

More than 400 immersion heaters confiscated

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism seizes poorly manufactured heating products from local stores in safety drive

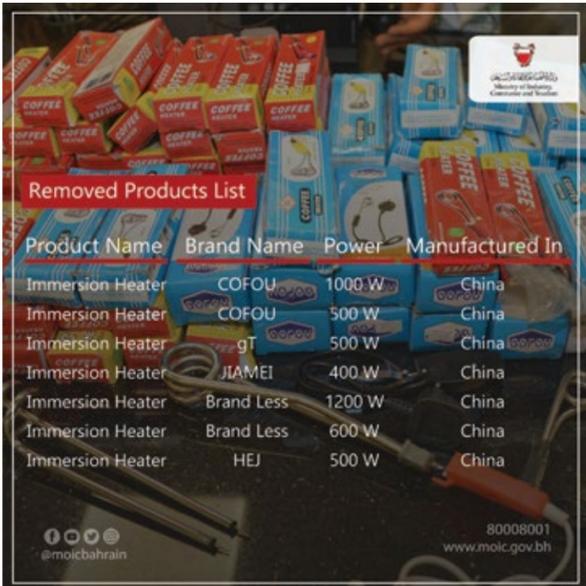
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The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism has confiscated more than 420 poorly manufactured immersion heaters from local markets in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The ministry's Inspection and Measurement Department announced yesterday that it had conducted an inspection campaign in a number of establishments in all governorates, and more than 400 devices of this product were seized.

Department director Ali Shabar Jawad said that his office has confiscated these immersion heaters following its continuous follow-up and study of these industrial products circulating in the local markets, and after complaints received by users of these devices.

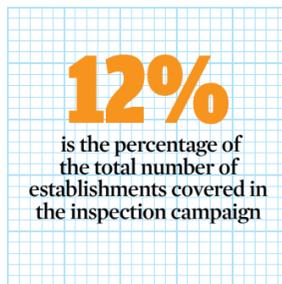
These poorly manufactured products pose a risk to the safety of those who purchase them as it exposes the user to burns and electric shocks, given that the electrodes of the products



are prominent or unprotected. These can also result in fires and damaged property.

The director indicated that tests carried out on the heating devices proved their non-conformity with the general safe-

ty requirements mentioned in relevant ministerial decisions. They confirm the necessity of electrical fuses in each device to ensure the separation of current in the event of a malfunction. The electrical wires and live



poles of the product must also be properly insulated and difficult to access.

Jawad emphasised that the immersion heaters were withdrawn from 12% of the total number of stores covered in the inspection campaign.

The director also noted that the administration continues to implement field surveys to study industrial products traded in the local markets, as well as inspection campaigns to ensure the application of laws and regulations that contribute to the protection, safety and security of individuals and society as a whole.

Human rights body urges telecom companies to defer payments of low-income workers



Fulad and Altarejos

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Telecom companies have been urged by a Bahrain human rights organisation to provide deferred payment and payment flexibility to low-income workers.

Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS) has urged telecommunication providers to take into account the economic landscape caused by the coronavirus outbreak and provide payment flexibility to those earning a low income.

The society said that this issue is of human rights concern and needs to be taken seriously.

"The Central Bank of Bahrain has instructed all financial institutions to provide deferred payment and flexibility

to all debtors affected by the financial repercussions; we also urge telecommunications in Bahrain to adopt the same payment flexibility to our expatriate workers and low-income workers," said BHRWS secretary general Faisal Fulad.

"Our domestic workers, services crew, and workers affected by no work-no pay are in need to avail of this kind of assistance from our telecommunication companies," said BHRWS Foreign Rights Worker Committee director Lyne Altarejos.

"We, BHRWS, are deeply grateful to all telecommunications to respond and offer humility to all the debtors, whether expatriate or Bahraini, until the economy is back to normal operations."

Coronavirus fight proving effective, says top health official

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Bahrain's therapeutic protocols in fighting the coronavirus (COVID-19) are proving effective, a leading health official said yesterday.

Supreme Council of Health (SCH) president and National Taskforce to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19) head Lt. General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa affirmed that the therapeutic protocol of Bahrain, which uses Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) medication in treating infected cases, has proven to be effective.

Shaikh Mohammed said the kingdom is one of the first countries to use the medication, pointing out its success in alleviating the symptoms of the virus and reducing its complications.

The SCH President noted that

the Kingdom of Bahrain used Hydroxychloroquine on February 26 this year after detecting the first COVID-19 case two days prior.

He pointed out that the national taskforce decided to use the medication to treat the cases, according to the experience of the countries which achieved a remarkable success in curing coronavirus-infected cases such as China and South Korea, where the recovery indices rose remarkably.

The SCH President affirmed that Hydroxychloroquine is used as a main cure for diseases like Malaria, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus. It proved to be very effective in alleviating virus-related symptoms, pneumonia, pain and fever, and pointed out that applying the therapeutic protocol depends on the pathological case.

Maintenance work on Shaikh Salman Flyover

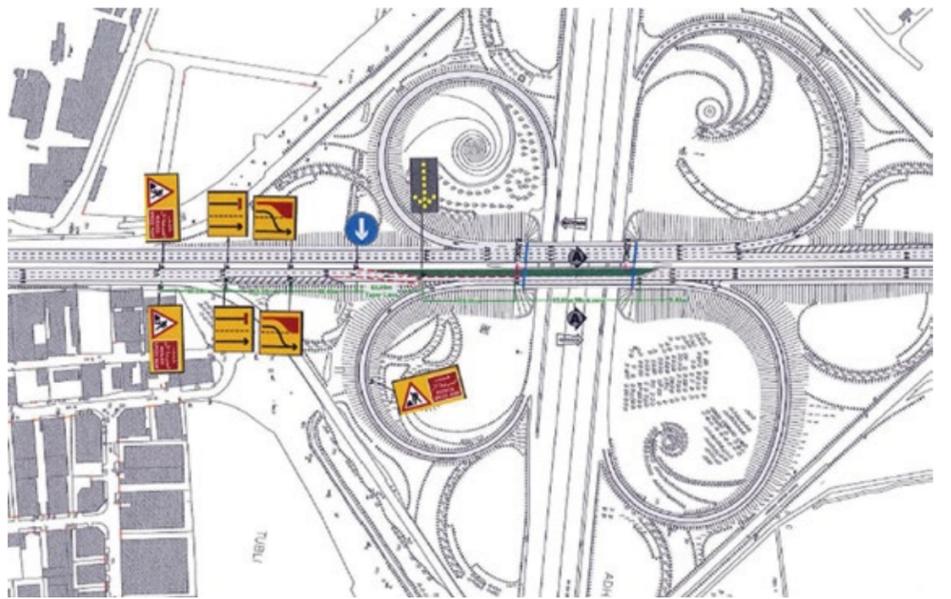
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The maintenance works of expansion joints on Shaikh Salman Flyover necessitate the closure of the fast and middle lanes for northbound traffic, the Ministry of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning announced yesterday.

The work also necessitate the closure of the loop from Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway to Shaikh Salman Highway leading to Sehla area.

The closure was effective from last night at 11pm to Friday at 5am.

The ministry called on all road users to observe the traffic rules for safety of all.



Rotary Club conducts Interact Pinning Ceremony



Rotary Club of Manama (RCM) recently held its Interact Pinning Ceremony at Bahrain School, in the presence of RCM President Khalid Mukhtar along with members of RCM and Interact Club, parents and Bahrain School academic and administrative staff members. The ceremony was organised by New Generations Director Marwa Rahimi, with the aim of encouraging the youth to partake in voluntary and community service activities. The event also witnessed the recognition and pinning of new members and welcoming the new members into the Interact Club of Bahrain School.

Higher institutions attend e-learning webinar

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Staff from higher institutions in Bahrain participated in a webinar yesterday to learn about the best practices in an e-learning environment.

The "Transitioning to Online Teaching" webinar was organised by the Scientific Research Department of the General Secretariat of the Higher Education Council, in cooperation with E-Knowledge, a professional company dedicated to innovation and development based in Dubai.

E-Knowledge's e-learning expert Caryn Anderson explained how to achieve successful learning outcomes in the most efficient and productive ways by exploring asyn-

chronous conversations, learning by teaching and grazing versus meals.

Asynchronous conversations include e-mail, chat platforms, blogs and hashtags on Facebook and Twitter.

Learning by teaching focuses on developing student learning through the student teaching peers specific parts of the lesson or specific ideas.

The webinar also reviewed technological tools, blogs and distance education programmes that could be employed in the process of communication between the teacher and the students.

Anderson is a development specialist focused on knowledge and information services, scientific research quality and impact, as well as interdisciplinary collaboration.