

# Summer work ban on way

- Two-month ban starts next month
- Violators will face zero-tolerance actions
- Fines range from BD500 to BD1,000 and three months in jail

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Bahrain will begin enforcing this year's summer outdoor work ban starting next month, alongside restrictions in place for battling the COVID-19 outbreak.

Announcing the decision, the Minister of Labour and Social Development, Jameel Humaidan, warned against work ban violations, which would attract "zero-tolerance" actions.

Preparations, the minister said, are all set for the two-month ban, which prohibits

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The Kingdom would follow a zero-tolerance approach towards work ban violations. The ban aims at protecting workers from excessive heat exposure that could lead to life-threatening conditions

JAMEEL HUMAIDAN, THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



which calls for extreme caution in line with our human rights principles," the ministry said.

The ministry said it is holding awareness-raising campaigns for ensuring full adherence of employers and workers to the measures.

"Virtual workshops are held to educate the health and safety supervisors of private sector institutions on the need to protect workers from summer-related diseases and occupational accidents."

"The outdoor afternoon work ban is the best means to ensuring a secure and safe work environment for workers, for which the Kingdom is a leader," said Jameel Humaidan.

Bahrain, the minister said, is keen to ensure the safety of workers at production sites during these months.

Humaidan called on private institutions to raise workers' awareness of summer diseases and the risks the summer heat can cause to their health.

Establishments, the minister said, should find ways to reduce heat and humidity at the work sites.

The labour minister also praised companies in the private sector for compliance with the ban over the past years, which the minister said proves their commitment to workers' safety and health.

outdoor work from midday until 4 pm.

Bahrain is currently following 'tough' new restrictions enforced to stamp out a recent spike in infections following Ramadan and Eid celebrations.

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Violators will attract a jail term not exceeding three months or a fine between BD500 to BD1,000 or both.

Outdoor work, which involves hot and humid conditions, such as construction, mining, and oil and gas operations, to name a few, are especially likely to cause heat-related illnesses, particularly when involving heavy work tasks, requiring equipment and protective clothing.

The minister said the ban is for safeguarding workers from extreme conditions and reduce occupational incidents.

"Temperature and humidity will spike during these months,



Temperatures can reach a scorching 140 °F / 60° C in the middle east during the summer months—heat so intense that exposure can be fatal.

# Take booster dose, if above 50 and had Sinopharm vaccine shot

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Take the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster shot if you are above 50 years of age and passed three months after



individual with the time and location of the booster dose.

The new decision is to ensure the effectiveness of the vaccine in alleviating the

symptoms of COVID-19 infection.

Vaccination, the ministry said, reduces the chances of transmitting the virus to those who are not vaccinated and help build herd immunity.

The United Arab Emirates had also announced a similar decision to provide a booster shot to those initially immunised with the Sinopharm vaccine.

The Chinese vaccine is 78.1% effective against symptomatic COVID-19, according to a study published last month in the JAMA medical journal.

taking the Sinopharm jab developed by the China National Pharmaceutical Group.

Those eligible for the booster shots will also have their BeAware Bahrain app logo turning yellow, as a reminder, said a Health Ministry statement.

"The logo will switch back to green after taking the booster shot," the statement added.

Registration for a booster dose is possible either through the BeAware application or healthalert.gov.bh.

After successful registration, an SMS message will reach the

# Transform from users to creators of Technology

A special Summer Camp on Coding & AI Learning from the 4th of July to the 22nd of August

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- Camp begins on the 4th of July and ends on the 22nd of August

- Entry for students from grade 1 to grade 12

- Laurels will invite potential investors to listen to the start-up ideas of the students and pitch for investment

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After two successful summer camps in the previous years, Laurels is back with a Special Online Summer Camp abiding by all coronavirus (COVID-19) protocols.

Dubbed "Creative Genius Season 3" - a summer camp with an integrated theme of Coding & AI learning - this year's event is for students from grade 1 to grade 12

The Laurels Centre for Global

Education, in association with Cyber Square, is conducting the instructor-led camp.

The camp begins on the 4th of July and ends on the 22nd of August.

Camp time is limited to an hour per day to reduce the screen time of the students.

Students will receive assignments and programming tasks to use their logic and problem-solving skills. They will learn to create websites, games, animation videos, special Python programmes and AI projects during the camp. Besides, special sessions on communication and presentation skills will help them to come out and market their creations to an audience.

### Pitch your idea

Laurels will invite potential investors to listen to the start-up ideas of the students and pitch for investment. Successful students will receive UK certification from ORAY limited UK.

"Coding is the language in which human communicates with machines. It is essential for

new generation kids to learn the basics of coding. We consider this camp as a launchpad for budding programmers and coders," said Abdul Jaleel Abdulla, the CEO of Laurels.

The CEO added: "Many students who have completed our coding courses have shown great results in their academic and entrepreneurship skills. We also have coding courses for adults and beginners who have no previous experience in IT."

"We are in search of smart kids and happy to facilitate a platform for them to grow.

"Since coding is one of the hot topics for the academic years to come, we have chosen Coding Session as the primary programme in the Summer Camp as this will enable students to divert their screen time to creativity and learning," Abdulla said.

Interested students and parents may call/Whatsapp 36458340 to register and get more details.

**The deadline for registration is 28th June.**

**NMS Student Council Members 2021-22**

New Millennium School Bahrain held a virtual Investiture Ceremony on 16 June 2021, during which young leaders were formally bestowed with the responsibility of leading their school. Principal Arun Kuumar Sharma congratulated the newly appointed Student Council Members (2021-22), following which the council members took their pledge. Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Geeta Pillai congratulated the newly elected council.

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