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Long tailbacks are a common scene in Al Daih.

Every day jam!

Daih villagers face huge tailbacks every day; hope authorities will offer respite some day



Only the luckiest gets a chance to park car on time in Daih.

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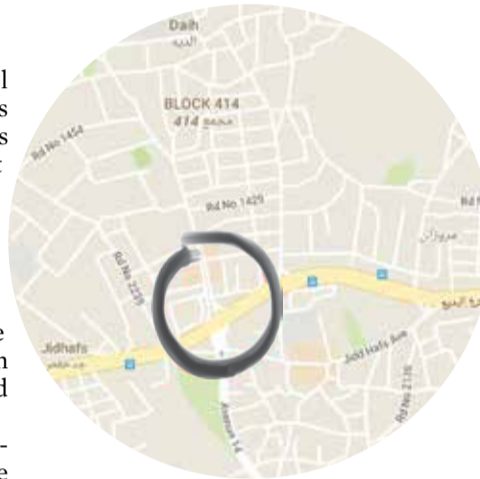
Daih in Persian means small and as the name indicates it's a small village. Ironically, this small village faces one of the biggest traffic jams in the Kingdom.

The villagers here are upset and many say they prefer to sit at home rather than getting stuck on roads for longer periods.

There are two main entrances to the village. The first one on the intersection with Sanabis and Jidhafs villages and the second one near Bahrain Mall.

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A wedding hall located near to the Bahrain Mall only compounds the problem. Speaking to Tribune, Abdulla Mo-



Single intersection is cited by the villagers as one of the main causes behind tailbacks.

hamed, a villager said, "We prefer to stay home when wedding parties are held

at the hall. Otherwise we will have to spend hours on road until we get back home."

He said the traffic jams are a pain to the villagers, urging the authorities to find an immediate solution.

Lack of parking space is another issue faced by villagers. They say fights and quarrels over parking issues are quite common here.

Abdulmohsin Al Qassab, another villager, said the street was built "ages ago based on old methods of construction and old designs".

"There are no parking spaces at all here. Most of us walk between 15 and 20 minutes after parking our cars. Elderly people are the main victims."

Al Qassab said the saddest part are the fights between neighbours over car parking. "Neighbours, and sometimes even friends turn into foes over car park-

ing issues. This needs to be addressed or the village will lose its cohesion."

Villagers say the authorities have been turning a blind eye to their demands. Um Ali, also a Daih villager said, "We don't have a proper playground here, no good parks and other amenities enjoyed by other villagers. We alert authorities very often about the issues that we face. But our repeated pleas only fall on deaf ears."

When asked, Majdi Al Nasheet, member of Capital Secretariat Council, said the secretariat has been open to the demands of Al Daih residents and plans are being devised to address their issues including notorious traffic jams.

"We hold follow-up meetings between secretariat officials and Al Daih villagers. Many issues have been solved, while there are many remaining. We are in our full efforts to solve all existing problems in the village."


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