

'Spoiled and expired' food products seized

More than 94,000 kept in two warehouses in Hamala and Juffair; Public Prosecution issues order to destroy them at Askar landfill

● Individuals behind business operation slapped with jail terms and fines, and ordered to be deported

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Huge quantities of spoiled, adulterated and expired food products were seized and destroyed at the Askar landfill in a successful crackdown on commercial fraud.

The move came following a decision issued by the Public Prosecution assigning the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism to destroy more than 94,000 unsafe items that were stored in two warehouses, in Hamala and Juffair.

The Ministry's Inspection Department officials carried out the process of confiscating and disposing them in coordination with competent authorities from the Interior Ministry, Health



An inspection team at a Hamala warehouse before the spoiled food products were disposed at the Askar landfill

Ministry and Municipality of the Southern Region.

Assistant Undersecretary for Control and Resources Abdulaziz Muhammad Al Ashraf said that the court had slapped those individuals who are involved in the business operation with jail

terms and fines ranging from BD2,000 to BD5,000, as well as deportation.

According to court files, the validity dates of the "spoiled, adulterated and expired" food products were deliberately altered to extend shelf life and

make them appear safe and fit for public consumption.

Transporting and destroying the goods required great efforts due to the huge quantities and poor storage. The main warehouse in Hamala stores more than 80,000 expired products



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Expired products such as rice, lentils, chickpeas, black pepper, turmeric, pickles, tomato paste, grape leaves, corn and coconut powder, among others, were stored in a warehouse in Juffair



of 80 brands.

A warehouse in Juffair keeps around 14,000 expired products such as rice, lentils, chickpeas, black pepper, turmeric, pickles, tomato paste, grape leaves, corn and coconut powder, among others.

The Assistant Undersecretary expressed his thanks and

praise to the Public Prosecution specialists for their diligent follow-up and continuous support, and to the Interior and Health Ministries for their cooperation in cracking down on any type of commercial fraud that affects the security and health of people, and in taking all legal measures against violators.

New traffic light installed on northern Shaikh Zayed Road

● The project will ensure a consistent flow of traffic and make the roads safer

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning has opened a new traffic light on the northern Shaikh Zayed Road at its intersection with Street 8.

It is one of the important strategic development projects on the main road network in the Kingdom.

It represents the main ar-



The new traffic light at the intersection

tery for transporting traffic from the villages of Aali and Salmabad and Madinat Zayed towards Shaikh Khalifa bin

Salman Street to Manama and vice versa.

The project will ease access to the educational district in

Isa Town and solve the traffic jams in front of the Driving School and Bahrain National Stadium.

The total value of the project is BD23,400,000, funded by the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development. First phase of work on the traffic light within the Shaikh Zayed Road development project started in August 2019. The first part was opened on 16 December Street according to the time plan in November 2020, while the second part was opened last February.

The traffic light on the same street with the southern intersection of the Al Ramli entrance was also opened early this month.

Bahrain takes part in remote OIC preparatory meeting



Dr Shaikha Rana at the online meeting

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Higher Education Council Secretary General Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daj Al Khalifa participated yesterday in the preparatory meeting for the second summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) which is set to be hosted by the UAE on June 16 under the theme "Science, Technology and Innovation: Opening New Prospects".

The preparatory meeting, which will continue today, cast light on the proposal of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation for the promotion and cooperation of science and technology activities among the OIC member states (COMSTEC).

It also reviewed and approved the concluding document of OIC's second summit on science and technology as well as preparations for the summit.

Dr Shaikha Rana, who is also the Deputy Chairperson of the Higher Education Board of Trustees, voiced appreciation for participating in the preparatory meeting, which reflects Bahrain's support to OIC's continuous efforts to boost relations among the member states and promote cooperation between the organisation and the world.

She praised OIC's keenness to enhance cooperation between the member states in science and technology given their role in ensuring sustainable development.

She also affirmed the importance of sharing experiences and bolstering cooperation between the organisation's higher education establishments and well-reputed international universities to establish fruitful academic and research partnerships. Dr Shaikha Rana wished the second summit on science and technology every success in achieving forecast goals and enhancing joint cooperation among OIC member states.

Inmate dies of COVID at SMC

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A 48-year-old male inmate died of coronavirus (COVID-19) yesterday at Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC).

Hussein Ahmed Issa Barakat was being treated at SMC under the supervision and care of the Health Ministry. His condition required his placement on a respirator in recent days.

A review of the deceased's medical records has confirmed that he was vaccinated in February and March this year.

In accordance with COVID-19 procedures for inmates, the deceased was isolated following a positive COVID-19 test and placed under the care of the Ministry prior to his transfer to the SMC on 29 May.

The deceased was in regular contact with his family throughout his illness, via video and voice calls.

The General Directorate of Reformation and Rehabilitation expressed its sincere condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

Capital Municipality official visits Manama Central Market

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The Director General of the Capital Municipality, Eng. Muhammad Saad Al Sahli, made an inspection visit to the Manama Central Market to make sure the precautionary measures against the coronavirus (COVID-19) are being followed strictly, and the smooth flow of commercial activities in its various sections.

Al Sahli said that the Municipality is keen to continue operating the Manama Central Market and the rest of the markets in accordance with the regulatory requirements. The Municipality is committed



Eng Al Sahli during his visit

to implementing precautionary and preventive measures to prevent the spread of the virus, with the aim of sustaining service provision at the Manama Central Market.

During the visit, Al Sahli listened to a number of traders and investors who promised to adhere to the health protocols for the safety of everyone.