

# On December 14, the journey of giving is renewed under HM the King's leadership In 2018, Bahrain Police continued with excellent performance and advanced security services

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Scoring achievements is no longer the only target when the levels of hopes and expectations are high. Since the citizens' satisfaction is based on the excellence of the services provided, the Interior Ministry has been going ahead with its development through the ideas and support of the leader of the progress, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander. This concept places Bahrain and its people among the Ministry's priorities. Within this framework the year-long journey of accomplishments is studded with milestones that are sources of honour and pride. This includes the participation of some Interior Ministry affiliates in the Government Innovation Competition (Idea) launched by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, where 84 ideas and development projects were presented reflecting the positive spirit to serve the nation. His Excellency Interior Minister Lt-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa was honoured by D.A.R.E. International with the Personality of the Year Award 2018 on account of the success of the Maan (Together) programme against violence and addiction that was developed by the Interior Ministry to protect the youth. The number of schools covered by the programme has gone up to 173. On 21 January 2018, HE the Interior Minister launched the initiative to promote the spirit of belonging to the nation as part of HM the King's comprehensive vision to strengthen the home front and the national security and stability. Figures themselves speak about the growth of achievements. Thus, the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs offered more than 121,000 services in 2018, an increase of 18% over last year.



As a result of high levels of security and stability, passenger traffic also went up with more than 24 million travellers passing through Bahrain while around 300,000 visas were issued. The year 2018 also saw a decline in fatal road accidents by 25% while the number of traffic violations dropped by 45%. The Emergency Hotline 999 received more than a million calls, including 30,000 related to community services.

The Operations Room handled more than 83,000 cases and the Civil Defence 6,500, thus giving importance to safety in all situations. The anti-corruption hotline received 4,064 cases while the Police Band took part in 277 events and celebrations. The General Directorate of Port Security handled 481 cases and the Police Aviation registered 924 flights, 9,07,000 flying hours and

344 cases. The General Directorate of Guards organised 162 training courses for 929 participants, while the Training Directorate held 690 courses in Bahrain and abroad for more than 8,000 participants. The Coast Guard handled 2,738 cases, including rescuing and assisting 1,229 individuals and 467 boats. The Police Directorates handled 70,000 cases. The Directorate of Verdicts Implementation launched the 'Avoid' campaign and commenced the execution of alternative punishments.

### Developing the GSS

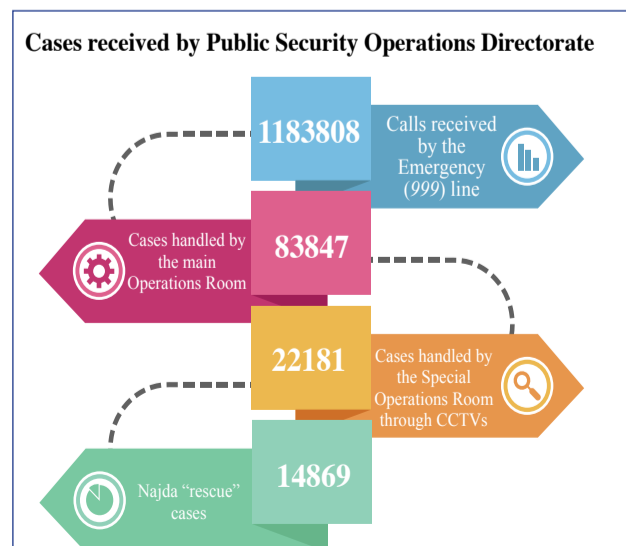
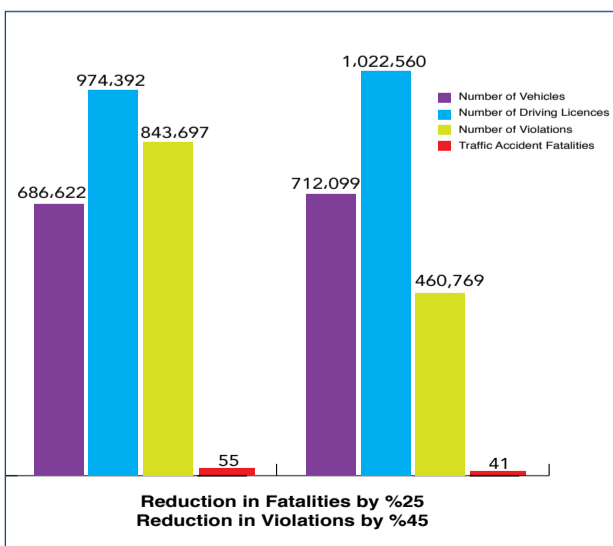
As part of HE the Interior Minister's directives to develop the Operations Room, the Geographic Security System (GSS) Division upgraded the geographic systems of the directorates concerned to deal with emergency cases and for the purposes of analysis

and collection of statistics. Since the GSS is part of the systems that operate within the general safety field, its tools for road works management allow for a better regulation of the daily traffic. A host of systems were introduced to speed up the responses in security situations and provide efficient, accurate and fast security services, including the Unified Criminal System, tracking patrols, identification of callers, identification of the callers' locations, and e-switchboard. As part of the new GCC apps, systems to facilitate the security control and provide advanced services were also introduced in 2018, including a system to trace nuclear radiation and environment pollution, and applications to manage resources and duties.



HE Bahrain Ambassador to the United States receives the award on behalf of HE the Minister

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### CID: Tracking Criminal and Terrorist Cases

In 2018, the General Directorate of Investigation and Forensic Science tracked down a number of criminal and terrorist cases and arrested the suspects. The department has continued with its development process by holding 30 training courses for 167 participants with focus on law enforcement and human rights principles. The Interior Ministry's Antinarcotics Directorate won the second position for the best field, information and operations cooperation at the Arab, regional and international levels. The Directorate also busted a drug-trafficking network and held its first conference titled 'Media Resources: Between Reality and Ambitions in Narcotics Prevention', which led to an increase in awareness activities. The Criminal Investigation Directorate introduced state-of-the-art equipment to improve efficiency and deal with cases

faster. It also won accolades for the best scientific research in criminal science. For the better provision of its services, it also opened an office at the Muharraq Security Complex. The Directorate of Anti-human Trafficking was among the organisations recognised for their role in Bahrain's success in becoming the first Arab State to reach Tier 1 in the US Department of State's Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report.

### Coast Guard: Faster Vessels

The Coast Guard works through its patrols and plans to maintain maritime security and safety. It is also dedicated to preventing and tackling crime. In view of its important role, the number of its fast vessels and boats was increased and advanced technology and equipment such as radars and electrophoresis cameras were introduced. To enhance the skills of its manpower, joint exercises were also held in association with specialised organisations.