

# Petrol price hike case adjourned

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The High Administrative Appeals Court adjourned the case lodged by several Bahraini lawyers against the decision to increase fuel prices until September 16 for the closing arguments to be delivered by the state lawyer.

Petrol prices in Bahrain were increased in January 2018. Jayyid (91-octane) is now sold for 140fils/litre against the earlier price of 125fils/litre, while the Mumtaz (octane-95) is sold now sold for 200fils/litre up from the previous price of

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fils is what a litre of petrol (Jayyid) now costs in Bahrain

160fils/litre.

The lawyers who filed the complaint had argued that this move was illegitimate and unconstitutional because it wasn't publicised in the official gazette before being implemented as per Law 52 of the year 2006.

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## Warning over spending hours before TV sets

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Watching television, using computers or smartphones for longer hours could cause permanent damage to eyes, warns ophthalmology consultant Dr Ibtisam Al Alawi.

"If you are feeling dryness in eyes, blurred vision or fatigue, it's important to give rest to your eyes," she said.

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synthetic tears to moisten the eyes as and when they turn dry. "Consider using a humidifier that emits water spray and if you have a much brighter screen than the room's light, it may cause eye fatigue, so it is necessary to adjust room's lighting and try to increase the contrast on the screen to reduce eye strain."

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## Delivery boys, heavy drivers to receive first aid training

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The Bahrain Red Crescent Society intends to set up a special project to train delivery boys and drivers of heavy vehicles in Bahrain on first aid skills to enable them to provide assistance to themselves and victims of accidents in the streets, revealed its secretary-general Dr Fawzi Amin.

Under the guidance of Bahrain Red Crescent Society, the project is the first of its kind in the region and will include a short and intensive training programme covering the basics of first aid focused on fractures, burns and wound healing.

"There are individuals, such as delivery bikers, heavy vehicle drivers and fishermen, who are at high risk. These groups of people are more vulnerable to injuries. Yet, they cannot afford to take this course due to busy schedules. So instead of them coming to us, we decided to go to them," said Dr Amin.

Under the supervision of trained professionals, the course will take place in tents situated in highly populated areas of the country. Training in less populated areas will follow upon covering areas with a high number of delivery services.

"We decided to put together a concentrated and practical course, where we focus on dealing with common injuries during an accident such as fractures, burns and bleeding."

"A certification valid for two years will be given at the end of the course, this training will not only make a difference in their life but also help others," he added.



Two trucks carrying hundreds of toys were donated to Syrian child refugees at Za'atari camp in Jordan by the Bahrain Red Crescent.

Upon completion of the course, individuals will receive a certification valid for two years, a well-equipped first aid kit and a sticker for their vehicle to inform people they are trained in first aid.

Each course will be divided into four sections, which cover four of the common situations faced in the likelihood of an accident. An hour will be dedicated to each section with more emphasis on practical coaching rather than lectures.

"The first part will include educating them on the first aid kit's contents and uses. In the second part, the practical focus will be given on how to manage injuries such as cuts, bruises and compression of bleeding, dealing with fractures will be covered in the third part and the last part will include the treatment of burns," revealed Dr. Amin.

"There are people who experience burns, cuts or bruises from an accident and don't seek medical help rather they resort to home remedies, this may put them in risk of infection. This course is tailored to help them attend to injuries initially so that medical professionals can take over," he added.

Each course will accommodate a maximum of 20 trainees to ensure individual attention. The course has been tailored keeping in mind the schedules and diversity of those attending the program.

"Training will take place during the daytime such as early mornings when they are least busy and options for split sessions will be available. We want to design the course according to their situation," said Dr Amin.

"We are coordinating with Red Cross

Societies across the world, especially Asia, to provide the application forms and theoretical information in languages most of the expatriates understand," he added.

The project is set to commence post-Ramadan and is currently collaborating with restaurants and cafeterias to work out a schedule.

"Evaluation will not be conducted, as this is a basic course concentrating on first-hand attention. Plans for a refresher course will be considered at the end of the certificate validity," revealed Dr Amin.

"When we hear that a life has been saved because of this training we will know our mission is fulfilled," he added.



Bahrain Red Crescent Society is a volunteer charity founded in 1971. It has been recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva since 14 September 1972 and joined the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the same year.



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