

Hunted down for fun

Immediate action urged amidst increasing violence against strays

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Violence against stray dogs in the Kingdom has reached an all time high with various reports coming in highlighting accounts of extreme cruelty.

Sources say the strays are subjected to extreme forms of cruelty while reports highlight the increasing number of attacks on strays in the past few months.

According to animal rights activists, stray dogs are being tortured in various parts of the Island.

Incidents of stoning, beating, and other forms of violence against animals have been reported in the past few weeks.

Founder of Bahrain Strays Fathiya Al Bastaki said that in bid to torture animals a group of men even inserted one dog's hind-leg into another dog's rectum in Askar.

"We were shocked to find out that the dogs were deliberately put into this position.

"Although, we have seen many types of cruelty, this is the first time we are witnessing something of this kind. There is a horrible trend going on, I do not know why."



A dog which survived an attempt by group of psychopaths to cut its tail.



An X-ray showing hip dislocation in a dog that was attacked.



A dog rescued by animal lovers, seen knifed.



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Meanwhile, various accounts have emerged of people cutting dog tails as a sport.

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Ms Al Bastaki told Tribune that she received many reports of similar incidents where people either cut off the dogs tails or attempted to cut off the tails.

The most recent incident was on Friday in which a man made an unsuccessful attempt to cut a dog's tail.

Ms Al Bastaki said the dog was attacked again on Monday and this time it was knifed.

Tribune recently reported about a dog that was allegedly beaten and stoned to death by a group of schoolboys in Sehla.

The shocking account of animal cruelty emerged as eyewitnesses came forward about how a stray dog in Sehla was beaten and stoned to death.

According to sources, the boys frequently hurt the dogs in the area and in this instance caused a fatal injury.

Input tax deduction 'forms the core aspect of VAT'

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The concept of input VAT deduction is the core aspect of VAT in Bahrain, an expert has said.

Input VAT deduction is a mechanism by which a VAT registered person can deduct input tax from the output tax for a period and only remit the balance tax payable to the Government, said Tejas Goenka, Executive Director of Tally Solutions.

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use. As such, if a company purchases certain items, of which few are sold to a customer, while the remaining are kept for personal use, the company

can recover input VAT only on items that are sold to customers and not the non-business use items.

"For businesses to recover input VAT, the purchases or expenses should be used in making taxable supplies. As such, the purchase or expenses should be directly or indirectly used in supplying the goods or services which are taxable at 5 per cent or zero-rated.

"In case, the purchase or expenses used in supplying goods or services which are exempted from VAT or used for non-business purpose (personal purpose), will not be allowed to recover the input VAT."

The supply of goods or services which are exempted from the VAT are

supply of financial services, supply of bare land and buildings, some imported goods including -selected military goods, used household items brought by citizens residing overseas or foreigners entering the Kingdom for the first time to reside, returned goods, personal items and gifts in travellers personal luggage and special needs equipment as specified in the VAT regulation.

"Considering the introduction of VAT brings forth a requirement for businesses to maintain their business records in an organised manner, it is recommended that they seek professional assistance to manage invoicing, reporting, adjustments, VAT returns, payments and refunds," he added.

Tamil Day observed



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) celebrated Tamil Day at its campus in Isa Town on Monday. The programme was organised by the Department of Tamil marking Thai Pongal, a four-day festival usually celebrated from January 14 to January 17. The programme was inaugurated by Guests of Honour ISB Mega Fair General Convener S Inayadullah (Managing Director of Crown Electro-Mechanical Services) and S Sridhar (General Manager of Trafco) in the presence of ISB Asst Secretary Premalatha N S, E C Member-Academics Mohammad Khursheed Alam, ISB Mega Fair Patron Mohammed Hussain Mallim, Principal V R Palaniswamy, vice-principals, head teachers, staff and students.