

# 80 shipments of construction waste and rubble removed

14 shops fined for failing to dump waste in designated sites in Northern Municipality

- Part of the 'North Without Building Waste' campaign in the Hamala area
- Aimed at raising awareness about the negative impact of illegal waste disposal
- Random landfill waste represents one of the biggest challenges in the municipality

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The Northern Municipality has removed 80 shipments of construction waste and rubble as part of the "North Without Building Waste" campaign in the Hamala area.

Fourteen shops were also fined for failing to dump waste in designated sites, a clear violation of new Hygiene Law No. (10) of 2019. A person was fined BD300 for randomly throwing waste in public spaces and residential neighbourhoods.

Random landfill waste represents one of the biggest challenges in the municipality. In particular, the random disposal of construction waste is a recurring concern linked to the acceleration of urban development in the northern governorate and its vast area.

The campaign was launched in cooperation with the Mu-



Large pile of debris in open spaces being removed



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municipal Council of the Northern Region.

It aims to raise awareness

among various segments of society on the importance of throwing construction waste into their designated sites and familiarising community members with the legislation and procedures in place in the field of proper disposal of waste.

It also aims to strengthen community partnership to contribute to reducing the random throwing of construction waste and make the Northern Municipality free of widespread construction waste.

Part of the programme is to inform the concerned parties about the places designated for throwing construction waste and the proper methods that should be followed for disposal.

## BD300

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It is also aimed at raising awareness among contractors and workers in the field of building and construction about the damage caused by these wastes and the negative impact resulting from their random disposal.

## RCSI Bahrain holds virtual symposium on COVID research projects



Dr Shaikh Mohammed



Professor Al Qahtani



Professor Atkin



Professor Otoom

- Focus on importance of collaborative and innovative research to fight the pandemic

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The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland-Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) organised an online symposium titled "Collaborative Research on COVID-19 in the Kingdom of Bahrain."

It was held under the patronage of Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, in collaboration with the National Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA).

The symposium commenced with welcome notes from the guest of honour, Major General Professor Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, director of the Royal Medical Services and chairman of the Research Committee of the taskforce.

Major General Professor Shaikh Khalid highlighted the importance of the research conducted in response to the pandemic.

RCSI Bahrain president Professor Sameer Otoom said: "At RCSI Bahrain, we believe in the importance of collaborative and innovative research, and we strongly felt it is our duty to dedicate our knowledge, experience and resources to contribute to the research projects in order to support the Kingdom of Bahrain's tremendous efforts in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic."

RCSI Bahrain's Head of School of Postgraduate Studies and Research, Professor Stephen Atkin, made a presentation on the Favipiravir Clinical Trial Study, which was



Professor Shaikh Khalid

undertaken in the hospitals by RCSI Bahrain medicine alumni, under the guidance of the School of Postgraduate Studies and Research, and in support of the taskforce's efforts.

Professor Atkin said: "Developing healthcare through research has always been a point of focus for the university and it has been an honour to take part in contributing to the Kingdom's extensive research effort on COVID-19."

The second presentation was titled "Overview of COVID-19 Research projects" and was presented by Professor Manaf Al Qahtani, Infectious Diseases Consultant and Microbiologist at the Bahrain Defence Force Hospital and member of the taskforce.

Professor Al Qahtani, also Clinical Associate Professor, Lead in Microbiology at RCSI Bahrain, said that during the period from March to December 2020, 17 COVID-19 related research projects have been completed and 13 are ongoing.

Dr Abdulkarim Abdulrahman, resident at Mohammed bin Khalifa Cardiac Centre and member of the National Corona Virus (COVID-19) Research Group, made a presentation on his research project titled "The efficacy and safety of hydroxychloroquine in COVID-19 patients: a multicentre national retrospective."

The symposium concluded with a presentation by RCSI Bahrain's third year medical student and student researcher, Saad Mallah, titled "COVID-19: Breaking Down a Global Health Crisis."

The master of ceremonies for the symposium was Senior Clinical Lecturer at RCSI Bahrain, Dr Khawla Ali, who moderated the presentations and the Question-and-Answer session, during which academics from RCSI Bahrain, RCSI in Dublin and attendees raised their questions to the speakers.

**17**  
The number of COVID-19 related research projects completed from March to December 2020.

## Inter-school competition held at Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School

- Seven CBSE schools participate in various events

- Student show talent, imagination and creativity

- Fancy Dress, Mono Acting and Patriotic Solo Singing are held virtually

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Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School hosted an inter-school competition entitled "Bhavanodaya 2020-21" for emerging artists with the theme patriotism on the eve of Indian Republic Day celebrations.

Seven CBSE schools participated in the event, held under the aegis of Bhavans Middle East. They are Asian School, Bahrain Indian School, Indian School, Ibn Al Hytham Islamic School, New Indian School, New Millennium School and

New Horizon School.

The debut competitions – Fancy Dress, Mono Acting and Patriotic Solo Singing – were held virtually.

They were a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness helping to bring out the uniqueness of each individual.

Principal Saji Jacob welcomed the Bhavans' fraternity, directors, principals of the CBSE schools, jury members, online viewers, parents and the budding performers.

The judges were Paresh Bhatia, a former radio jockey, event anchor, roadshow specialist, voiceover artist and radio commercials producer; Juhi Sharma, an integral part of Radio 104.2 FM and has been instrumental part of English weekly "Bahrain This Week"; and Meghna Mathur, who has passion for music and has been a live performer at various prestigious events.

Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma announced the winners who were awarded with certificates and a trophy. The highest scorer Asian School bagged the rolling trophy.

## BDF Commander-in-Chief thanks Ambassador Gharyani



Bahrain Defence Force Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received the outgoing Tunisian Ambassador Salim Gharyani and thanked him for his efforts that contributed to boosting cooperation between the two countries. Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed wished the ambassador success in his next mission.

## Foreign Ministry Undersecretary receives Japanese Ambassador



Ministry of Foreign Affairs for International Affairs Undersecretary Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received in his office at the Ministry's General Court yesterday Japanese Ambassador Hideki Ito. The Undersecretary praised the advanced level of bilateral relations with Japan and growing bilateral cooperation and coordination in various fields. He stressed promising opportunities in both countries, noting that the Kingdom of Bahrain is an ideal destination for new qualitative investments within the framework of the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.