

BDF Chief of Staff attends graduation ceremony



Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Dhiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi attended today a graduation ceremony of a specialised session for officers at a Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) unit. After a recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran, a briefing was given on the session and its theoretical and practical programmes. The BDF Chief of Staff presented the graduates and top achievers with their certificates and prizes of appreciation and congratulated them on their success. The graduation ceremony was attended by BDF senior officers.

Child with autism excelling academically

Parent is proud that his son is defying health conditions

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Ibrahim ... source of inspiration

Great joy has filled the heart of Othman Yahya after his son Ibrahim, who has been diagnosed with autism, excelled academically at Al Khwarizmi Primary School for Boys aside from his remarkable brilliance in memorising the Holy Quran.

In a meeting with the guardian, features of happiness and pride were visible on the father's face.

"I am proud that a government school embraced my son," said Othman, who praised the policy of the Ministry of Education to integrate people with special needs to society.

He noted that his son had excelled remarkably in his studies since he was transferred from the private class to one of the regular classes, lauding the close and continuous follow-up by his teachers, and their great role in raising his academic achievement.

Othman added that the school had a major role in nurturing Ibrahim, as a positive change has been observed in him every year on the personal

and academic levels.

This support is provided by the school administration and all the teachers who embraced the student and contributed to his reaching high academic, personal and social levels, he noted.

Othman talked about the family's cooperation with the school, especially during this time of pandemic, which resulted in the daily follow-up and the creation of the appropriate atmosphere for reviewing and solving assignments.

The school's encouragement enabled his son to get involved in his son in Holy Quran memorising competition.

He extended his thanks and gratitude to his teachers, especially the programme coordinator, teacher Rabab Fateel, who contributed to developing Ibrahim's knowledge and personal development.

Stay cautious against COVID-19

Strictly follow public safety protocols despite decline in new and active cases

Don't abandon all health measures just because you have been vaccinated

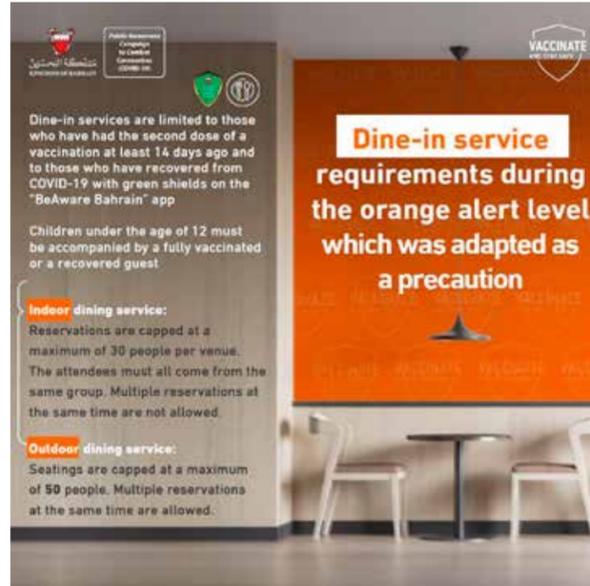
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More than 18 months since the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic emerged, the Kingdom of Bahrain's strategy to control its spread appears to be paying off. In fact, the COVID-19 infections are declining by the day in the Kingdom.

It has also witnessed a significant 97 per cent drop in active cases with the number falling below the 1,000-mark last week.

Despite the positive developments, health authorities are urging the public to follow health guidelines strictly to protect oneself, loved ones and the entire community from the deadly respiratory disease.

They have been constantly making this appeal to citizens and residents in the Kingdom to contain the spread of the virus.



They remind people to not abandon all public health measures just because they have been vaccinated. Those fundamentals include: wearing of face masks, maintaining physical distance, avoiding large crowds, doing

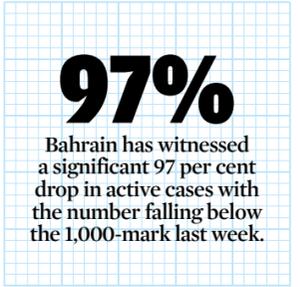
more outdoor activities and washing hands frequently.

In addition, the protective effect of a vaccine may take at least one month, if not slightly longer, according to health experts.

This is the reason why one should wear a mask. Properly wearing a mask can help keep one safe.

As we've learned throughout this pandemic, the most common way COVID-19 spread is through person-to-person contact. When an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, they produce respiratory droplets that can travel about six feet and can land in the mouths or noses of those nearby.

COVID-19 can also be spread by people who don't know they



have the virus since they aren't experiencing any symptoms. Because of this, health professionals recommend wearing masks or cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of the virus. In these circumstances, a mask can add an extra layer of protection.

While wearing a mask may not keep you from getting COVID-19, it can help lower the odds.

If you're sick, a mask can help keep your germs from infecting others. If you're healthy, a mask can help keep respiratory droplets from someone who is sick from landing in your nose and mouth.

And remember, social distancing and hand washing are still very important safety precautions too that everyone should follow in addition to facial protection.

Studies show that even a distance of three feet significantly decreases the spread of the coronavirus from one person to another. At six feet, the risk decreases even further, at nine feet even further than that, and so on, particularly in an indoor setting.

Indeed, prescribed protective measures help prevent people from spreading COVID-19, and from being infected themselves.



Wear face mask even after getting vaccinated

Converting park and walkway play areas into rubber floors

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An integrated plan has been developed to replace a number of sandy floors for play areas in parks and walkways with rubber floors.

The approach comes in line with the directives of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Eng. Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf to work on the continuous development of parks and walkways

for the public.

According to Undersecretary for Municipal Affairs, Engineer Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the aim is to replace some of the floorings to high-quality rubber that takes into account the elements of security, safety and the character of modernity, as well as meets the needs of its users and encourages them to walk or run. Minister Khalaf explained:



A new look, rubber-coated park play area floors

"The rubber floors used in public facilities and gardens have

many characteristics that make them better than the ground space.

"In the latter play areas, they are affected by several factors, including the movement of children, the movement of wind and rain, and therefore they are subject to constant displacement and changing characteristics, which requires replacement and redistribution constantly."

Riffa road development project completed ahead of schedule

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning has completed the development work on Complex 914 in Riffa ahead of schedule.

The Director of Roads Projects and Maintenance Department at the Ministry, Eng. Sayed Badr Alawi, said the project will serve the residents of the complex and the users of these roads in the region as it will improve the internal road network in the area.

He explained that the project included the rehabilitation of a group of roads in the complex, and the construction and implementation of a rainwater drainage network.

It will reduce rainwater accumulations on roads 1401 and 1412 by laying channels and un-



The well-paved road on Complex 914 in Riffa

derground pipes with a diameter of 500 mm, with the implementation of ground drains and the establishment of ground tanks to collect for rain water.

Alawi said: "Works also included the reconstruction and paving of some internal roads by removing the old asphalt layer and replacing it with new

asphalt layers, and the replacement of the buried layers with new suitable materials, in addition to re-paving these roads with a new layer of asphalt, con-

structing new sidewalks and the necessary maintenance work for the sidewalks."

The old side roads within the complex were also developed and the level of traffic safety enhanced.

The project has been awarded to JASCO by the Tender Board to implement civil works and storm water drainage works, and to the Eastern Asphalt Company to implement the asphalt works, at a total cost of BD160,000.

The Municipal Council member representing the Sixth District in the Southern Governorate, Khaled Janahi, thanked the Works Ministry for the cooperation that contributes to achieving the needs and requests of citizens and residents.

He pointed out that the project will contribute to facilitating the movement of citizens, in addition to solving the problem of rainwater collection.

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- ENG. SAYED BADR ALAWI, DIRECTOR OF ROADS PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AT WORKS MINISTRY