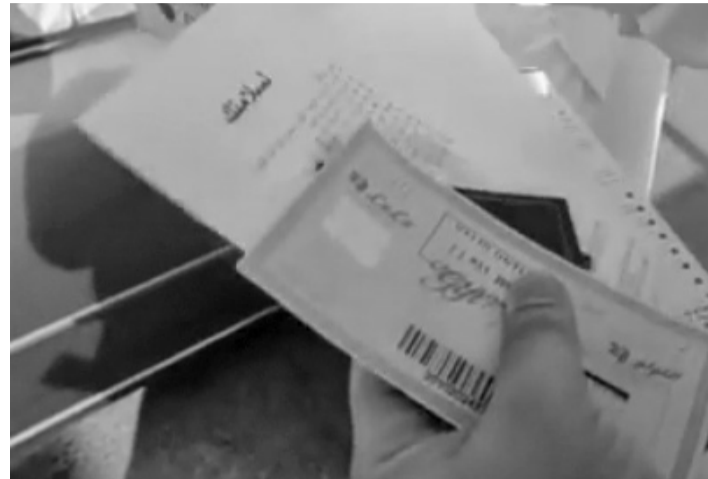


Motorists showered with gifts



General Directorate of Traffic officials gifting drivers during a "Thank You" initiative launched during Ramadan

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Officers from the General Directorate of Traffic along with Bahraini youths recently intensified their street patrolling, not in search of violations, this time for finding law-abiding residents.

Good drivers, who followed traffic rules properly, were spotted and showered with gifts including vouchers, electronic gadgets and other gifts as a token of appreciation.

The effort was part of a "Thank You" initiative launched by the General Directorate of

Traffic's Ramadan traffic which continues throughout Ramadan. Hamad Atiq and Kalil alMutawa are the Bahraini youngsters who are part of the initiative.

The campaign is being carried out in partnership with Bahrain National Insurance, as well as Sadeem Cards, Credimax, Lulu Hypermarket, Sofitel Bahrain and Qadooda Sweets.

'Until When'

"The campaign titled 'Until When' will educate drivers and road-users on the wrong traffic practices common during Ramadan," said Salah Shihab, the

Director of Traffic Culture.

The initiatives, he said, will help spread the vision of traffic safety among the people of Bahrain.

He also appreciated the sponsors' role in honouring ideal drivers.

More motorists will be awarded gifts this month as the initiative will continue throughout Ramadan.

The government has also devised a special traffic plan for Ramadan, the Director-General of Traffic Brigadier Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa revealed.



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Patrols intensified

The directorate will intensify patrols on major highways, intersections, as well as near-commercial avenues and shopping complexes.

The police will also monitor traffic on King Fahad Causeway, the terrestrial link between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

"This will be done mainly in the evening to ensure smooth flow of vehicles and full adherence to the rules by all drivers," he added.

The Ministry of Interior has been urging citizens and residents to be careful on roads and

avoid violations.

"The General Directorate considers traffic violations as an uncivilised practice," he said while calling on all to follow traffic rules and regulations during the holy month of Ramadan.

He also warned against a lack of attention while driving.

Care should be taken to drive on the right lane and not to change lanes without a flashing signal.

"The use of mobile phones during driving is strictly prohibited," added Shaikh Abdulrahman.

Court to rehear arguments in serial killer case

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The High Criminal Court has ordered a rehearing in the murder trial of a suspected Bahrain serial killer on 12 June 2019.

The Court will also reconsider the testimonies of the fifth and the sixth witnesses.

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his actions and predetermined.

The suspect allegedly nursed a grudge against expatriates after he was sacked from a job which earned him a monthly salary of BD300 while expatriates continued to enjoy their jobs.

"In my latest job, I was drawing a salary of BD300 monthly, but I was fired three months after joining," he said in his statement to prosecutors.

"While I remained jobless, they were enjoying their jobs and I hated them for that.

"I decided to kill as many of

them as I could," the suspect confessed.

The man went on a killing spree after mugging an Asian national in Karbabad.

He said he rammed his car on to an Asian man in Manama - pinning him between two vehicles.

The suspect then decided to kill two more to prevent them from identifying him to the police.

Body of the first victim, Sajjat Ali, an Indian national, was found on March 29 in Tubli.

Explaining the modus operandi, he told police that he sneaked up on Ali from behind and repeatedly smashed his head with a hammer.

His second victim, Mohammed Khan, also an Indian National, was murdered on April 13. The method used was the

same.

"On April 13, I saw an Asian man riding his cycle. I decided immediately to kill him. I brought the hammer from my car and drove in front of him.

"I waited for him to pass by me and I pounced on him with the hammer.

"I listened to his rattle, so I knew he was dying.

"I moved his body to take out his wallet, but it was empty so I left," he said.

Shortly after finding the second victim's body, police launched a nationwide manhunt, which resulted in the arrest of the suspect.

Public Prosecution accused him of murder and robbery.

It's worth noting that the defendant reportedly killed all his victims at night.

Exam paper leaking: Court adjourns trial



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The First High Criminal Court adjourned the trial of a public school teacher accused of leaking school final year question papers to June 11.

The intermediate school teacher allegedly took snapshots of seventh-grade final exam questions from a public school where she worked and passed it on to her students and parents using WhatsApp.

Learning about the leak, Education ministry reported the incident to the Public Prosecution to take further actions, said Southern Governorate Chief Prosecutor, Noor Shehab.

Following an investigation, Public Prosecution referred the case to a Criminal Court.

The prosecution interrogated the suspect, heard witnesses' testimonies and verified the evidence.

The woman confessed to her crime when confronted with the evidence.

Public Prosecution accused her of divulging secrets as per Article 371 of the Kingdom's Penal Code.

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not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding BD100 shall be inflicted on a person who divulges a secret entrusted thereto in his official capacity trade, profession or art in conditions other than those prescribed by the law or uses it for his personal benefit or for the benefit of another person, unless the person concerned with the secret allows the divulgence or use thereof."

The article also stipulates that punishment is severer in the case of public servants.

Car theft: Police arrest suspect after chase

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Police yesterday arrested a man, 38, in cooperation with the Najad "Rescue" Police for stealing a car.

The man also injured three police officer when security personnel tried to stop him, said the Director-General of Northern Governorate.

The suspect later crashed the vehicle into other parked vehicles.

Incidents leading to the arrest occurred, when police received a tip-off regarding a car theft in progress.

Police officers located the car soon and tried to stop him. However, the man didn't stop and tried to drive away.

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Legal proceedings are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecutor.

Court postpones trial of nine terrorists

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The Fourth High Criminal Court adjourned the trial of nine men accused of receiving military and explosives' manufacturing training at Hezbollah camps in Iraq back in 2017. The Court will hear the case on June 11.

Only one of the 9 defendants is in police custody. Rest of them are tried in absentia, as they all escaped to a foreign country. Court files show the suspects travelled to Iraq to receive military training on

different firearms and explosives for carrying out terrorist attacks in Bahrain.

Four of the suspects coordinated the training programme.

The training focused on handling RPG launchers, using and manufacturing explosive devices, the use of firearms such as AK-47 rifles, PK machine guns and sniper rifles.

Suspect, in custody, travelled to Bahrain from Iraq and to Holland. Police arrested him on his way back to Bahrain.

In 2017, the Public Prosecution accused the defendants of joining a terrorist group, practising terrorist activities and recruiting men to join their group, serving terrorist purposes, in addition to receiving military training abroad and facilitating it for others.