

Hamad road project is moving smoothly

It will serve residents and visitors of Al Lawzi area, Damistan, Karzakan, Hamad Town and Al Malikiyah



The road development work is in progress

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The completion rate of the road construction project leading to Al Lawzi housing project in Hamad City has reached 87 per cent.

Meanwhile, the construction of concrete barriers separating the two directions of traffic is 90 per cent complete.

This was confirmed by the Assistant Undersecretary for Roads at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Eng. Huda Abdullah Fakhro.

The project, which is located in the southeast of Zaid Bin Omaira Expressway and west of Lake Al Lawzi and extends south to the intersection of Road 26, will serve the residents and visitors of Al Lawzi area, Da-



A well-paved road leading to Al Lawzi housing

mistan, Karzakan, Hamad Town and Al Malikiyah, as well as from Roundabout 18 until the beginning of the project on its intersection with Street 26 near Roundabout 7.

Eng. Fakhro said that the current works include linking the rainwater drainage network of Al Lawzi housing project with the new network that is being built on the street within the current project.

It will solve the problem of rainwater collection in Al Law-

zi housing project, and ground channels are being established for other services with the required protection.

Works also include laying layers of burial and installing bricks at intersections, paving several layers of asphalt on the main street, installing sidewalks and lighting poles, extending the treatment water line, and electrical and water works.

Eng. Fakhro added that the project includes the construction of a 4.8-km long road, with

two lanes in each direction from Zaid Bin Omairah Street to Street 3, and the construction of three lanes in each direction from Street 3 to Street 26, with the development of all intersections and the creation of four traffic lights to raise the efficiency of intersections and regulate and achieve traffic safety.

It also includes the establishment of public transport stations, in coordination with the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the setting up of

regulatory and warning traffic signs necessary to achieve the required safety on the street, and the laying of ground channels for future use by technical services to avoid cuts of asphalt.

The project was awarded to the consortium of Amira Contracting Company and Eastern Company for Asphalt and Concrete Production by the Tender and Auction Board at a total cost of BD5,196,582 with funding from the Saudi Fund for Development.



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The representative of the 12th district in the Northern Governorate, Zainab Al Darazi, confirmed that the Al Lawzi development project is one of the most important strategic projects in the region, pointing out that it was one of its priorities since its entry into the Municipal Council.

She said: "During the period of work on the project, citizens and residents' comments were taken on the developments in the workflow, such as traffic diversions, road closures, among others. We do our part to make recommendations regarding traffic safety, and they were taken in and responded to by the Minister of Works for the benefit and service of all."

Al Darazi extended her thanks and gratitude to the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Eng. Issam bin Abdullah Khalaf, and all employees of the ministry and other ministries for their great services and their constant cooperation to serve the country, citizens and residents and meet their needs.

How far is enough for safe social distancing against COVID?

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Mass vaccination efforts in the Kingdom of Bahrain against the coronavirus (COVID-19) are running full blast amid a significant decline in the number of new and active cases as well as fatalities.

Health experts, however, have warned that the fight is still far from over. In fact, they recommend people to still wear masks or cloth face covering and practise social distancing, among other important precautionary measures, even after getting the vaccine.

The coronavirus is still very much around us, but that doesn't mean we can't help prevent its spread.

Indeed, one of the best ways to reduce the spread of the virus is by continuing to practise social distancing or what others call physical distancing.

What is social distancing and why is it important?

According to studies, the coronavirus spreads easily. Social distancing puts space between individuals.

The most common way COVID-19 spreads is through person-to-person contact. When an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, they produce respiratory droplets that can



Authorities are constantly reminding the public to stay apart

travel about six feet and can land in the mouths or noses of those nearby.

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.

This is basically the reason why social distancing is so important!

To better define what the National Medical Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is asking us to do, the term physical distancing is now being used to describe

what we need to do to break the chain and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Physical distancing is just as it sounds, it means avoiding close physical contact with others to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes working from home, where possible; conducting meetings virtually; and keeping kids away from group gatherings.

While keeping physical distance is very important, we don't need to socially isolate or distance ourselves. Rather, we need to stick together now more than ever and emotionally connect with one another - we just need to do that in creative, virtual ways for the time being.

BD260m East Sitra City project is progressing according to timetable

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Work is underway and on track to complete the East Sitra City project according to timetable. The project is implemented in three stages at a total cost of BD260 million. The cost of the first phase is BD91 million, the second at BD124 million, and the third and final phase at BD45 million.

Since the start of construction and infrastructure works last December, it has made smooth progress in terms of preparing the first phase of the project, which includes the construction of more than 1,000 housing units. The second phase



An artist's impression of the project

will come immediately after it, which includes the construction of more than 1,800 units, while the third phase includes more than 500 units.

The Ministry of Housing is implementing the project in

partnership with a major Chinese contractor, CMEC Company, as part of its efforts to implement the royal order of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to build 40,000 housing units.

Capital Governor meets dignitaries and representatives of Sanabis area



Capital Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa held a meeting with the dignitaries and representatives of NGOs in the Sanabis area, in the presence of Deputy Capital Governor Hassan Abdullah Al Madani and Director-General of the Capital Governorate Police Directorate Brigadier Ibrahim Saif Bakheet Al Najran. He affirmed the governorate's work to follow up on the implementation of these requests in cooperation with the relevant government agencies. The people of Sanabis expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Governor for his interest and monitoring the needs of the people by organising field visits, to examine the requests and proposals of residents in those areas, and to execute them in cooperation with the relevant government agencies.