

Preparations in full swing for rainy season: official

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The rains that started battering the Middle East had pushed the authorities here into action with them activating preventive measures all across Bahrain to avoid the risks of heavy rain.

Latest reports say the rain has hit several parts of the UAE with its National Centre of Meteorology (NCM) warning unstable weather there in the next few days.

Agriculture and Marine Resources Agency of the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning said it hopes to avoid water logging issues this time around in the Kingdom.

In previous years, heavy water-logging were reported from several parts of the Kingdom.

The government assured that it is now taking more measures to prevent such issues from repeating.

Many have raised their concerns regarding water logging in several low lying areas. Spells of showers have caused misery to many in Bahrain last

year and earlier this year.

Cleaned drains

This year, the authority said it is working to resolve such issues and has already cleaned agricultural drains in many areas.

"The cleaning of some of the largest agricultural drains such as in Tubli has already completed," said Director of Agricultural Engineering and Water Resources Department at the Agriculture and Marine Resources Agency, Shawqi Al-Mannai.

"Harmful plants and waste were removed from the drains," Al-Mannai said adding that agricultural drains contribute immensely to draining rainwater.

Besides, task forces are created to combat the issues that may surface during downpours.

The rainy season was a strong point of discussions during a recent meeting of the Ministry with municipal council members.

Ministry officials assured that measures are being taken to avoid inconveniences.

Lane closure on King Faisal Highway

Maintenance works on King Faisal Highway at Manama necessitate the closure of some lanes in the route, said Works Ministry.

The closure will affect fast lane between Al Furdah Avenue and Palace Avenue for eastbound traffic leading to

Muharrag as well as fast and middle lanes between Al Farduh Avenue and Palace Avenue for eastbound traffic leading to Muharrag from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The closure effective yesterday will continue until Sunday.



Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs Maliki Osman arrived in Bahrain to take part in the 15th Manama Dialogue. He was welcomed alongside his delegation at the airport by Defence Affairs Minister Lieutenant-General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi.

Cardiac centre gets IT power

Providing Mohammed Bin Khalifa Cardiac Center Project with IT Infrastructure

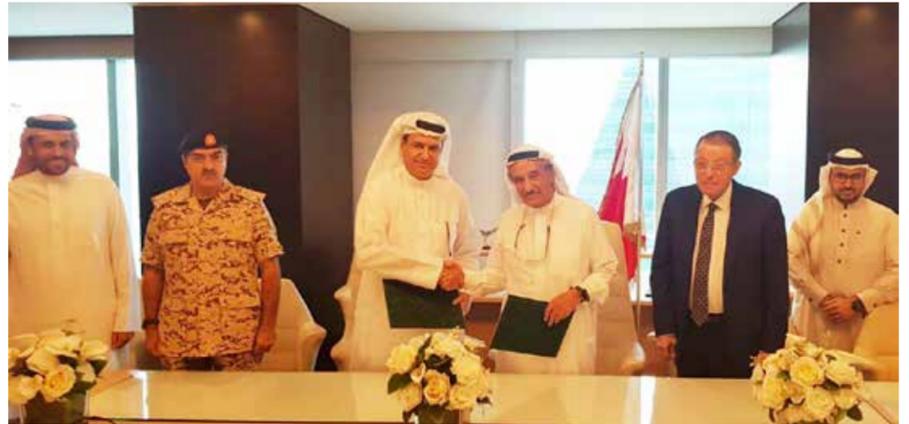
● The project is funded by the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) as part of the Gulf Support Programme for Development Projects in the Kingdom of Bahrain

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An agreement was signed yesterday to enhance the capabilities of Mohammed Bin Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa Cardiac Center Project with the latest information systems and technologies used by health facilities worldwide.

The move, in line with the digital transformation process in Bahrain, will make Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa Heart Specialist Center, currently under construction in Awali, the first of its kind project in Bahrain.

The agreement was signed at the headquarters of the Supreme Council of Health with NGN Global Partnership, under the patronage of Lieutenant General Doctor Sheikh Moham-



Officials during the deal signing held at headquarters of Supreme Council of Health

med bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the President of the Supreme Council of Health.

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On this occasion, the Mohammed Bin Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa Specialized Heart Center thanked Field Marshal Sheikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF for his unlimited support.

The IT network in the centre will be one of the fastest-growing networks in the world, with the data servers using sophisticated technologies, combining the possibility of tangible and virtual servers, in addition to linking the entire work environment with cloud computing.

The centre will also be equipped with other advanced technologies related to the management of patients and doctors in the hospital.

Alternative IT systems will be available to ensure business

continuity in various internal and external emergencies.

The signing ceremony was attended by Dr Risan Al-Badran, Director of the Cardiology Center, Assistant Director of Military Works Brig. Dr Abdullah Rashid Al-Tamimi, Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chief Technical Officer of Sehati Project, Abdullah Eid, Assistant Director of the Center for Administrative and Financial Affairs, Nawaf Mohammed Abdul Rahman, Director of Information Technology, and Yacoub Al Awadhi, CEO of NGN.



Bahrain's Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg and the Kingdom's representative to the European Union and NATO, Dr Bahia Jawad Al Jishi, with Luxembourg's Minister of Foreign Affairs Jean Asselborn and Arab ambassadors accredited to his country. Al Jishi expressed Bahrain's aspirations to enhance cooperation and coordination across all sectors, especially in the field of Islamic banking. The meeting also discussed issues of common concern, the latest regional and international developments and ways of enhancing cooperation between Arab countries and Luxembourg.



Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa chaired the 35th session of the Arab Justice Ministers Council which convened at the Arab League, in Egypt. He stressed in the opening session the importance of fighting terrorism in the region. The Arab Justice Ministers, the Secretariat General of the Arab Interior Ministers Council, the Gulf Cooperation Council, Naif Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS) and the Arab Lawyers Union participated in the meeting.

Homework app named best at INJAZ Innovation Camp



Over 100 final year high school students (Tawjeehi) participated in the event. Above, the camp held at the Al-Istiqlal Secondary Girls School in Muharrag.

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An app to access students' past projects, homework assignments and school supplies, which was developed conceptually by a team led by Ahmed M. Zainal, won first place during

INJAZ Innovation Camp.

Over 100 final year high school students (Tawjeehi) participated in the event, in which each team were required to create an app to address the issues faced by students. The first place winning app, conceptualised to be run

by students, enables students to access their past projects, homework assignments, as well as the inventory of school supplies for home delivery.

The competition was part of INJAZ Innovation Camp (iCamp) held at the Al-Istiqlal Secondary

Girls School in Muharrag.

The event, also INJAZ Bahrain's largest one-day workshop, aimed at motivating secondary and university students to find innovative solutions to a business challenge through critical thinking, teamwork, communi-

cation and leadership skills.

The volunteers were appreciated by Ebrahim K. Kanoo Managing Director, Talal F. Kanoo. "Ebrahim K. Kanoo is committed to its partnership with Injaz Bahrain which plays a vital role in building the skillset of Bah-

rain's youth through its various educational programmes," stated Kanoo. A team of eight employees from different business divisions of Ebrahim K. Kanoo volunteered for the Camp. EKK's marketing department led teams won the first and second places.