

Bahrainis faced 'more' accidents at worksites compared to expats

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Bahrainis have faced more worksite accidents than non-Bahrainis during the second quarter of this year, according to a latest statistics.

Statistics issued by the General Organisation for Social Insurance (GOSI) revealed that in the second quarter of 2019 the primary victims of worksite accidents were Bahrainis.

The report, which compiled data from both private and public sectors showed that a total of 583 cases of worksite injuries



The Labour Ministry has been putting in best efforts to reduce worksite accidents.

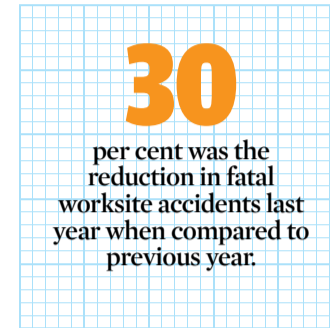
were reported in the second quarter of the year.

Of the total, 321 accidents were faced by Bahrainis while non-Bahrainis met with 262

worksite accidents.

The private sector saw the vast majority of the accidents at 470, while the public sector only had 113 cases.

The injuries from various accidents were caused through slipping and falling, carrying heavy objects, cuts by sharp objects, cuts by mechanical issues



and sharp objects piercing into the body.

Over a thousand people were injured in worksite accidents last year.

The statistics revealed by the Social Insurance Organisation (SIO) says 1,037 people were injured in worksite accidents, which includes 613 Bahrainis and 424 expatriates.

In the public sector last year, 221 cases of worksite accidents were recorded, 198 involved Bahrainis while expatriates were the victims in 23 accidents.

However, Bahrain is on the right track when it comes to curbing the number of serious

worksite accidents as the number of accidents that led to serious injuries or fatalities has reduced by more than 30 per cent in recent years, the SIO observed.

The reduction has been partly attributed to the rigorous awareness campaigns done by the Labour Ministry to bring awareness about the need to follow safety procedures when performing hazardous work.

This year has seen a few fatal worksite accidents. In June, a man was run over by a truck as he was working.

The deceased was identified as Indian national Raju, who was in his late 30s. He worked as a mason with a construction firm.

Another construction worker who died last month in a worksite accident was a Bangladeshi national.

According to sources, he fell to his death from the 11th floor of a building in Juffair. The victim was later identified as 29 years old Sahadot who hailed from Pabna district in Bangladesh.

Bahrain-Singapore relations 'on track'

Singapore

The Senior Minister of State of the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, Dr Mohamad Maliki Osman, yesterday held talks with the Foreign Ministry Undersecretary for International Affairs, Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, on the sidelines of his official visit to the Republic of Singapore.

The meeting discussed means of advancing bilateral relations and enhancing co-operation. The two sides also exchanged views on the current regional and international developments.

The Undersecretary for International Affairs stressed the Kingdom's keenness to consolidate relations with the friendly Republic of Singapore to reach a comprehensive and effective partnership.

He also added that a pivotal factor in the success of the two countries in terms of pioneering development and achieving a prosperity is through investing in people and qualifying national cadres, affirming that both countries share a common destiny.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah pointed out how Asia occupies an advanced position in the Kingdom of Bahrain's foreign policy.

He also referred in this regard



Dr Mohamad receives Dr Shaikh Abdullah.

to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's vision, which was presented to the GCC in 2009, to enhance Asian-Gulf relations in order to achieve mutual benefits.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah highlighted how the past three decades have witnessed outstanding development when it comes to maintaining a distinguished and close friendship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of Singapore, following the official visits made by the two countries and the signing of co-operation agreements and advancing fields of renewable energy, entrepreneurship, banking, tourism various exhibitions, youth and sports and the pro-

vision of quality education and training.

He also showcased the potential to elevate opportunities between both countries in linking investments and technologies to foreign markets in the Gulf and Southeast Asia and motivating the private sector in the field of digital economy.

The Undersecretary also reviewed the Kingdom's distinguished achievements, in light of the comprehensive reform approach led by His Majesty the King, as well as the Kingdom's success in establishing the rule of law and institutions and maintaining stability and sustainable development.

More Bahrain residents offer help to Kerala flood victims

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More Bahrain residents have come forward to help the victims of a disastrous flood that hit the Indian state of Kerala.

Tribune yesterday reported about Indian national Jiji George, a resident of the Kingdom, who donated a plot, which she purchased only a month ago, to the flood victims in her village.

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.

Over 40 people have been injured in flood-related incidents



Mr Skaria with his family members

while over 21 people are believed to be missing in the state after heavy flooding.

As many as 1,789 houses have been completely damaged due to flooding and over 26,000 people have taken refuge in relief camps.

Joining the humanitarian cause from the Kingdom was Basheer Vaniyakode, who donated his 1.2 acre land in Thrissur district to the flood victims.

Social media were all in praise for Mr Basheer, who owns Al Nusra restaurant in Hooraa.

Subair Kannur, a social worker and member of Pravasi Commission, has decided to donate 15 cents of land located in Kannur district to held the flood victims.

He said he will hand over the ownership documents of the land to Kerala Chief Minister

Pinarayi Vijayan.

Roy Skaria, former secretary of St Mary's Indian Orthodox Cathedral, will donate his 40 cents of land located in Malappuram district, for the cause.

Mr Skaria is the managing director of SGS Bahrain, one of the

world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company.

He has been active in the social circles of Bahrain. Mr Skaria has also been taking part in the relief efforts following floods in his district.



Mr Basheer



Mr Subair