

# 'Beat the heat' initiative brings relief to workers

Water bottles, fruits and caps distributed to workers across the Kingdom as part of the initiative



Discover Islam in association with Al Hilal Hospital and BHR4All held a free Medical camp at Al Hilal Hospital, Adliya, yesterday from 8am to 1pm. According to organisers, nearly 150 benefited from free health check-ups.



A volunteer distributes water bottles to workers as part of the campaign.

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To help workers cope with the end of the summer work ban and to help them 'beat the heat' a charity initiative is being run until the end of summer.

The work ban may have ended but volunteers in Bahrain hope to provide relief through other means. The initiative by Discover Islam was launched on August 31 just as the summer work ban ended.

Sayed Haneef, a representative of Discover Islam said that the initiative is being held to ease the difficulty experienced by the workers during the summer heat.

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MR HANEEF

He said that hundreds of boxes containing food and water have been distributed across Manama and Muharraq. "The temperatures are still high, and so this initiative is aimed at helping workers cope with the heat. We cover

various areas across Bahrain and we provide food and water.

"We have set up a make shift table at bus stops where we base ourselves during the drive. We provide the aid to those at the bus stop, those who are waiting for the buses, workers who are passing by or even the bus drivers who also appreciate such help.

"The packets we distribute include a bottle of water, a banana, an orange an apple and a cap. We have distributed it to cleaners, construction workers or anyone we think needs the help. We have covered areas in Manama as well as Muharraq. Hundreds of packets have been distributed so far, we plan to continue this until the end of summer."

**156**  
summer work ban violations were recorded by the Labour Ministry inspectors.

Tribune previously reported that the summer work ban ended on August 31 and that this year's compliance rate with the ban was 98.5 percentages, senior Ministry officials confirmed. Officials

noted 156 violations were recorded from companies caught flouting rules.

There have been calls for extending the work-ban to September as well because of the expected heat-wave during the month. Bahrain Health and Safety Society have been campaigning for the work ban to be put in place from June 15 and end on September 15, from 12pm to 3pm.

The society pointed out that there have been increased instances of heat-waves in recent years while temperatures have become hotter and more humid, necessitating a change in the work-ban plan. Other countries in the GCC have already implemented a three month work-ban extending from June to September.

## Prosecution witnesses to be heard in arson case

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Prosecution witnesses will give evidence on October 3, 2018, in an arson case, in which a man allegedly torched his friend's father's car following a dispute over BD50.

The dispute began after his friend took a dig at the accused for stealing BD50, which he denied.

The accused could not stand this allegation and hence he torched his friend's father's car as an act of revenge, the prosecutors said.

"He was my friend and one day I stayed with him. When I woke up, I saw him searching in the room for something. I asked him as to what he was searching for.

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ACCUSED

tion. I went to the nearby petrol station and got petrol before burning the car," the accused told prosecutors.

On the flip side, the friend of the accused told prosecutors that the accused stole the car and drove it to an isolated area before torching it.

The accused's friend's father reported the incident to police.

"After a few hours of reporting the case to police, I got a call from the Civil Defence saying that my car has been burnt in an isolated area," the father said.

## Bahraini man on trial for kissing female colleagues

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The High Criminal Court will hear today the case of a Bahraini man who is accused of molesting female colleagues at his office.

The defendant is accused of harassing two women during their first 30 days of joining the company.

The first woman reported to police officers that the defendant shocked her by kissing at their office after he summoned her to do some tasks.

"I got the job in the company through a friend. And after one month of starting my work, he called me to his cabin to complete some tasks on the computer. He locked the door and kissed me," the first victim said.

"After a few hours, he called me to apologise. However, he flirted with me and I disconnected the line and never answered his phone calls," she added.

Meanwhile, her co-victim reported a similar incident. "After 10 days of beginning my work,

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SECOND VICTIM

I was in his office to discuss which companies I can contact. After the meeting, he shook my hand and he tried to molest me. "He said he wanted a choco-

late, I didn't understand but he meant that he wanted a kiss. I rejected his proposal and I left his office directly," the second woman told prosecutors.

"On another day, he called me to his office to discuss some work-related issues. The electricity went off and he attempted again to sexually assault me. I later discovered that he had arranged an Asian man to disconnect the electricity when I was in his office."

The women shared their experiences later and decided to file a complaint against him.

## Housemaids' trial adjourned

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The High Criminal Court has adjourned the case of two maids accused of attacking police officers until October 3, 2018, to assign a lawyer for them.

The accused are an Ethiopian woman, aged 35, and a 21-year-old Indonesian woman.

According to court files, the Ethiopian domestic servant broke the hand of a woman police officer out of her fear for handcuffs.

The 35-year-old maid was detained at

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ACCUSED MAID

the Public Prosecution premises for an unpermitted stay in Bahrain and her victim was assigned to accompany her.

The Ethiopian woman is said to have

caused a chaotic scene when police officers, including the victim, attempted to handcuff her.

"When I saw the handcuffs, I got desperate and I attacked the police officer. I regret my acts and am sorry for what happened," the Ethiopian woman said.

The Indonesian woman was with the Ethiopian maid at the same detention. And it is alleged that she also had attacked police officers.

However, she refuted the claims during questioning.

Both women were earlier charged by the Public Prosecution with attacking on-duty police officers.

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