

Gas Cylinders on Roads ? It's Illegal, Muharraq Warns

Homeowners told to keep cylinders inside property boundaries

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Gas cylinders left on pavements and roads outside homes are illegal, dangerous and can block ambulances, fire engines and repair crews, Muharraq Municipality has warned.

The municipality said homeowners must keep cylinders inside their property in safe, designated locations – not on public land.

Roads and pavements are built for public use, not for storing gas cylinders or household items. Such use breaches Bahrain's Public Roads Occupation Law.

The warning follows growing concern that some daily habits are being treated as normal despite posing risks to pedestrians, drivers and nearby homes.



Cylinders left in the street can block walkers, slow traffic, spoil the appearance of residential areas, and leave cylinders exposed to knocks, tampering or damage.

They can also obstruct access for emergency vehicles and maintenance crews during crit-

ical call-outs.

The municipality urged citizens and residents to follow the rules, warning that non-compliance endangers lives and property and that safe storage within the home protects both individuals and shared public spaces.

Cameras Urged to Curb Salman City Night Driving Chaos

Authorities urged to intensify late-night patrols as residents report reckless driving and red-light violations

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A Northern Municipal Council member has called for the swift installation of traffic monitoring cameras in Salman City and stronger late-night enforcement following residents' complaints about dangerous driving behaviour.

Second Constituency representative Basim Abu Idrees said residents have reported repeated incidents of drifting, excessive speeding and red-light violations between 11pm and dawn.

Complaints, videos, and messages received from residents highlight growing concerns over road safety, as reckless driving disturbs residential areas and poses risks to motorists and pedestrians.

Abu Idrees said he has submitted a request to the General



“Our goal is not only to address violations but also to reassure families that their safety remains a priority.”

- BASIM ABU IDREES, COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Directorate of Traffic to increase civil traffic monitoring in Salman City during late-night hours.

He said reported violations include dangerous drifting, reckless speeding and ignoring traffic signals, stressing that urgent action is needed to protect residents and road users.

Camera Installation

The municipal representative also called for the completion of the traffic enforcement and surveillance camera installation project at key locations across

the city.

He said the cameras would improve traffic discipline, deter violations and support efforts to prevent accidents caused by dangerous driving.

Abu Idrees praised the efforts of the General Directorate of Traffic in maintaining road safety and enforcing traffic regulations.

He said these efforts reflect the Interior Ministry's commitment to protecting lives and property while enhancing traffic security across Bahrain.

Open Your Windows: Expert's Summer Health Warning

Daily 40-minute airing urged as AC units trap dust and stale air indoors

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Families relying on air conditioning throughout summer risk serious indoor air quality problems unless they open windows for at least 40 minutes daily, a public health pest control expert has warned.

Khalid Al Boursheid said air conditioners do not draw in fresh air; they recirculate existing indoor air. Some filters push dust and fine particles back into rooms, worsening conditions for allergy and sinus sufferers.

He urged households to switch off AC units daily and open win-



dows in bedrooms, kitchens and bathrooms to allow sunlight and fresh air to naturally cleanse the home.

Gecko and Pest Alert

Al Boursheid also warned that summer brings a rise in geckos, drawn by insects near cracks, AC gaps and indoor plants. He cautioned against improper pesticide use and advised calling trained specialists for stronger treatments.



“Dust and fine particles recycled by AC filters can harm air quality and worsen seasonal allergies.”

- KHALID AL BOURSHEID, PUBLIC HEALTH PEST CONTROL EXPERT

On rodents, he noted peanut butter outperforms cheese as trap bait, while glue traps can be ineffective as their odour repels rats.

Utility Delay Leaves 40 Ras Hayyan Families Waiting

Homeowners call for temporary utility connections until infrastructure work is complete

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More than 40 completed homes in Ras Hayyan have remained without electricity and water for over two-and-a-half years, leaving homeowners unable to move into properties that are otherwise ready for occupation.

Residents of Block 963 have appealed to the relevant authorities to urgently address the delay, saying the absence of basic utility services has prevented dozens of families from settling into their new homes.

According to homeowners, construction of the houses was completed some time ago, while several infrastructure projects in the area, including road paving and electricity substations, have also been finished.

However, residents said the delay stems from the incomplete elevation of road levels in the area, which has prevented the installation of cables needed to connect electricity and water services to the homes.

The prolonged wait has placed a growing financial burden on affected families. Many



homeowners said they continue to pay monthly rent while also meeting loan repayments or construction instalments for houses they cannot occupy.

Residents said the ongoing uncertainty has made the situation increasingly difficult, with no clear timeline for when utility connections will be completed.

The homeowners have called on the authorities to intervene without further delay to resolve the issue. They also urged officials to consider temporary measures that would allow electricity and water to be connected until the remaining infrastructure work is finished, enabling families to finally move into their long-completed homes.

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Security Guard on Trial Over 2kg Hashish Haul

Police say drugs, cash and scales were seized from suspect's vehicle

A 24-year-old Bahraini security guard gone on trial before the High Criminal Court on charges of possessing around two kilograms of hashish for trafficking and personal use.

Two other Bahraini men, aged 37 and 26, are also facing charges of possessing narcotics for per-

sonal use. The court adjourned the case until July 14 for the first defendant's lawyer to present the defence while ordering the continued detention of all three defendants.

Police said officers seized more than two kilograms of suspected hashish, electronic

scales, suspected hashish oil and cash believed to be drug proceeds during searches of the first defendant and his vehicle. Investigators also alleged the two co-defendants bought hashish from him. Laboratory tests confirmed the seized substances contained cannabis.

Appeal Court Upholds Jail Terms in BD800,000 Gold Theft

Victim lost Rolex watches, gold bars and valuables from Juffair home

The High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld prison sentences for eight defendants convicted of stealing gold bars, Rolex watches and valuables worth more than BD800,000 from a Juffair home.

Three defendants will serve six years in prison for the burglary, while five others received sentences ranging from six months to two years for concealing stolen property.

Investigators said the suspects

broke into the house while the owner was abroad, stole valuables from a bedroom safe and later sold part of the gold. Police recovered some of the stolen items from several locations following the defendants' confessions.

Verify Before You Pay

MOI Warns Against Online Shopping Scams

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Residents have been urged not to pay deposits for products advertised on social media without first verifying the seller, as scammers continue to exploit platforms such as TikTok and Instagram to deceive buyers.

Speaking on the Interior Ministry's Al Aman social media programme, Hidd Police Station Head Colonel Dr Osama Bahar warned that despite repeated awareness campaigns, many people are still losing money to fake online accounts.

He said fraudsters often lure victims with attractive photos or videos of cars, furniture, abayas and other items before asking for an advance payment or booking deposit. Once the money is transferred, the seller disappears or the advertised product does not exist.

“The topic may seem repetitive, but there are still criminals waiting for victims,” Colonel Dr Bahar said. “Please do not be among those who pay a de-



posit based only on a picture or video posted on TikTok or Instagram.”

He stressed that residents should never rely solely on social media posts when making purchases, particularly for expensive items such as vehicles or furniture.

Instead, buyers should verify the seller in person whenever possible or at least speak with them directly before making any payment.

“There are matters you need to verify personally, or at the very least through a phone call, to protect yourself,” he said.

Colonel Dr Bahar noted that people are still transferring money to fake accounts every day, often losing funds that could have supported their families.

He also encouraged the public to share the warning with relatives and friends who may be tempted to trust online advertisements without checking their authenticity.

The Interior Ministry has repeatedly urged residents to exercise caution when shopping online, avoid transferring money to unknown individuals, and verify the identity of sellers before completing any transaction.



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Authorities advise consumers to be suspicious of deals that appear too good to be true, insist on inspecting goods before payment whenever possible, and report suspected fraud cases to the relevant authorities.