



Dr Jalila bint Sayed Jawad Hassan, the Minister of Health, yesterday inaugurated the Imam Al-Hussain Medical Clinic in the Capital Governorate for the Ashura season. Capital Governor Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa and Jafari Endowment Chairman Yousef Saleh Al Saleh were present. The Minister of Health praised the role of the coordination committee for the Ashura season and its tireless work in preparing the clinic. The Minister was briefed on the medical equipment and health preparations of the clinic.



Jameel Humaidan, the Minister of Labour, yesterday received a copy of the doctoral thesis by Dr Samar Adel Al-Abyuki on "Social Media in Innovative Performance: A Field Study on Workers in the Media Sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain". Humaidan praised the efforts of Dr Al-Abyuki in preparing her academic research, noting the importance of Social media in transmitting information and benefiting from it.

Mourners flock to commemorate Ashura

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Mourners from all over Bahrain flocked together yesterday to commemorate Ashura, which falls on the tenth day of Muharram, the first month in the Islamic lunar calendar.

Hussein's funerals, an Alayam report said, commemorated the martyrdom of Imam Hussein and held mourning processions in several regions of the Kingdom.

The Ministry of Interior had taken care of security and traffic arrangements during processions to ensure smooth traffic and the safety of all road users.

Brigadier Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa, the Director-General of Traffic, had said traffic officers are stationed on all roads leading to ma'atams (community centres) that mark Ashura's anniversary.

He said that the traffic arrangements were part of the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to provide a secure environment and the



Northern Governor visits community centres

requirements for the success of the Ashura season.

Community Service Police were also working to ensure a safe atmosphere during the Ashura season. Officials said they are working to provide facilities and services to make the event successful and enhance public safety.

"We are working to provide services to mourners and carry out awareness campaigns."

Northern Governor visits Ma'atams

Meanwhile, the Northern Governor, Ali Abdulhussain Al-Asfoor, continued inspection visits to determine the security, service and health needs of ma'atams (community centres), in line with the directives of Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa.

Deputy Governor, Brigadier Khalid Rabia Sinan, Chairman of Ashura Committee at the Northern Governorate, Al-Sayed Shareef Abdulla, and other officials

visited the North Sehla, Jannusan, Jid Al-Haj and the southern Karana community centres, accompanied Al-Asfoor.

The governor commended the efforts of community centres' managements and sub-committees to ensure trouble-free organisation of Ashura rituals, praising their cooperation and coordination with security and service authorities.

The governor indicated that in light of the high temperatures, the Northern Governorate had

provided a number of volunteer paramedics with the support of a medical team for emergency cases and distributed 45,000 water bottles in cooperation with the Taj Medical Centre.

He also stressed ensuring food safety at community centres during the Commemoration.

He also called on the management of community centres to register in the pilot programme, "Choose Your Doctor", in coordination with the Supreme Council for Health.

Heads of community centres expressed thanks and appreciation to the Northern Governor and his deputy for their visit, wishing them many happy returns of the religious occasion.



Ashura is observed on the 10th of Muharram, the first month of the Muslim calendar. The term is derived from the Arabic word for the number ten. The word Muharram itself derives from the Arabic root h-r-m, one of whose meanings is "forbidden" (haram). Traditionally, Muharram was one of the four sacred months when fighting was not allowed.

