

Birds know no boundaries so do certain people here

Police arrest two for hunting birds in a cemetery in Muharraq



Screenshots of a video posted by AlAyam

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Birds know no boundaries, not even political. So do certain people here in Bahrain. The latest incidents tell.

Here in Bahrain police found that it's not just birds, but there are also people here, who don't recognise any borders, even that of cemeteries.

Thanks to quick action by the law enforcement authorities, they have learnt their lessons.

Police booked the men for illegally hunting birds that too inside a cemetery.

The whole episode began with someone uploading a video of two men hunting birds inside a cemetery in Muharraq.

The clip shows two men hurrying, amid the gravestones, to

a parked vehicle carrying, presumably dead birds, wrapped in a sack-like material.

The video shows them throwing the heavy object they were carrying into the rear of their white Nissan pickup truck, looking around, and then driving away through the gates of the cemetery.

Apparently, they were unaware that their actions are being

taped. The clip was then uploaded on to social media sites which was then widely shared also catching the attention of the authorities.

Police quickly had the culprits on their radar and opened an investigation. Officers tracked down the culprits soon and took them into custody.

In a statement, Muharraq police said, they took legal meas-

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ures against two men aged 32 and 37 years for hunting without a licence.

According to Decree No 2 of 1995 regarding the protection of wildlife in Bahrain, hunting in the whole country is prohibited without special permission.

Police also pressed charges against them for harming wildlife. Now they are to face Public Prosecution.

Before 2021, let us enjoy some great celestial spectacles

False eclipse, total eclipse and an asteroid approaching Earth to define the end of 2020: astronomer Ali Al Hajri



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The year 2020 will come to a close soon, but only after performing some unique celestial events for us to enjoy, said astronomer Ali Al Hajri.

The Earth, Al Hajri said, will witness a false lunar eclipse as the Moon passes through a cone-shaped shadow cast by the Earth during Rabi ul Akhir, the fourth month of the Islamic Calendar.

This phenomenon, he said, however, is not visible from Bahrain as the Moon will be positioned below the horizon here.

The event occurs on 30th this month and extends over 4 hours and 21 minutes starting from 10:32 am until 2:53 pm.

It will be visible in the American continent, the Arctic, Australia, central to Eastern Asia and far northwestern edges of Europe, except for Africa and Southwestern part of Asia.



Picture courtesy of Saudi24news

Al-Hajri has earlier said that Bahrain will not witness a total eclipse of the Moon before 7 September 2025 and that the closest phenomenon of a false lunar eclipse Bahrain will witness is on 8 November 2022 and 5 May 2023. The closest phenomenon of a partial eclipse of the Moon will be on 28 and 29 October 2023 and 18 September 2024.

Asteroid 50 2020

The second phenomenon, Al Hajri said, is the approach of an asteroid dubbed 502020.

With a diameter of about 6 m, the asteroid poses no threat of falling to the Earth.

It will come as close as 50429.3 km on the first of December at exactly 5:05 am Bahrain time.

The SUV sized asteroid takes 385.7 days to complete a revolution around the Sun.

Final Solar eclipse

The third phenomenon is the final total solar eclipse which is visible from Chile and some parts of Argentina. Some regions in southern South America, south-west Africa, and Antarctica will see a partial solar eclipse if the weather permits.

The 5 hour and 20-minute long event happens on 14 December 2020, from Bahrain time 04:33 pm until 09:53 in the evening.

During this phenomenon, the Moon, during Jumada al-Awwal, the fifth month of the Islamic calendar, meets the Sun above Bahrain horizon at 08:25 pm.

The Great conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn

The year 2020 will come to a close with the beautiful astronomical phenomenon, which is the great conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on 21 December 2020.

That date is, coincidental-

ly, the date of the December solstice. It'll be the first Jupiter-Saturn conjunction since the year 2000, and the closest Jupiter-Saturn conjunction since 1623, only 14 years after Galileo made his first telescope.

At the peak, Jupiter and Saturn will be only 0.1 degrees apart. That's just 1/5 of a full moon diameter.

Once in 20 years

One could watch this on the Bahrain horizon at sunset at exactly 04:50 in the evening, and the separation angle between the two planets is less than a degree!

Given the small angle of elongation between the two planets, whoever observes this phenomenon with the naked eye will only see Jupiter, so use binoculars and telescopes to monitor this distinctive phenomenon that only occurs almost every 20 years.