

Bahrain gas founder, chairman passes away

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Bahrain Gas founder and chairman Mohammed bin Ali Alhasan passed away, a company statement said.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of our founder and pray to [the] Lord for his soul. May his soul rest in peace and our heartfelt condolences," the statement added.

Established in April 1962 by Ali Alhasan, Bahrain Gas quickly grew from a gas distribution business into a kitchen equipment expert.

Alhasan was also instrumental in growing the company into a supplier of expert products and services in fuel distribution and management.



Long time resident dies at 61

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A long time Bahrain resident passed away last night at the Salmaniya Medical Complex following a heart attack.

Amber Lokhandwala, an Indian national, came to Bahrain in 1998 and remained here since then.

At first, the 61-year-old worked a few years at the Al Noor International School as an academic coordinator and then started practising holistic healing and Reiki. She was also well known for her social services and counselling capabilities.

Lokhandwala was an active member of the Rotary Club



here and lived in the Seef area. She leaves behind her husband Shaukat Lokhandwala, a businessman, and their only daughter Farhaat.

The family hails from Pune in Maharashtra.

COVID-19 violations: 101 restaurants charged, one shut



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Legal actions were taken against 101 restaurants and cafes and closed a restaurant for a week for flouting COVID-19 restrictions yesterday.

Health Ministry inspectors took actions after inspecting 253 restaurants and cafes.

Judicial officers served warnings for minor offences to owners of outlets, who also corrected them immediately.

The Public Health Directorate at the Health Ministry called on citizens and residents to continue their commitment to COVID-19 measures and report violation they may spot.

Dust, sand blind kingdom

Workers remove nearly hundred and fifty truckloads of sand and dust accumulated on roads

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Cleaning workers yesterday had a torrid time all over the Kingdom as they toiled hard to remove tons of dust and sand accumulated on the highways in the aftermath of a severe sandstorm that blinded the Kingdom for days.

Nearly a hundred and fifty truckloads of dust and sand accumulated on the highways of Northern, Southern and Capital governorates were removed yesterday by municipal workers and emergency teams..

lamia Al Fadala, the Director-General of the Northern Region Municipality, said workers removed 35 truckloads of dust and sand and 20 loads of agricultural waste from there.

The strong winds also fell 45 advertisement hoarding blocking traffic movements at several places.

Over 150 workers, robotic brooms, bobcats, and other cleaning equipments were in action throughout the day to bring back life into normality.

Al Fadala said the emergency teams worked relentlessly to remove sand accumulated on roads to make it safer for road users.

"Emergency lines were also set to receive complaints and alerts from citizens and residents and also published those numbers on social media for quick response," said the Director-General.

The scenes were almost the same in the Southern governorate, where emergency teams and other workers were busy clearing the dust and sand accumulated on roads and other places. Separate teams worked



In pictures, scenes from the southern and northern governorates



to clear the sand on streets and remove fallen advertisement hoardings.

Meanwhile, another team removed fallen trees and resolved other issues, even after official working hours.

Workers removed 42 loads of sand, replanted 14 trees, removed seven trees and 13 advertisements damaged by the wind.

Several automatic sweepers, mini bulldozers and trucks were also in action.

As we write this, cleaning works are continuing to make the roads motorable and safer.

Capital municipality officials said they continue to remove truckloads of sand and dust accumulated from highways, streets, alleyways, and residential areas.

Emergency teams are in action in several areas of the Capital, with them working hard to make the roads safer for motorists.

"The dust storm which swept the Kingdom almost for a week deposited tonnes of sand and other materials in the Capital," said the municipal officials.

"As of now, we removed nearly

35 truckloads of sand, 20 loads of agricultural waste, 12 shipments of fallen advertisement boards and other wastes."

"Works are continuing at various locations," the officials said while also warning citizens and residents to remain alert.

The municipality also called on citizens and residents to remain vigilant and cooperate with municipal workers during the cleaning operations.

Citizens and residents, officials said, could contact them on the hotline number 80001855.

1,300 get COVID-19 jabs at Sitra mall

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Around 1,300 undocumented Indian nationals got their COVID-19 vaccination from Sitra mall.



The Embassy of India, in association with the Bahrain Government, arranged the vaccinations.

Authorities said they

are expecting more people to join the drive, for which a recipient had to show only a passport number. CPR is not mandatory.

Those vaccinated at the Sitra Mall also had their status up-

dated on the BeAware Bahrain application.

The shield is now showing a red colour, which will turn green after administering the second shot.

Out of court settlement for minor accidents

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Insurance companies are now allowed to process minor traffic accident cases in a single step, said the Director-General of Traffic, Brigadier Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa.

"Such a settlement is possible only if the parties involved reach an agreement and are ready to repair the vehicles without forcing the General Directorate of Traffic to intervene," said the Director-General.

The move is in line with an order by Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa to assign amicably



Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa.

settled cases to insurance companies from July 21.

He said that the General Directorate would supervise the process to protect the rights of all parties.

The decision, Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa said, excludes disputed traffic accidents and accidents resulting from severe traffic violations.

Drugs in face masks: Four gets 10 years in jail

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Making use of the pandemic to smuggle drugs into Kingdom landed four men in jail for ten years.

The High Criminal Court jailed them for attempting to smuggle drugs hidden inside face-masks.

The men, all Asian nationals, hid several kilograms of marijuana inside a consignment of face-masks to deceive customs officials before sending it to Bahrain via air cargo.

However, customs officials who grew suspicious of the peculiar stitching of the face masks foiled the smuggling attempt.

Further investigation



led the officials to find the drugs hidden inside.

However, the officers kept their silence and called the suspects to receive their consignment.

Unsuspecting of the trap set, the suspect walked straight into the custody of officers.

The Public Prosecution

council found that the first two defendants are tasked with importing the drugs, while the other two were responsible for distributing them in the Kingdom.

All of them were charged with smuggling and peddling outlawed drugs.