

# Traffic accidents claimed four lives in last five days

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Deaths caused by traffic accidents have been on the rise lately, with four fatalities among motorists and cyclists reported in five days last week.

Last Tuesday, a 23-year-old Bahraini woman was killed in a traffic

accident that occurred on Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa Highway at dawn.

The woman was reportedly a passenger and the accident took place when the driver lost control of the vehicle because of over-speeding, according to traffic police investigations.

The second death was reported on Thursday, when a 14-year-old Bahraini boy was hit by a speeding vehicle on Amwaj Highway near Galali.

The boy was on his bicycle crossing the road and going to the coast on the other side when the driver, a 19-year-old Bahraini man, rammied into him and killed him on the spot.

On Friday, a 21-year-old Bahraini motorcyclist lost control of his bike on Awal Avenue in Juffair, where he suffered serious injuries and was announced dead by paramedics on the spot.

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had caused a minor traffic accident in Juffair before fleeing the scene.

However, an over-speeding driver rammied into the metal barrier in Al Fateh Highway a few minutes later. He sustained serious head injuries that led to his death on the accident site.

These accidents occur amidst the General Directorate of Traffic intensifying its efforts to raise awareness among commuters on

the dangers of wrong traffic behaviours, such as over-speeding, using mobile phones while driving, not paying attention to the traffic movement and more.

A press release circulated by Interior Ministry on Thursday mentioned: "Director of Traffic Culture of the General Directorate of Traffic, Salah Mohammed Shahab highlighted on Thursday that the road users are targeted with direct campaigns to enhance their traffic awareness."

"Violators of rules are informed of their risky practices. He said that the campaigns had been documented through videos posted on the Instagram account of the department."

According to the ministry's annual statistics, a total of 43 people lost their lives in traffic accidents in 2018.

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## Bahrain to host voluntary Gulf forum

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Mubarak Al Hadi, Acting Secretary-General of the Bahraini Red Crescent Society, revealed that the meeting of the leaders of the Gulf Red Crescent organisations and associations in Oman recently approved the Kingdom has the host for a voluntary Gulf forum for the Gulf Red Crescent organisations and associations next year under the title "volunteering for a comprehensive Gulf future".

Mr Al Hadi clarified that "volunteering for a comprehensive Gulf future" forum will be held over two days, where the first day is allocated to present working papers on volunteer teams in crises and disasters. The second day is devoted to holding rehabilitation and training programmes for volunteers in each organisation and Gulf society.

The Acting Secretary-General affirmed the readiness of the Bahrain Red Crescent to host this forum, which will be attended by a number of affiliates and volunteers of the Gulf Red Crescent organisations and associations along with local, regional and international experts in the field of relief and humanitarian work.

Mr Al Hadi explained that the forum represents an opportunity to highlight the progress of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the field of volunteerism, and to benefit from the experiences and expertise of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society, which celebrates next year on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.

In a related context, Mr Al Hadi explained that the leaders of the Red Crescent societies and associations of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries have adopted the strategic plan for the next five years for the Red Crescent societies and associations.

That plan was set at the end of their fifteenth meeting, which was held at the Consultative Committee of the Supreme Council of the GCC in Muscat.

## Three tonnes of waste picked up by volunteers

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Three tonnes of waste were collected by volunteers during a recent clean-up drive in the Northern Governorate.

It was organised on the coast of Salman City and saw huge number of volunteers taking part in it. Governor of the Northern Governorate, Ali Al Asfour, said that the initiative was a great success as it fulfilled its aims of cleaning up the shore.

He praised the dedication and co-operation from the Supreme Council for Environment, the Ministry of Housing, Northern Region Municipality for the success of the event.

He also praised all the participants for their handwork. "The participation of such a huge number of volunteers reflects



Volunteers carry out the clean-up drive on the coast of Northern Governorate.

the dedication to environmental cleanliness," he said.

In a similar event recently 70 volunteers took part in a beach clean-up event at Karbabad Beach.

It was organised by Bangladesh Youth Club. More than 100 bags of garbage with items such as bottles, plastic carry bags, glass pieces, woods, cans other sharp metal objects were picked up from the ground.

"As part of social responsibility, we, as Bangladeshi community in Bahrain would like to spread the message that its high time to be aware of environment pollution," society spokesperson Stanley Costa said.

"I would like to spread the joy and awareness of the importance of saving our environment for our future generations to have a cleaner and greener earth," he said.

## Volunteers awarded



Sabah Abdul Rahman Al Zayani, President of Future Society for Youth, revealed that about 100 volunteers participated in planning and organising more than 25 events within the campaign of "Kids R Gold" in its sixth edition organised by "Smile" initiative of the Youth Future Society. The event aimed to provide psychosocial support to children with cancer and to their families in September each year to spread awareness of childhood cancer among various segments of Bahraini society.

## Strategic project to rename airport taxiways completed

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Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), has announced the completion of a key project to rename BIA's taxiways and links, which is aimed at improving safety and bringing BIA further in line with international standards and best practices.

This marks the first time the taxiways and links have been renamed since being built.

The renaming saw the implementation of a more modern alphanumeric system in light of Airports

Council International (ACI) and International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) recommendations, which will help pilots to navigate the airfield when taxiing and improve their communication with Air Traffic Control.

It will also facilitate BIA's ongoing development through the Airport Modernisation Programme.

BAC Chief Development and Technical Officer, Abdulla Janahi, said: "BAC consistently sets long-term targets for growth and development, working closely with key international aviation authorities. In early 2016, BAC hosted a team of ACI experts to

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inspect, evaluate, and assess BIA in terms of regulation compliance, standards, and best practices.

"As a result of the visit, a detailed report identifying areas for improvement alongside recommendations was shared with and accepted by Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA), the Kingdom's aviation regulator."

Mr Janahi added: "In close co-ordination, a team jointly led by the CAA, Air Traffic Control, BAC Airside Operations, and BAC Facility Management carefully started planning the execution of this project over a year ago."