

Clampdown on traffic violations near schools

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The Director-General of Traffic, Brigadier Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa yesterday announced zero tolerance towards traffic violations near schools to protect the safety of students.

He said that the department will put in best efforts to ensure the safety of children as the new

school season is set to begin, in terms of traffic regulations, awareness and training, also, to setting solutions to traffic-related issues.

The Director-General noted that all traffic departments had been working hard and co-ordinating with concerned authorities to ensure safety around school surroundings.

A series of lectures for bus drivers, community police,



guards and administration and teaching teams in public and private schools would be held to enhance traffic awareness.

They would cover illegal practices by drivers, including over speeding, the use of mobile phones and wrong parking.

He urged the public not to hire illegal bus drivers who didn't get official licences from the Ministry of Transportation to transport students.

They didn't also receive training from the traffic department, and their vehicles weren't inspected to ensure that they are meeting the criteria, such as placing cameras and fire extinguishers.

The Director-General concluded by highlighting that the awareness of the Bahraini community led to the reduction of serious traffic accidents near schools in recent years.

Nature lovers call for action after six turtles found dead

Authorities urged to take special steps to protect marine life

- The pictures of the dead turtles were widely circulated on social media networks.
- In April, five turtles belonging to an endangered species were returned to sea by the authorities.

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Environmentalists and nature lovers have called for action after six turtles were found dead on Malkiya beach.

Many carcasses of turtles were found on different shores of the Kingdom during the previous months, setting the alarm bells ringing for the environmentalists.

“The news of finding six dead sea turtles in just one week is alarming,” said Chairman of the Animal and Environment Welfare Society, Shaikha Marwa



One of the dead turtles that were found on Malkiya beach.

bint Abdulrahman Al Khalifa.

The pictures of the dead turtles were widely circulated on social media networks.

Shaikha Marwa said that preserving marine life is of utmost importance, urging the public

as well as government bodies to work hand in hand to conserve the environment.

He said that many countries have taken advanced steps to protect the marine life and that Bahrain should follow suit.

These frequent death of turtles have become a consistent challenge to the conservation efforts by Bahrain authorities.

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The turtles were found in poor health by some residents in the area and were taken to the authorities.

“The turtles regained their health after being cared for a period of three months by a group of experts belonging to the Supreme Council for Environment and Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,” the sources added.

Mahmoud Faraj, Chairman of the Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said that the turtles were returned to the sea near Hawar Islands in co-operation with the Supreme Council for Environment.

Three of the five turtles were received by BSPCA from resi-

dents who found them on different coasts in the Kingdom. The other two were received by the Supreme Council of Environment.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry announced yesterday that an investigation has been launched after 28 cows were allegedly poisoned to death in a farm in Hamala.

According to reports from the area, the cows may have been poisoned. It is not clear who could have poisoned the cattle.

The farm owner, MP Ahmed Al Demistani said that the farm belongs to him and that the alleged poisoning has cost him thousands of dinars.

The Interior Ministry has stated that it has launched an investigation after receiving a complaint.

“Legal procedures were taken and and inspections have been done at the farm. Samples have been taken from the farm where the dead cattle was found.

“The samples will be examined by the concerned department and the case document will be presented to the Public Prosecution.”

Bahrain resident donates land to flood victims

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A Bahrain resident has made the whole humanity proud by donating a plot, which she purchased only a month ago, to flood victims in her village, who have lost their homes.

Indian national Jiji George told Malayala Manorama that she decided to give her land to five families after coming to know about their ordeal caused by heavy floods.

At least 121 people have died in flood-hit Kerala according to a state-wide calamity report issued by the government in the second spell of south-western monsoon rains since August 8, this year.

At least 40 people have been injured in flood-related incidents while over 21 people are believed to be missing in the state after heavy flooding.



At least 121 people have died in the flood-hit Indian state of Kerala.

As many as 1,789 houses have been completely damaged due

to flooding and over 26,000 people have taken refuge in relief

camp.

“I was shocked to see the im-



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ages of flood victims and their sufferings and decided to do something from my part,” Ms Jiji said.

The 37-year-old, who works with a private firm in Adliya, immediately rang up her mother

and three children and conveyed her decision.

They would instantly give their consent to the move and Ms Jiji called the local legislator to the State Assembly and informed her decision.

The legislator was tasked to pick the five families, who would be the beneficiaries.

Social media was all in praise for Ms Jiji as the vernacular report went viral.

“I am really happy for what I have done to my brothers and sisters. We can earn money and wealth any time.

“What is most important is to help others when they are in need.

“My decision would have stemmed from the challenges I have faced in life.”

Ms Jiji has been a resident in the Kingdom for more than ten years now.