

Measures 'will be in place to end begging on streets'

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Representative picture

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Immediate measures along with awareness drives will be in place to end begging across the streets of the Kingdom, according to a top official. The move comes amid rising concerns about the rising number of beggars in many areas and neighbourhoods. Brigadier Muhammad bin Dina, Director General of the General Administration for Information and Security Culture, said "awareness drive will be carried out across the Kingdom as we are witnessing an increase in the reporting of cases of begging". The rising number of beggars is fast becoming an inconvenience to the citizens and residents across the streets of the Kingdom. A large

number of beggars, mainly women carrying children, are seen begging for alms, most often annoying the public.

Sources said they even enter shops, asking for money from shopkeepers as well as customers across Manama and Gudai-biya.

They added that the number of beggars would be increasingly found across the streets during the beginning of the month as it is the time when people receive their salaries.

"Begging cases can be reduced with the cooperation of all members of society. It is the responsibility of all members to address such matters."

As part of the clampdown, police have been arresting many beggars, mainly expatriates, for begging in the streets as part of the efforts to curb the act of begging.

"We call upon citizens not to support begging and report such cases to the police for legal action to be taken. Community efforts are also needed to combat this negative phenomenon," the police directorate said.

A surge in beggars was witnessed across the Kingdom during this year's Holy Month, becoming an inconvenience to the citizens and residents, most often annoying them.

Earlier, commenting on the matter, Dr Anna Mostafa, a leading psychologist in the Kingdom, had said: "There could be psychological factors for begging; perhaps the individual's mental and cognitive capacity may play a role. Perhaps, they are unaware of the resources available to them by charities and shelters set in place to support them."

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Dr Anna also stressed the significance of rehabilitation. "Public awareness campaigns and increased efforts at disseminating information of available services to police, mosques, public transport and other areas where people gather could be beneficial."

Begging is legally prohibited in the Kingdom and offenders face imprisonment and fines.

"Dar Al Karama" has been taking care of beggars and the homeless. It is a governmental social institution affiliated with the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Department of Social Welfare. It is concerned with the provision of care and different services for first-time beggars and homeless people.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, conveyed to the President of the United States, Joe Biden, the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, and Prime Minister. This came as the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Bahraini Ambassador to the United States, Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, attended the reception ceremony hosted by the US President for leaders and heads of delegations participating in the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.



President of the Supreme Council of Health (SCH), Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, yesterday opened the first Bahrain International Medical Conference for AIDS, affirming Bahrain's commitment to delivering the best medical services to all the citizens and residents. The event, which concludes today, is being held at Gulf Hotel. Health Minister, Dr Jalila bint Al-Sayed Jawad Hassan, and health sector officials were present. Organised by the Ministry of Health, in cooperation with "EducationPlus", the conference is attended by more than 400 in-person and online participants.



Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi met with UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay during his participation in the Education Transformation Summit. They discussed cooperation and the projects that the ministry aspires to implement with UNESCO.

Awareness campaign for mobile food carts in Seef



Officials during the campaign in Seef
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The Ministry of Industry and Trade has launched an awareness and control campaign for mobile Food and Beverage carts parked in the Seef suburb.

Abdulaziz Al-Ashraf, the Assistant Undersecretary for Control and Resources, said the ministry is keen to conduct campaigns for mobile food outlets in all governorates of the Kingdom. The campaign,



he said, on Wednesday, detected minor violations and is being followed up by competent authorities.

He also called on owners of mobile food outlets to abide strictly by the requirements to practice such activities in the Kingdom.

File complaints through Tawasul or by calling the hotline at 80008001. Whatsapp number is 17111225. Also, email complaints to inspection@moic.gov.bh

Man killed by lightning strike on cruiser boat

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A man, an Asian national, was killed yesterday in a lightning strike during a fishing sail on a cruiser boat.

The head of Muharraq Governorate Prosecution said they were notified of the tragic incident by the Coast Guard General Command.

According to Public Prosecution, two sailors were on the boat when lightning struck one of them.

The men were on a fishing expedition in the Fasht Al Azm area as the waters went chop-

py amid a thunderstorm.

"My friend was at the helm when the lightning struck the cruiser's engine, causing him to fall off into the sea.

The public Prosecution said they opened an investigation soon after receiving a notification.

Coast Guard patrol brought the deceased's body to the Sitra port for a forensic doctor to examine.

Prosecutors also examined the boat by sending a team to the accident scene.

The investigation is still ongoing.



Bahrain International Airport celebrated the 92nd Saudi National Day yesterday by welcoming Saudi passengers arriving at Bahrain International Airport.

