

Al Fateh project in full swing

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The concrete pouring for the reverse circulation bridge at the entrance to Al Fateh Corniche has begun as part of Al Fateh Street Development Project.

Excavation work has also begun in preparation for the start of tunnel development at the junction of Al Fateh Center.

This was according to the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Engineer Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf who visited the project's site.

He was accompanied on the visit by the Assistant Undersecretary for Roads, Eng. Kazem Abdullatif, Director of Roads Projects and Maintenance, Eng. Sayed Badr Al Alawi, and Samir Nass, representing a coalition of the Bahraini Nass Contracting Company and Huta Hegerfeld Saudi Arabia, and the project consultant, Parsons Company.

The visit was part of a series of events planned by the Ministry of Works to update the media on the project's progress.

Khalaf said that the main



Eng. Khalaf is briefed on the project's progress as excavation work goes full blast

works of the project include the expansion and development of Al Fateh Street to four lanes in each direction with a length of approximately 3 kilometres, as well as the construction of a tunnel with three lanes in both directions with a length of 595 metres at the intersection of the Gulf Hotel to transport traffic between north and south on the ground level.

The project also includes the construction of a one-way flyover with two lanes for those coming from Manama to the north on Al Fateh Street towards

Prince Saud Al Faisal Street, as well as the cancellation of the current traffic light at the intersection of Al Fateh Street and Sheikh Duaij Street to free up traffic and make it non-stop. It also includes the building of a flyover with two reverse circulation lanes at the Al Fateh Corniche entry for northbound traffic.

The ministry had already arranged the temporary works required for the building of the reverse circulation bridge without interfering with the number of lanes and traffic on this essential roadway.

It was aimed at providing a space to work on tunnel construction, beginning with piling works, in preparation for the start of tunnel excavation and construction works.

The project works require the implementation of traffic diversions in several stages to reduce the impact on traffic movement due to the importance of this street and its impact on the Kingdom's road network.

The Minister added that the ministry has completed 31% of the construction of all the



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foundations and columns of the upper bridge for reverse circulation. It is scheduled to open to traffic in the last quarter of this year.

Work is also ongoing to lay the foundations for the one-way upper bridge at the intersection of Shaikh Duaij Street, which is expected to open to traffic by the second quarter of 2023.

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Tree of Life Social Charitable Society's role and services hailed



Humaidan with Al Dailami and the Society's members

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Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan has praised the Tree of Life Social Charitable Society's role, contributions and services in the social, humanitarian and charity fields.

He affirmed the Ministry's support for the efforts of civil society organisations and keenness to remove all obstacles facing them, in accordance with the regulations and laws in force.

This came as Humaidan met yesterday the Society's Board of Directors Chairman, Khalil Ahmed Al Dailami, and several members.

The Minister also commended the role played by

Al Dailami in promoting the culture of voluntary and humanitarian work, describing him as one of the exemplary pioneers in this field, citing the Society's initiatives to take care of orphans' affairs.

They discussed the main challenges facing the work of the Tree of Life Social Charitable Society, and ways of facilitating procedures for it so as to enable it to enhance its role and improve its performance in serving society.

Al Dailami reviewed the Society's initiatives and achievements in the field of charity work, highlighting its goal of becoming a role model for charity and humanitarian work in the kingdom, in cooperation with the relevant public and private institutions.



Manama Central Market facilities upgraded

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The Capital Municipality is keen to strengthen its partnership with the merchants of the Manama Central Market by discussing rehabilitation and development projects, as well as obstacles to maintenance and organisation work and ways to address them.

This came during a visit to the Manama Central Market by the Director General of the Capital Municipality, Eng. Muhammad Saad Al Sahli, to review the progress of maintenance work and discuss the merchants' needs for services that would improve the existing facilities.



Eng. Al Sahli visits the Manama Central Market

Al Sahli pointed out that the development of the central market requires effective community partnership to provide an integrated service environment for all.

"As part of efforts to improve the level of services at the Manama Central Market, the Capital Municipality has completed the replacement of all concrete tables covered with ceramics

in the fish market according to the specifications approved by the Ministry of Health," he said.

He added that the Capital Municipality is continuing to implement internal and external maintenance plans for the Manama Central Market, which include maintaining the efficiency of air conditioners, strengthening lighting, ensuring the effectiveness of the sewage network, and periodic fault detection with an integrated maintenance team equipped with the latest maintenance tools and techniques and working 24 hours a day, in addition to providing hygiene services throughout the market.

Scientific project



Shaikh Issa bin Ali Secondary School for Boys has presented a scientific project focusing on recycling old and used car wheels and utilising the rubber in them to make high-quality and low-cost traffic accident shock absorbers for various vehicles. This came within the "Science is Our Life" exhibition, which was organised by Al Hoor Secondary School for Girls, which included experiments, projects and applied scientific research. Several government schools took part to contribute to preserving the environment and supporting sustainable development efforts. The participating team from Shaikh Isa bin Ali High School confirmed that the use of rubber in the manufacture of shock absorbers and safety barriers in the car contributes to reducing the impact of collision during traffic accidents, based on a physical principle derived from Newton's second law.

DANAT concludes six-day 'Pearl Program' course with flying colours

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The Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) has organised the "Pearl Program".

The program is an integrated training course that combined everything on natural, cultured and imitation pearls with a snorkeling expedition and a visit to the Pearling Path (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) in Bahrain.

The six-day course offered a holistic approach to pearl studies.

This included analysis of pearls using basic gemological tools and fundamental scientific



Jamsheer with course participants

ic instruments to characterise pearls such as X-ray micro-radiography, X-ray micro-computed tomography, X-ray luminescence and EDXRF. Studies were accompanied by laboratory sessions and practical experience with pearl and shell samples from DANAT's collection.

"This course was part of DANAT's efforts to train, qualify, and improve the capabilities of more cadres in this significant field, in addition to enhancing awareness of the heritage of pearls in Bahrain, and its role in the economic and social development," DANAT CEO Noora

Jamsheer said.

Jamsheer said that course participants were able to build a better understanding of pearls, with a focus on natural pearls, noting that the institute will organise a similar course in June.

"DANAT offers these training courses as part of its core objective to develop the Bahraini pearl sector within the framework of the Kingdom's national plan, and to enhance the Kingdom's reputation as a leading center of expertise in the field of pearls and gemstones, as part of the Bahrain Economic 2030 vision," she said.