

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern Over Improper Parking in Roundabouts

As a resident, I am compelled to raise a growing concern that has troubled many of us for some time now. Vehicles parked within roundabouts are becoming increasingly common in areas like Gudaibiya, Sitra, and Umm Al Hassam, creating both inconvenience and serious road safety risks.

Roundabouts are designed to ensure smooth traffic flow and reduce congestion. However, the presence of parked cars disrupt this flow, often forcing drivers to manoeuvre abruptly or reduce speed unexpectedly. This has sometimes led to near-miss situations and even minor accidents, putting both motorists and pedestrians at risk.

Beyond safety concerns, this practice also creates unnecessary traffic bottlenecks, especially during peak hours, which adds frustration to daily commutes.

I urge the concerned authorities to seriously investigate this matter and enforce stricter monitoring and penalties where necessary. Clear signage and increased awareness could also significantly discourage this behaviour.

Ensuring road discipline is a shared responsibility, and addressing this issue will greatly contribute to safer and smoother traffic conditions for everyone.

Jaffar Ebrahim

Call for Fair Pay Amid Heavy Work Pressure

Sir, I wish to highlight the issue of being underpaid during a crucial time of work when responsibilities and pressure are high. Employees deserve fair compensation and timely support. I urge authorities to look into this matter and guide workers on whom to approach and how to resolve such concerns.

Suresh

Resident Urges Clarity on Rental Insurance

I am writing to share a personal experience and seek broader awareness regarding a situation that many expatriates may unexpectedly face while living in the Kingdom.

Recently, a fire occurred in my apartment. Thankfully, I was safe, but the incident caused significant damage to my belongings and living space. Importantly, the fire was not caused by any negligence on my part. However, I now find myself uncertain about the process of compensation and recovery.

As an expatriate, I have come to realize how important it is to fully understand rental agreements and insurance coverage before such incidents occur. In my case, I am now considering whether to approach my insurance company for compensation, but I also recognize that many residents may not have adequate coverage or awareness of the procedures involved.

This experience has highlighted a common issue: a lack of clarity among tenants regarding liability, insurance obligations, and long-term protection in case of unforeseen events such as fires or water damage.

I believe stronger awareness campaigns and clearer guidance from landlords, insurance providers, and relevant authorities would greatly benefit residents. It is essential for tenants, especially expatriates, to be better informed about their rights and available protection mechanisms.

I hope my experience serves as a reminder for others to take preventive steps and ensure proper insurance coverage for peace of mind.

Fasal

Safer roads needed as scooters become part of daily life in Bahrain

It was sad to read about the recent tragic incident in Budaiya involving an 11-year-old boy and scooters. Moments like these are deeply unsettling and naturally make us reflect on how road safety can be improved.

Electric scooters have quietly become a familiar part of everyday life in Bahrain. You see them more and more: on neighbourhood streets, near schools, and along main roads.

At the same time, it's clear that our current road setup hasn't really caught up with this shift. Scooters often end up sharing space with cars or pedestrians, which can feel uneasy at times, especially in busy areas.

Alongside the recent discussions about regulation and registration, I feel it would also help to consider how we physically accommodate this growing mode of transport. Dedicated scooter lanes, even if introduced gradually in key areas, could make a real difference. This would give riders a clearer, safer space and reduce confusion for drivers and pedestrians.

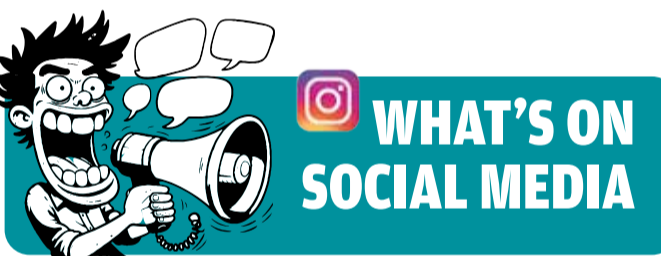
It's not about restricting scooters, but about making room for them in an organised and safe way for everyone. As their use continues to grow, simple infrastructure changes like this could go a long way in preventing accidents and making daily travel smoother for all road users.

Alex George

PICTURE OF THE DAY



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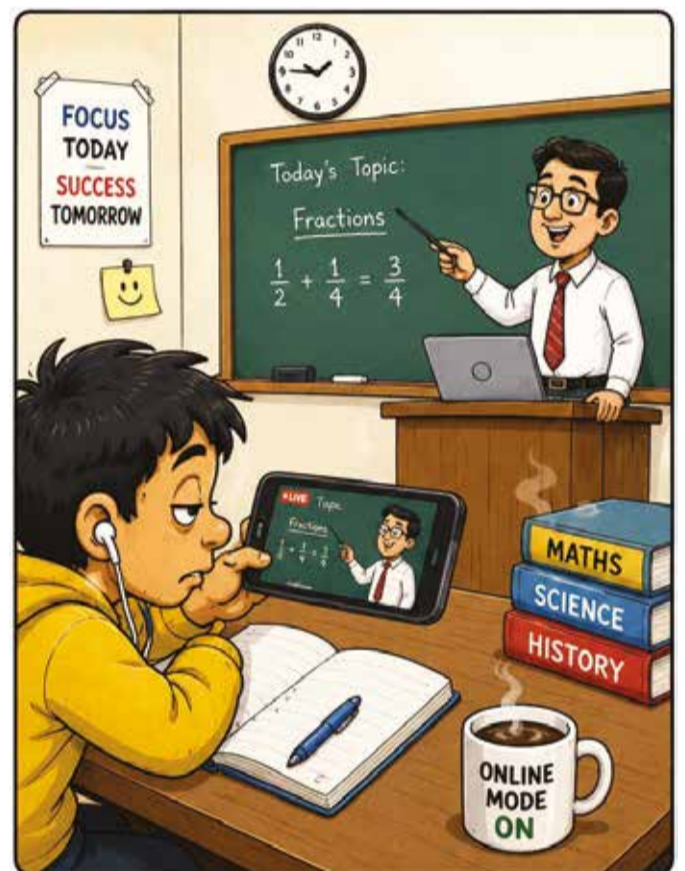


Bahrain's intense summer heat is pushing abandoned pets and stray animals into a worsening survival crisis, with shelters like the Bahrain Animal Rescue Centre (BARC) operating beyond capacity as rising temperatures, high costs, and falling adoption rates strain already limited resources.

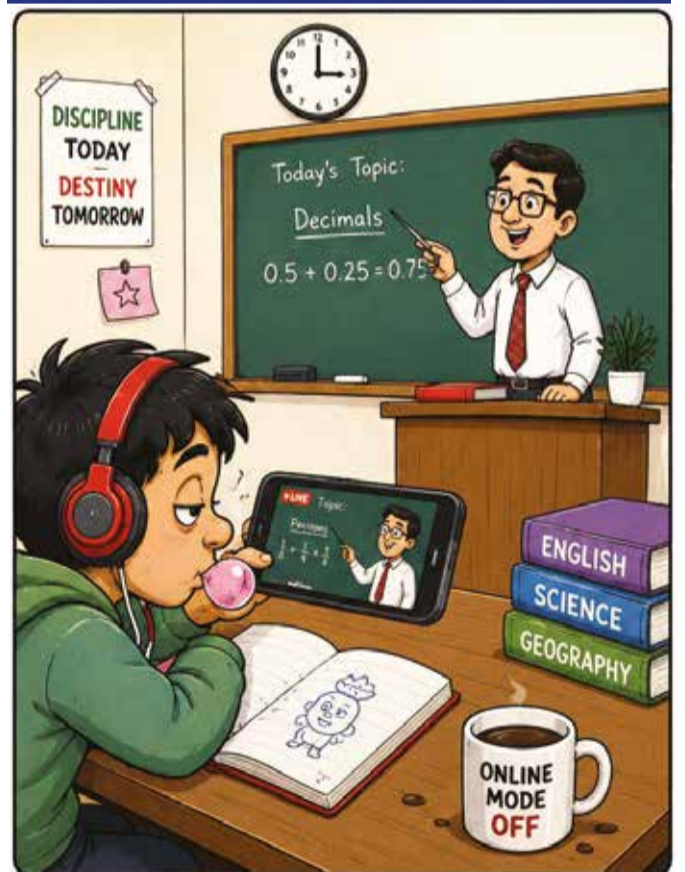
TOP COMMENTS

- vini_officially**
Make mandatory rules to SPAY and NEUTER pets.
- shinuvarghese94**
Most expats can't take their pets to other countries because of high cargo charges. To India it's more than BD 325 for a cat.
- paoshantam**
Maybe they can create more laws to protect the animals and also spay and neuter those who are on the streets already to prevent more stray animals (cats and dogs) and also they should control the status of any pet in the kingdom through the microchip and be more strict when owners want to leave the kingdom without the pets. Any pet in the kingdom should have a profile and location in the system attached to their owners.
- nabeelnaseem4**
Need something for them. As humans it is our responsibility to show kindness and support to them.
- sirshannoncrockett**
The biggest problem is that many people wish to adopt pets but their rental property doesn't allow it. This is the majority of the current rental market. To find a pet friendly accommodation is difficult.
- ikevin2196**
Governmental information about feeding animals in street should be given to all.

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Spot the six differences



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