

# 'In-person' attendance must for vocational training: new circular

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Classes at vocational training institutions affiliated with the Ministry of Labour will be strictly in-person as the number of COVID-19 cases declines and the government eases pandemic-related restrictions.

The announcement also follows a recent order by the Higher Education Council making it mandatory for students to attend classes in person in the 2022-'23 academic year in all higher education institutions in the Kingdom.

In the circular released yesterday, Jameel Humaidan, the Minister of Labour, orders all licenced institutions in the Kingdom to conduct training activities in person.

In-person attendance, the



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circular says, is necessary for strengthening training and achieving its objectives.

The members of the administrative and training bodies in the institutions are obliged to be present at the institution during official working hours, the

circular says. The circular also urges trainees to ensure their presence during theoretical and practical classes, which include assessments, examinations and on-the-job training.

The order requires training institutions to stick to the spec-

ified absorptive capacity and not to exceed it, considering the availability of health facilities and rest areas for trainees and their compatibility with specific health standards.

The circular also warns of penalties for non-compliance



Jameel Humaidan, Labour Minister

with any training institutions.

The circular, however, excludes training programmes that have basic requirements for remote training.

The minister also confirms that the new circular is for programmes shifted to online plat-



Vocational education and training allows students to gain practical experience in their chosen career path before they even graduate. Students who finish those rigorous programmes, have the credentials and training they need to get started right-away in their chosen career path.

forms amid the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Thursday, Bahrain reported zero COVID-19 deaths, with 454 new cases and 4,014 active cases. Total COVID-19 deaths, on Friday, stand at 1,511.

## Fire breaks out in a company in Aker, no injuries

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A fire that broke out in a company in the eastern Aker region yesterday was brought quickly under control by the Civil Defence Forces.

According to people familiar with the matter, Civil Defence forces dispatched fire tenders to the spot shortly after the incident.

No injuries or casualties were reported in the incident so far.

No clarification is available on what caused the accident or the extent of the damage caused. Interior Ministry, in a



tweet, confirmed the incident later. The tweet reads: "The Civil Defence managed to put out a fire that broke out in a company in the eastern Aker region without causing any injuries, and investigations are underway to find out the cause of the fire."

## Arson attack in Buhair: Police catch suspect in less than 24 hrs

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Setting a vehicle on fire in the Buhair area has landed a man in the dock in less than 24 hours of reporting the crime.

The Criminal Investigation police at the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation & Forensic Science was instrumental in arresting the 49-year-old suspect behind the arson attack.

The man, whose nationality or name stays undisclosed, allegedly set the vehicle on fire over a personal dispute with its owner.

The man, however, landed in custody, thanks to quick police action.

Police said they opened an in-

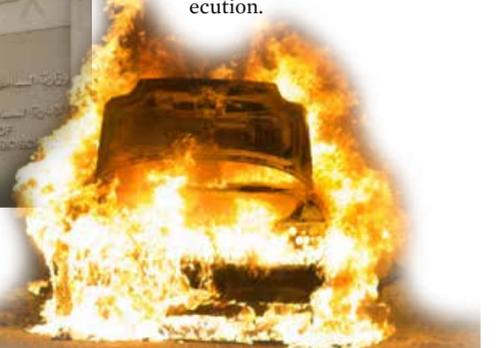


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vestigation soon after receiving a report. Police then went on with a

search operation to arrest the suspect and managed to do that within 24 hours of registering the complaint.

The General Directorate said they took all legal measures to refer the suspect to Public Prosecution.



Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Kingdom, yesterday visited the members of the Dawoodi Bohra community in London on the occasion of Muharram at the invitation of Sultan Al-Bohra Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, the spiritual leader and 53rd Da'i al-Mutlaq of one million Dawoodi Bohras. Sultan Al-Bohra Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin started the meeting by thanking His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for their tremendous support to the Bohra Community in the Kingdom. He also thanked Ambassador Shaikh Fawaz for participating in the rituals for Muharram.



Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, yesterday affirmed his keenness to enhance the quality of public services during an inspection visit to the customer service centre in the Muharraq municipality building. Undersecretary of Municipal Affairs, Sheikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, accompanied the minister. The minister met employees there and listened to their observations and opinions on services provided by the centre. The minister stressed that the ministry is always keen to develop services to the highest standards by incorporating the latest technologies in line with the needs of the citizens.