

Showers cripple Riffa residents

Floodwaters enter houses, shops; sewage overflows in West Riffa

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The first spell of showers caused misery to many in areas in and around Riffa on Saturday with no power for hours and some neighbourhoods partially submerged in water.

Residents of West Riffa said they did not receive any help from authorities despite floodwaters entering houses, destroying shops and vehicles in the area.

"It was total darkness as power went off a few minutes after the rain began. Water entered many houses in the area destroying fur-

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A RIFFA RESIDENT

niture, books and other things," a resident told Tribune.

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The residents said they had to move out of the localities and are now worried about cleaning up their homes filled with mud left by floodwaters.

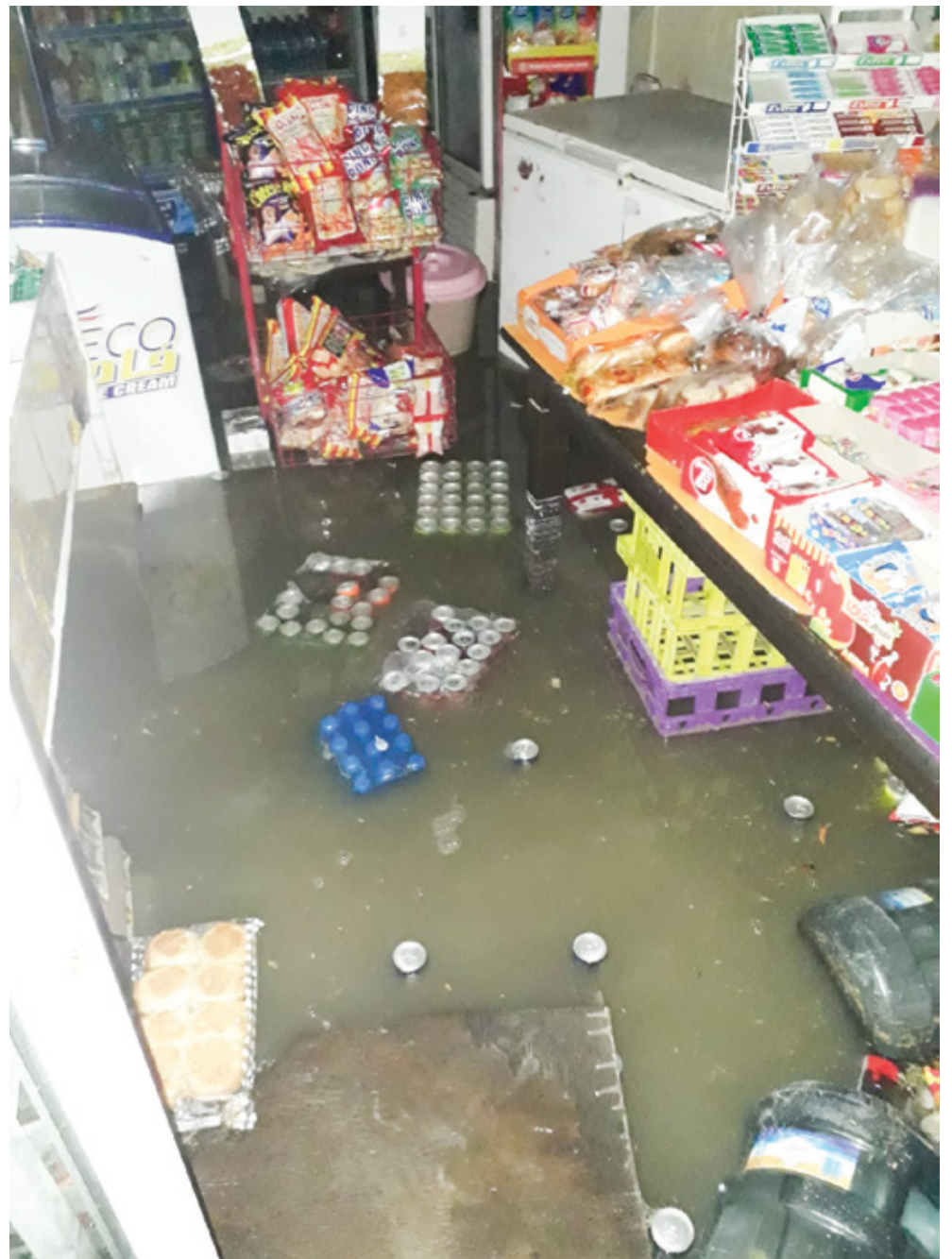
The rain also caused sewage overflows in the area. "We can't escape from sewage stench. We are worried about the health of our children," another resident added.

Many areas in the Kingdom including Riffa, Isa Town, Sanad and Sitra experienced thundery showers with heavy winds on Saturday.

In these areas, a few hours since the rain began, parked cars were submerged in waters; puddles and floodwaters disrupted traffic.

Sources say lightening damaged an electric transformer in Sitra leaving the area without power for a few hours.

While heavy rain lashed the Southern Governorate, other places in the Kingdom including Manama, Gudaibiya and Hooraa did not even experience a drizzle. However, a chilled breeze swept through these areas on Saturday evening. Dusty winds were reported from Muharraq.



One of the shops damaged by floodwaters in West Riffa.



One of the flooded neighbourhoods in West Riffa.

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