

13,000 violations!

● Leaving scrap and 'For sale' cars topped the violations

● Capital municipality topped the total number of violations

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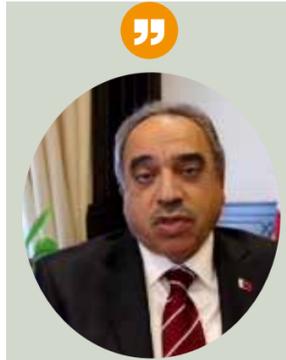
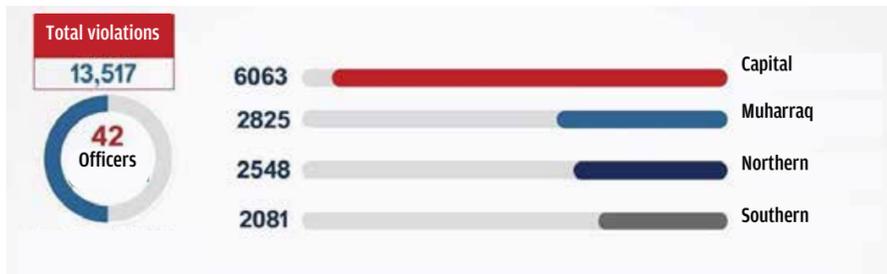
More than 13,000 violations related to Public Cleanliness Law were recorded by the Ministry of Works in the Kingdom, said the Works Minister.

The Minister was replying to a question by the Representative Muhammad Khalifa Abu Hamoud in the Parliament.

Essam Khalaf, the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, said altogether they recorded 13,517 violation in the capital secretariat and municipalities in line with the Cleanliness Law No. 10 of 2019, the Minister said.

The law issued in May 2019 imposes a fine of up to BD300 for violating norms related to public cleanliness. Littering, urinating or spitting are some of the violations that are heavily fined by the law. The law imposes higher fines of up to BD1,000 for transporting garbage or dangerous substances without a license.

According to the Minister, most of the violations were in the Capital municipality, where



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officials registered 6,063 cases. There were 2825 violations in the Muharraq, 2,548 in the northern region, and 2,081 in

the Southern Region.

Majority of the violations, the Minister said, were related to the placing of scrap car and cars for sale in public places. "These amounted to 6,177 cases."

Closely following was dumping construction waste in public places. Officials recorded 4,537 cases in this regard.

Works ministry officials also registered 1,870 cases for throwing waste and wastewater in public. Violations related to agricultural waste amounts to 932.

The Minister also explained that the Ministry now employs 42 inspectors to detect violations related to public hygiene. "All of them have the status of a Judicial control officer," the Minister said.

Breaking down further, the Minister said there are eight inspectors in the Capital municipality, 12 each in the Muharraq and the northern region, and ten officers in the Southern Region.

The violators are obliged to pay one-third of the maximum fine determined before filing a criminal case and two-thirds of the fine determined after filing a case, and before the verdict is issued.

Violators are also required to bear the expenses incurred for removing the violations, "If he refuses to remove it within the specified time."

The Minister also explained that the Ministry is working to strengthen the supervision, inspection and awareness campaigns to ensure strict compliance with the Cleanliness Law No. 10 of 2019.

In this regard, the Ministry said it conducted several campaigns including the "Your Mission with Us" to raise awareness among citizens and residents to improve the level of hygienist in the country.

The Nabaha campaign in the Northern region, your furniture campaign in the Southern District to limit the throwing of used furniture in open places and "We license you" in the Northern Region to educate citizens and residents about the harms and dangers of random construction.

Minister Khalaf affirmed that the Ministry would carry out inspection campaigns at a rate of two per week to ensuring the implementation of the law and its adherence.

BIA was ready since March, says Minister



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Bahrain International Airport was ready for operation since March 2020, revealed Transport Minister.

The minister was responding to a question raised by Ahmed Al-Haddad, a member of the Shura Council.

The project was completed on time and was ready for inauguration as planned, said Kamal Ahmed, the Minister of Transportation and Communications.

However, the current extraordinary situation caused by the deadly coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic derailed it.

Kamal Ahmed said the ministry is currently awaiting directives for the official inauguration and start of operations.

The 210,000-square-meter passenger terminal building, four times larger than the current facility, is expected to reinforce the Kingdom's key position in the Middle Eastern air transportation space.

The US\$1.1 billion facility, reportedly, is capable of handling 130,000 air traffic movements a year and 4,700 bags per hour.

The new facility developed using high-tech standards is also expected to increase BIA's capacity to 14 million passengers per year.

In 2018, according to reports, the current facility handled about nine million travellers and 624,000 flights, which is a 7 per cent and 4 pc increase, respectively, from a year ago.

NMS-DPS holds Mathematics week



The students of New Millennium School DPS celebrated the Mathematics Week with an array of activities. Students of all the grades from KG to XII took part. They made 3D shapes, graphical designs, mathematical models, played with numbers and shapes, and connected Math to beautiful craft designs and patterns and envisioned a world filled with geometric similarities, constructions and theorems. Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Geetha Pillai and Principal, Arun Kumar Sharma complimented the students and teachers for their excellent feat in the Maths Week

"Aseel": Public schools come through with flying colours

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Bahrain's Public high schools took most of the top ranks in the "Aseel" competition for the 2019/2020 academic year.

The competition by Labour Fund Tamkeen in cooperation with the Ministry of Education focused Private and Public schools in the Kingdom.

The event was for creating school initiatives and projects that enhance the professional behaviours and skills for the labour market.

In the "Events Organisation" category, first place went to Jidhafs Secondary School for Girls, second place to Al Shorouk Secondary School for Girls, and third place to Al Iman Private School for



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Girls. In the category (Graphic Video Company), Khawla Secondary School for Girls won the first place, Al Naeem Secondary School for Boys came second,



and the third place went to Al Tadamon Secondary School for Girls.

In the (Employment Company) category, Al-Noor International Private School won the first place, Al-Ahd Al-Zahir Secondary for Girls second place, and Al-Noor Secondary for Girls ranked third. Suha Hamada, director of the Jidhafs Secondary School for Girls, said victory is the result of the 24 participating students coming up with quality activities refining their personality and highlighting them to meet the challenges of the labour market.