

Abundant stock

Markets maintain strong availability of livestock, meat, and poultry ahead of Eid

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As families across Bahrain prepare for Eid Al Fitr, reassurance is coming not only from homes and neighbourhood markets, but also from the steady flow of food supplies reaching the Kingdom.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce confirmed that Bahrain's markets are witnessing strong availability of livestock, meat and poultry products, with supplies continuing to arrive regularly to meet the expected rise in demand ahead of the holiday.

For many households, Eid preparations often begin with planning family meals and gatherings, making food availability an essential part of the festive season.

According to the ministry, shipments of livestock are continuing to enter Bahrain at a steady pace, reflecting the readiness of the local market to meet consumer needs during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

Indicators

Officials noted that indicators across the market show stable availability of meat and poultry products in various retail outlets, supported by a flexible supply chain capable of responding to demand under different cir-



Officials from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce visit warehouses to check food availability

cumstances.

The ministry also confirmed that food prices, including meat and poultry, remain stable and competitive, helped by sufficient supply and the continued flow of shipments into the Kingdom.

Monitoring teams are also carrying out inspection campaigns to ensure price stability and prevent practices that could negatively affect consumers.

Monitoring

Behind the scenes, authorities are closely tracking the food stock through electronic monitoring systems, alongside field



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inspections and coordination with suppliers, slaughterhouses and retail outlets across Bahrain.

The ministry stressed that maintaining market stability and ensuring the availability of essential goods remains a national priority, praising the cooperation of suppliers and traders in supporting food security in the Kingdom.

At the same time, residents were encouraged to shop responsibly and purchase according to their actual needs, helping maintain market balance and ensuring that supplies remain available for everyone during the Eid season.

Barbershops brace for Eid rush as queues grow longer

● Growing demand for haircuts

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With Eid Al Fitr approaching, men's barbershops across Bahrain are beginning to fill with customers eager to look their best for the celebrations.

In a survey conducted by The Daily Tribune in cooperation with several barbershops, owners said the rush began yesterday as families started bringing children for haircuts, while some adults also visited to tidy their beards using threading or waxing.

Barbers explained that most adult customers prefer to come a day or two before Eid.

The reason, they say, is simple. When a beard is trimmed with clippers or a razor, hair usually begins to reappear gradually after around three days.

Many therefore delay their visit so their grooming looks fresh on Eid morning.

Despite the growing crowds, barbers are advising residents not to leave their visit until the

very last moment.

Those who wish to avoid waiting for hours should come early in the morning or shortly after iftar, when the shops tend to be slightly quieter.

Some barbershops have also introduced a special system for this period by offering appointments.

Time

Customers can reserve a specific time slot either by visiting the shop in advance or by making a phone call, ensuring their haircut and grooming services without long delays.

Barbers say that during the final two days before Eid, the estimated waiting time for walk-in customers may range between two and a half to four hours, and sometimes even reach five or six hours.

The queues grow longer as many customers add extra services such as facial cleansing with masks and creams along with their haircut and beard trim.

On the night before Eid, many barbershops plan to remain open until the early hours of Eid morning, working through the night so everyone can welcome the holiday looking their best.

Busy days for sweet shops

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As Eid approaches, sweet shops across Bahrain begin to witness a familiar rush.

Just a few days before Eid, many items start selling out as families hurry to prepare their Eid "Qadooa," the traditional assortment of sweets, nuts and treats served to visiting relatives and guests.

Shop owners say the demand rises sharply in the final days before Eid.

Popular sweets, chocolates and packaged treats are often among the first items to run out, especially Bahraini halwa.

Bahraini traditional sweets are also in high demand and often sell out quickly before Eid.

Many families prefer to buy them fresh, which is why some residents choose to visit sweet shops early on the morning of Eid itself.

"People like to take Bahraini halwa while it is freshly prepared," one shopkeeper explained. "That's why we see many customers coming early on Eid morning to buy Bahraini halwa."

Along with sweets, families often buy nuts, fruits, cakes and different types of desserts to complete their Eid trays.

These items are carefully arranged as part of the Qadooa, creating a welcoming display for guests.

Ramadan majalis keep Manama memories alive

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The old streets of Manama take on a special spirit during Ramadan, where tradition, faith and memory meet in ways that are difficult to find anywhere else.

During a special tour by The Daily Tribune, the atmosphere becomes clear from the moment one enters the capital's old quarters.

Ramadan decorations stretch across the narrow streets, while the sound of Qur'an recitations flows gently through loudspeakers from different majalis.

On some corners, small street stalls offer tea, water and light

foods such as dates to passersby and visitors.

Residents say Manama has over 20 Ramadan majalis, and each one carries its own story.

Among them is the majlis of Bait Haji, an open-air gathering space inside a traditional Bahraini house.

The building has walls on all four sides, with an open courtyard in the middle where guests sit and talk under the night sky, surrounded by the quiet beauty of old architecture.

One Manama resident told The Daily Tribune that Ramadan in the capital has a unique flavour.

Many original Manama families no longer live in the area



Majalis reconnect relatives and share stories from the past

because land is limited and new homes could not be built there.

Today, these families are spread across different parts of Bahrain, yet many still keep what they call "the old house" in Manama — the home that

past filled with simple moments and neighbourhood memories.

An elderly resident said he feels a quiet sadness when he meets younger generations whose families are originally from Manama but who know little about the area.

Some, he said, even mention the district they live in today rather than Manama when asked where they are from.

His message to parents is clear: bring children back to Manama from time to time, especially during occasions like Ramadan, so they can walk its streets, learn the names of its neighbourhoods, and see the homes where their families once lived.

Residents flock to laundry shops ahead of festivities

● Clothing services in high demand

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With Eid Al Fitr just around the corner, laundry shops across Bahrain are witnessing one of their busiest periods of the year as residents rush to prepare their clothes for the celebrations.

In a survey conducted by The Daily Tribune, several laundry shop owners said the pressure this week has been far greater than usual, with customers



bringing in thobes, dresses and abayas to be pressed in time for Eid gatherings and family visits.

Many laundries said that they will accept ironing orders only until Wednesday at the latest due to the heavy workload.



A worker irons clothes at a laundry shop

After that, they expect to stop receiving new items so they can focus on completing existing orders and ensure all clothes are ready a day before Eid.

Despite the rush, some shops said they will continue to accept

garments after Wednesday under what they call an "express service." The cost, however, will be significantly higher.

Normally, ironing a thobe in Bahrain costs between BD0.300 and BD0.500. Under the ex-

press service, laundries say the price may rise to around BD1 per thobe.

A number of 24-hour laundries said they would continue receiving garments even on Eid day itself.

However, their prices are typically higher throughout the year. Customers often use them for full washing and ironing services for thobes, usually priced around BD3.

One employee at Al Nabaa Laundry said ironing orders are still being accepted for now, although services usually close two days before Eid so that all garments can be completed a day before the holiday.