

Road safety boost

Security and speed cameras approved for Janabiyah Highway

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The Northern Municipal Council has unanimously approved a proposal to install security and speed-enforcement cameras along Janabiyah Highway, covering avenues 91, 92 and 93 through to Madinat Salman, put forward by Third Constituency councillor Mohammed Saad Al Dosari.

The move follows repeated complaints from residents and regular users.

Al Dosari said the stretch between Janabiyah and Madinat Salman has seen rising speeds that put people at risk.

The councillor noted that limited patrol coverage by the General Directorate of Traffic makes offences harder to curb, and



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- MOHAMMED SAAD AL DOSARI, NORTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER



Image used for illustrative purposes only that crashes linked to dangerous overtaking and red-light running have been recorded, particularly near Madinat Salman.

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ing safety for those using the highway.

Crashes

The proposal aims to address recurring crashes, keep a closer watch on the route and keep traffic moving more smoothly

amid urban growth and higher population in the area.

Al Dosari added that the measure seeks to protect lives and public and private property, and that councillors backed it unanimously for its direct effect on road safety.

Verdict set in drug money trial

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Bahrain's First High Criminal Court has scheduled October 14 to deliver its verdict in the trial of a 26-year-old Asian man accused of laundering over BD38,000 (approximately \$100,000) in proceeds from drug sales through cryptocurrency transactions.

Investigators allege the defendant was part of an international drug trafficking network, tasked with receiving sales revenue and concealing its origins through various financial channels.

Authorities say he transferred the funds via exchange companies, ATM withdrawals, and bank deposits, before converting them into digital currencies that were later sold through an unwitting intermediary.

The man was charged with money laundering in 2024.

19 arrested with 16kg of narcotics worth BD113,000



Suspects with the seized evidence



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A number of individuals were arrested for possessing narcotics weighing approximately 16 kilograms, worth BD113,000.

The Ministry of Interior confirmed that, within the framework of security efforts undertaken by the Anti-Narcotics Department of the General Department of Criminal Investigation and Evidence, measures are being taken to protect society from the scourge of drugs.

In various incidents, the administration, in cooperation with customs affairs and an

air freight company, was able to arrest 19 people of different nationalities in possession of a quantity of narcotic substances weighing approximately 16 kilograms and valued at more than BD11,000.

The administration explained that as soon as information about the incidents was received, searches and investigations were carried out, and information and evidence were collected, which resulted in identifying the accused and arresting them, with the narcotics in their possession.

The General Department of

Criminal Investigations and Evidence indicated that the items were seized and held, the necessary legal measures were taken, and the cases were referred to the Public Prosecution.

The Criminal Media Division noted the importance of continuing to activate community partnership with all institutions and groups to provide lectures and hold exhibitions to raise awareness and educate in the field of combating drugs.

It noted the necessity of communicating and cooperating with the security and competent authorities.

‘Vindhyavali’ Dance and Musical to Premiere at BKS Onam Celebration

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The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) is set to captivate audiences with its dance-musical play, ‘Vindhyavali’.

This vibrant production is centered on Vindhyavali, the wife of the legendary King Mahabali, whose return is commemorated during the Onam festival.

This performance, presented under the auspices of the BKS Ladies Wing, is scheduled for tomorrow, at 8:00 PM at the BKS Diamond Jubilee Hall as part of the Sraavanam 2025 Onam celebrations.

Movie star

The event will be graced by the presence of the renowned movie star and the first female president of the



Vidyasree

Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA), Mrs. Shwetha Menon, as the chief guest.

Known for her stellar performances in Indian cinema, Menon's attendance adds a touch of elegance to this cultural extravaganza.

Written and choreographed by Vidyasree, a distinguished



Swetha Menon

dance teacher and actress based in Bahrain, Vindhyavali brings to life the lesser-known moments of Vindhyavali's journey, reimagined through a mesmerizing blend of dance and music.

The production promises a unique narrative, shedding light on a character often overlooked in traditional stories and legends.

BD400,000 smart classroom project



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) has taken a major step towards embracing the future of education with the upcoming launch of its smart classroom project, designed to enhance both learning and safety across its Isa Town and Riffa campuses. Approximately valued at BD400,000, this landmark initiative will see the installation of interactive digital smartboards and a comprehensive CCTV network in all classrooms, libraries and laboratories, benefiting approximately 12,000 students. As part of the collaboration, Zain Business will provide not only the latest Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Extra-Low Voltage (ELV) solutions but also the required software licenses to ensure the smooth implementation of the initiative. Through this collaboration, the school will modernise its teaching and learning infrastructure by equipping 350 classrooms across its Isa Town and Junior campuses with state-of-the-art digital smartboards. These interactive panels will enable teachers to deliver dynamic and engaging lessons, while the CCTV systems will enhance the overall safety and security of the school environment. Zain Bahrain Chief Communications & Investor Relations Officer, Shaikh Abdulla Khalid Al-Khalifa and Hon. Chairman Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese signed the agreement in the presence of Hon. Secretary V. Rajapandian, Hon. Vice-Chairman & Hon. Member HSSE and Sports Dr. Mohammed Faizal, Hon. Member-Projects & Maintenance Mithun Mohan, Principal VR Palaniswamy, Junior Wing Principal Pamela Xavier, Senior School & Academic Administration Vice-Principal G Sathesh and Junior Wing Vice-Principal Priya Laji.