

At a time, 30 people

Restaurants, cafes, Shisha parlours told to follow safety measures strictly

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The year 2020 has brought us an unprecedented situation in the form of the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns.

It brought the world to its knees, while also affecting people's mental health and well being.

But then the world decided to fight back, by getting back on its feet.

The truth, however, is that corona has changed our world fundamentally over the past nine months.

As experts say, the normalised version of the reality does not exist anywhere in the world.

Like we are witnessing here in the Kingdom, restrictions can change quickly as the government tries to bring the best measures to control the spread of the virus.

The latest in these settings are on the controls to be in place at restaurants, coffee shops and shisha parlours.

As per the new guidelines, starting today, restaurants, cafes and shisha houses should seriously adhere to health requirements for internal and external services.

The new measures allow providing internal services to not more than 30 people at a time.

The restrictions aim at giving practical solutions to support the fight against the pandemic.

At restaurants, temperature checking is a must now. Entry should be denied to anyone having a temperature of 37.5 degree Celsius or higher and inform authority by calling 444.

Guidelines also call for encouraging reservation, social



Representative picture courtesy of AIAYam

Restaurants and coffee shops should :

Conduct temperature checks using an infrared thermometer

Deny entry to all whose temperature is above 37.5-degree celsius

Inform any such cases identified by calling 444

Encourage reservation, if not by following social distancing

Record contact information, date and time of each reservation

Hold the records for 30 days

Provide 70pc alcohol-based sanitizers at the entrance, dining areas and restrooms

Provide paper napkins

Wash reusable table cloths, placemats and napkins after each use

Wash towels at 80-degree Celcius

Ask all to wear face masks

Should avoid shared condiments and serve single-use sachets and tins

Ministry says Shisha shops should :

Restrict services to outdoor areas. Indoor services banned

Use only single-use shisha hoses

Not allow employees to test shisha before serving

Wash shisha and disinfect it thoroughly and change water after each use

Clean all parts of shisha, including the tongs

Provide a sufficient number of hand-sanitizers

Keep complete record of employees, visitors including names, phone numbers and date of the visit

Ask employees to wear masks and gloves at all times

Ask employees to wash hands with soap and water or disinfect their hands with alcohol-based sanitizer before and after service to each customer

Record and deny entry to all those whose temperatures are more than 37.5-degree Celcius

distancing, use of 70pc alcohol-based hand sanitisers, and facemasks.

Restaurants are required to avoid using shared condiments (such as salts, pepper, sugar, ketchup and mustard), which should be in single-use sachets and tins.

Government guidelines also require restaurants to wash reusable table cloths, mats and napkins after each use. Customers are required to wait outside if vacant tables are not available at that time.

Similar guidelines are also in place for operating shisha parlours, which should function only in outdoor areas.

Guidelines call for using masks, hand sanitisers, temperature checks, single-use shisha hoses, as well as washing and disinfecting of shishas after every use.

All the establishments are also required to keep complete records of the employees and visitors their names, phone numbers and date of the visit.



After showing signs of easing out, Covid-19 pandemic is making a strong comeback across Europe. Country after country is again resorting to lockdown hoping to contain further spread of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus that causes Covid-19.

Bahrain backs UAE's claims over Islands occupied by Iran



Al-Ruwaie taking part in a UN general panel discussion

The dispute is over the islands of Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa

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Bahrain yesterday affirmed the right of the United Arab Emirates to restore its sovereignty over the three UAE islands occupied by Iran.

Bahrain's envoy to the UN called on Iran to respond to the efforts of the UAE to resolve the issue through negotiation or the International Court of Justice.

The dispute is over the islands of Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa.

He also reiterated support to efforts aimed at resolving the Palestinian issue following the two-state solution, resolutions of international legitimacy and the Arab Peace Initiative.

This came as the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to UN in New York Ambassador, Jamal Faris Al-Ruwaie, was speaking during a general panel discussion on the Special Political Issues and Decoloni-

zation Committee (4th Committee).

On this note, Al-Ruwaie hailed the crucial role of the United Nations in addressing international and regional problems and finding appropriate solutions to settle them.

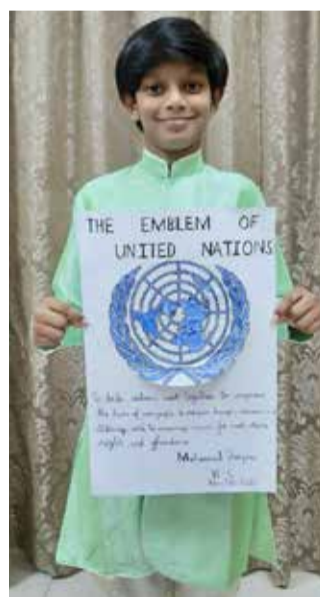
Al-Ruwaie further renewed the support of Bahrain for the efforts of Morocco to find a political solution to the issue of the Moroccan Sahara.

The Bahraini envoy also told the session participants to take steps to achieve the Declaration on Granting Independence to Colonial Countries and the implementation of United Nations resolutions in this regard.

In this regard, the Ambassador highlighted Bahrain's vision, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, as a strategic option to achieve peace and stability process in the Middle East.

He pointed out the recent signing of a joint historic statement between Bahrain and Israel on establishing diplomatic relations, in addition to several deals between the ministries of the two states and other areas of cooperation.

New Horizon School students celebrate United Nation's Day



A special Assembly marked the 75th Anniversary of the UN

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These students did their bit to spread the message of the UN that "though we may have differences in language, religion and skin colour we all belong to one human race."

Celebrating UN Day is done by getting to know about this

great Organisation and the difference it makes in our lives.

A special Assembly marked the 75th Anniversary of the UN where the students of Grade 4 presented an Innovation Dance on: "The World needs Liberation". Activities focused on the Aim and Vision of the UN, conveying messages of Hope, Peace, Equality, Love and Care - the pillars of the United Nations.

Leena Verma highlighted the achievements of the UN and the ways we can endeavour to make the world a better place to live in.

