will be training with our doctors at the King Hamad American Mission Hospital, in A'Ali," said the Corporate CEO, Dr George Cheriyan.

"Being vetted and approved to run this residency program is an important milestone for the hospital, and we are committed to ensuring that all residents get the appropriate exposure in their areas of specializations, at our hospital, as they journey towards professionalism and excellence," added Dr. Deepak Abraham, Chief of medical staff.

Dr Jameela Al Salman, the Director of the program is also hospital's Director of Quality Improvement and Internal Medicine announced the names as: Dr. Yousif Khalid Al Maskati in Internal Medicine, Dr Reem Al Khanaizi, in Ob-Gyn, Dr Shaher Mamdooh in ER and Dr. Yusuf Al Safi in Pediatrics. They have begun their residency from this month, she said.

The Arab Board of Health Specializations (ABHS) is a scientific and professional body founded by the Council of Arab Health Ministers in 1978.

It gives certificates of specialization to doctors from Arab countries through training programs and specialization exams.

With its headquarters in Amman, Jordan, the ABHS offers training and certifications in over 50 specialties and subspecialties and administers specialization exams in 17 testing centers throughout 22 Arab league countries.

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