news of bahrain **DAILY** tribune The fatberg under our streets

Works Ministry takes legal actions against 70 for feeding sewer with fatty substances

• Cafeterias, restaurants and kitchen units mostly blamed for violations

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any of us, it seems, are unaware of the extensive sewer system running beneath the streets of Bahrain.

By any chance, if you are one among them, know that these systems are instrumental in clearing our sewage and keeping our lives smoothly over the years.

However, modern society seems to ignore this and is flushing the drains with fats, grease, oil and other umpteen things that we shouldn't be doing.

The result: all of them congeal together to form, what experts call, a fatberg.

What do they do?

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They block drains, break pipes, and cause localised flooding. Went it happens, lives go awry.

Turning

fatberg

biodiesel

into



Representative picture

Kingdom too.

troublemakers.

Works Ministry says cafeterias, restaurants and kitchen finding their way directly into units are greatly responsible for feeding the fatbergs choking the sewers in the Kingdom.

officials and costs tax-payers took legal actions against 70 thousands of dinars. Eateries in the Kingdom, a

Authorities here say they are Works Ministry report says, are Ministry of Justice, Islamic Af- ed, 60 were for feeding the net- where fat traps are a must.

fighting this menace here in the contributing to the clogging by failing to instal grease traps and They have also pinpointed the other control measures.

"This means that fat, oil and grease from such places are the network's pipes and drains, destroying it."

fairs "During the first half of the and En-This issue vexes public works year, the ministry detected and dowments detected the viosuch violators," the report said. lations Judicial control officers at the

work with prohibited materials, six for unlicenced connections, three for working without a permit and one for unauthorised discharge.

The judicial control officers served notices to all violators after inspecting the site.

Officers also met the people responsible for the action and asked them to correct them within a prescribed time.

In this regard, the Works cant impact and treatment process.

The works minis-

the Ministry of Trade and Industry in issuing and renew-

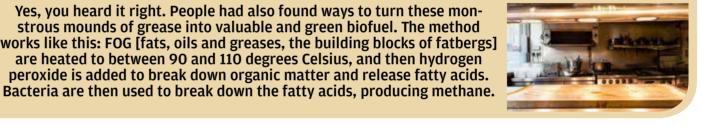


What does the law say?

Law No. 33 of 2006 aims at Ministry stressed the regulating sewage disposal and importance of aware- surface water drainage to proness campaigns on tect the environment against the proper use of pollution. Article 7 deals with control mech- precautions to be taken by the lianisms and censee to prevent damages to the their signifi- environment and public health.

The law also states that it is on the effi- illegal to link drainages to public ciency and sewage facilities without obtaineffectiveness ing a licence and throw, dispose of wastewater or allow discharge of materials transportation that could damage the network. The ministry says it's also il-

legal to feed public sewage networks with discolouring materitry said it had involved als, petroleum, alcohol, calcium carbide, yeast, highly acidic or alkaline substances, industrial ing commercial registrations to detergents, cyanide and sulphide Of the 70 violations record- ensure compliance, especially compounds, tar, oils, greases and similar substances.



'Call for your furniture' continues success

Southern Municipality collects 160 tonnes of used furniture in H1, 2022

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n initiative launched to Adiscourage people from throwing away unwanted furniture in random places continues to reap remarkable success in the Southern governorate, with them collecting over 160 tonnes of used furniture in the first half of this year.



wanted furniture in open spaces, streets and near garbage containers.

Yes. you heard it right. People had also found ways to turn these monstrous mounds of grease into valuable and green biofuel. The method

are heated to between 90 and 110 degrees Celsius, and then hydrogen

peroxide is added to break down organic matter and release fatty acids.

Southern Municipality said officials visited 61 houses in the first half of this year from the 1st of January to the 31st of June.



It just doesn't end there!

The "Call for your furniture" initiative, born out of necessity in 2020, till now, has collected over 1,210 tonnes of used furniture, for which officials made 484 house visits.

Earlier, municipal officials and cleaning workers were in a constant struggle to dispose of furniture thrown out by res-





idents in vehicles designed to specially designed vehicles to remove household wastes. That is also solved now. The project also arms workers with the practice of throwing un-

transport large objects. Most importantly, it has killed

The Municipal Council and the Urbaser Cleaning Company are backing the initiative.

How does it work?

Once the municipality gets a call, officials will visit the caller with a specially designed truck to transport the furniture.

Furniture thus collected will be either dismantled or repurposed.

The municipality decided to launch the initiative following complaints by cleaning company workers, who struggled to transport extra-large materials dumped on the streets.

Who to call?

Now, if a citizen wants to dispose of some unused furniture, all needed is to contact officials on the number 80070000.

The service focuses mainly elderly, people of determination and special cases.

Officials collect furniture on Sundays and Thursdays.

The ministry said they would roll out the initiative to more people residing in the southern regions and expand collection

days from two to five days a week.



Health Minister. Dr Jaleela bin Al-Saved Jawad Hassan. vesterdav held talks with French Ambassador, Jerome Cauchard and discussed ways to bolster cooperation in the health sector. The minister stressed the importance of enhancing bilateral cooperation in health, particularly in light of the memoranda of understanding signed between the two sides.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday hosted the second round of bilateral consultations between Bahrain and Singapore, headed by Dr Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs, and Ing Tek Hen, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore for the Pacific and Southeast Asia Region. The meeting mulled ways of enhancing cooperation and exchanging experiences in political, economic, commercial, investment, tourism, environmental, technical and cultural fields to activate the memorandum of understanding signed in 2014 and complement the outcomes of the first round of consultations held in Singapore in 2014. 2016. Dr Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs, praised Bahain's strong ties with Singapore. The two sides also affirmed their keenness to continue regular consultation in addition to coordinating diplomatic positions regarding regional issues.