

Tea shops, cafeterias violating rules by 'selling non-permitted food items'

Unhappy restaurateurs file complaints as these tea shops rob into their businesses

● Restaurant owners feel the heat as many tea shops and cafeterias operate illegally.

● Authorities urged to take strict action against these tea shops and cafeterias.

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Many tea shops and cafeterias across the Capital are flouting rules by selling food items that they are not permitted to prepare.

Tribune has learnt that they continue to flout rules despite several warnings from the part of authorities.

Sources said inadequate spaces without required permits are being used to prepare food and in many cases the conditions are unhygienic as well.

"Many of the shops here are not operating as per law. Some of the cafeterias are preparing sweet items such as zalabia even though it is not allowed.

"In case of tea shops, they are selling breakfasts and other meals which they are not allowed to do," the sources added.

This has drawn the ire of restaurant owners in the area, who say their business have been ad-



A tea shop in Manama, where breakfasts are served.



Unhygienic and unsafe conditions prevail at most of these cafeterias.

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hygienic and take little care in food preparation.

"In our case, we are paying a high rent to be able to get the permits to be a restaurant, but these shops are operating out of a small space, which is not a good thing."

Another restaurateur said that he has complained to the authorities about one of the shops operating illegally. "I have notified the authorities about one of the shops that have been operating illegally.

"It is important that action is taken against these shops because it is harming people's health."

Hussain, a resident in the area, said that cafeterias selling Indian and Arabian sweets have become a common sight.

"Many cafeterias are selling sweets. I don't advise to buy food items from these shops because they do not look hygienic.

"I hope authorities take strict action against these tea shops and cafeterias that are operating illegally."

versely affected because of such cafeterias and business.

A restaurateur told Tribune: "We have a restaurant that has

been operating since many decades. We have always followed the rules and are earning a halal income.

"A tea shop launched near our shop four months back is greatly affecting our revenues as they have started selling food items

for breakfast and other meals.

"They are paying a small rent so they are able to sell food items cheaper. Moreover, they are un-

Event marks 100 years of formal education in the Kingdom

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An event to mark 100 years of formal education in the Kingdom was opened yesterday.

Being held at the ART Rotana Hotel in Amwaj Islands under the patronage of Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi, the first day of the conference featured a number of plenary sessions in which leading experts took part.

The event is being organised by the Education Ministry in co-operation with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

Among the attendees were Oil Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) Hala Al Ansari, officials and academicians from Bahrain and abroad.

The two-day conference is within a series of events to be held by the Ministry of Education to celebrate 100 years of public education in Bahrain, affirm the kingdom's leadership in the field of education and highlight the tremendous efforts exerted over the past century to develop the educational process, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Speaking during the confer-



Dr Al Nuaimi opens the conference in the presence of Shaikh Mohammed, dignitaries and senior government officials.

ence, the minister shed a scope of light on the Kingdom's progress in the field of education and the vast achievements it has made.

"Education has played a vital role in the development of Bahrain. The Kingdom has been recognised internationally for its progress and achievements," he said.

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can learn those skills.

It also focuses on the role of the private sector in education.

A career expo was opened showcasing many job opportunities in many local companies and institutions.

Success stories of 50 Bahraini entrepreneurs are also being showcased at the event.

The conference also witnessed the honouring of the participants and sponsors of the event.

Instant e-Visas for Jeddah Season visitors

● Three minute online visa system is linked to the purchase of tickets for Jeddah Season events.

● Jeddah Season 2019 offers visitors a dazzling choice of more than 150 events and activities celebrating music, arts, culture and sports.

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Visitors coming to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the Jeddah Season 2019 can obtain a tourist visa in three minutes or less through the Sharek e-Visa website, it is learnt.

Implemented by the Organising Committee for Jeddah Season 2019, the online application method is linked to ticket purchases for Jeddah Season 2019 events.

Once visitors buy a ticket, they

can get an instant e-Visa simply by logging on to www.sharek.sa and following the step-by-step instructions.

"Making it quick and easy to obtain an entry visa will encourage more tourists to discover the beauty of Jeddah, known affectionately as the Bride of the Red Sea, attracting regional and international visitors to the 2019 edition of Jeddah Season," said Raed Abuzinada, General Supervisor of the Jeddah Season.

"The introduction of the e-Visa system will have a positive impact on the travel and tourism sector, which is a key driver of the nation's economy and remains a vital component of the economic diversification that is a fundamental aim of Vision 2030."

Jeddah Season 2019 offers visitors a dazzling choice of more than 150 events and activities celebrating music, arts, culture and sports.

Taking place from the 8th June till the 18th of July 2019, the inaugural edition of the festival aims to position Jeddah as the capital of tourism and entertainment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.