## Now, its the turn Injection only of lactating and pregnant mothers

Bahrain offers two types of COVID-19 vaccines for lactating and pregnant mothers

 Vaccines developed by China's National **Pharmaceutical** Group, Sinopharm, and Pfizer and BioNTech are okayed

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the Kingdom.

The move comes amid con-tracking effort. cerning reports that pregnanneed for protection.

for inoculating breastfeeding the mrna quickly.

Committee.

veloped by China's National Pharmaceutical Group, Sinopharm, and Pfizer and BioNTech for the purpose.

Bahrain's approval follows a recommendation by the World tated strain." Health Organisation and the the United States of America.

Dr Anthony Fauci, head of incines are now available recent briefing that research- be vaccinated. for inoculating pregnant ers have seen "no red flags" so

According to reports, mRNA cy heightens the risk of severe vaccines are administered dur-Coronavirus infection and that ing pregnancy as they do not pregnant women have a greater contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 and, therefore, cannot Dr Maryam Ibrahim Al-Hajri, give someone COVID-19. Addithe Assistant Undersecretary for tionally, mRNA vaccines do not Public Health at the Ministry of interact with a person's DNA be-Health, said the committee had cause the mRNA does not enter approved two types of vaccines a cell nucleus. Cells break down

Health Ministry's Vaccination pregnant women are among on the breastfed infant or milk id-19 Vaccine also brings the ing the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Bahrain picked vaccines de- complications from the Coro- vaccines are not thought to be a able in Bahrain for inocunavirus."

While vaccination remains a nated." Centres for Disease Control in personal choice, people who are pregnant and part of a group recommended to receive the COVfectious diseases at the National ID-19 vaccine, such as health-

> "For, it is highly-necessary Dr Al-Hajri.

Lactating mothers and pregnant women can register after US regulators concluded extended for three through the website healthalert. the shot offers strong protection more months gov.bh or other authorised ap-

nation is optional, "but a necessity to keep everyone healthy."

mothers and pregnant women. Dr Al-Hajri also pointed out: vaccines in lactating women nor istry." Dr Al-Hajri is the chair of the "Breastfeeding mothers and on the effects of mRNA vaccines

the groups most vulnerable to production/excretion." "mRNA number of vaccines availrisk to the breastfeeding infant. lation to five. "Vaccination will help them People who are breastfeeding prevent the infection or its com- and are part of a group recomplications, especially in light of mended to receive a COVID-19 one manufactured by the rapid spread of the new mu- vaccine, such as healthcare per- Chinese state-backed sonnel, may choose to be vacci-

## Five COVID-19 vaccines

Bahrain on Thursday ap- COVID-19 vaccine) proved a new single-dose coro- and Russia's Sputnik wo types of COVID-19 vac- Institutes of Health, said in a care personnel, may choose to navirus vaccine developed by V vaccine. Johnson & Johnson.

The authorisation makes Bah- viding coronavirus and lactating individuals here in far from the 20,000 pregnant to strengthen the immunity rain the first nation in the world vaccine jab free of women participating in a federal of breastfeeding and pregnant to authorise Janssen Covid-19, cost for citizens and mother against the virus," said the one-shot vaccine for general residents.

> Bahrain's move comes a day against severe COVID-19.

The National Health Regu-The official said that the vaccilatory Authority (NHRA) said it the mandatory COVID-19 would dole out the vaccine shots pre-cautionary measures "to elderly, people with chronic for an additional three

Bahrain already uses the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, pharmaceutical giant Sinopharm, India's Covishield (the Oxford-AstraZeneca

Bahrain is pro-

**COVID-19 measures** 

Bahrain also extended CDC says, "There are neither diseases and other categories months from 28 February 2021. data on the safety of COVID-19 determined by the Health Min- The move also follows the recommendations of the National The approval for Janssen Cov- Medical Taskforce for Combat-





The CDC has designated pregnant people as a group with increased risk of contracting severe COVID-19.

COVID-19 patients who are pregnant are estimated to be five times more likely to need intensive care or a ventilator than those who aren't.

Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines don't contain the live virus. They use a fragment of genetic material, called messenger RNA, that instructs cells to build the spike" protein found on the virus surface that the immune system learns to fight off. The vaccines cannot cause infection.



## Man makes narrow escape from near-fatal crash

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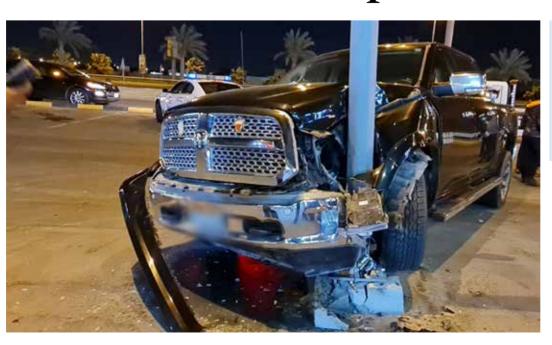
The man driving this vehicle should consider himself extremely lucky.

For, anyone who takes even a glance at his mangled car would find it hard to believe that he managed to escape unscathed.

The person -a Bahraini national- was driving through the Gulf of Bahrain Road near the Bahrain International Circuit in Zallaq when the accident occurred.

Police said the car involved in the accident came from the Manama side.

The man blamed the accident on a sudden turn made by a vehicle from its lane ahead of him. He said, "I lost control of the



According to police, the driver of the vehicle blamed the accident on a sudden turn made by a vehicle from its lane ahead of him



the lamp post." DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE

vehicle, and in panic, rammed into the lamp post."

Such was the impact that the lamppost, pierced through the left corner of the car, ended up jutting out of the engine bay.

Police said they took necessary measures and had opened an investigation into the circumstances leading to the accident. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.