

Construction of new mosque set to begin

Part of Diyar Al Muharraq’s Jeewan project; completion scheduled for April 2022

- In line with commitment to provide necessary facilities for community
- Bawab Contracting Company appointed to implement project

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The construction of a new mosque in the Jeewan residential project is set to start. This was announced by Diyar Al Muharraq, one of the largest real estate developers in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This initiative comes in succession to the real estate developer’s recent announcement of construction on the Malalla Mosque in the Sarat project, and Khonji Mosque in the Deerat Al Oyouun project in April. Diyar Al Muharraq has appointed Bawab Contracting Company to implement the project, kicking off construction in April 2021, with completion scheduled for April 2022. The mosque, which has been donated by a local philanthropist, will be built over an area of 1,053 square metres and is set to serve a neighbourhood of 450 homes, with a capacity to receive 550 worshippers in total upon its completion. Commenting on the project, Eng. Ahmed Ali Alammadi, CEO of Diyar Al Muharraq, said: “We are pleased to announce the commencement of construction on a mosque in the Jeewan



An artist's impression of the new mosque

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residential project, and extend our sincere gratitude to the benefactors for their generous donation.” He added: “This initiative comes in line with our ongoing commitment to providing the necessary facilities to residents and visitors alike, ensuring all their needs are met within the Diyar Al Muharraq masterplan.” The mosque’s unique design pays tribute to both modern and traditional Bahraini architectural design. The structure will be brought to life through a seamless combination of Islamic and Iwani motifs and geomet-

ric detailing over the mosque’s dome and minaret, making for an architectural masterpiece, and visual landmark unlike any other. In May, the real estate developer announced construction completion on the Malalla Mosque in the Sarat project. While in April it completed work on the Khonji Mosque in the Deerat Al Oyouun project. Diyar Al Muharraq is one of the largest integrated cities in the Kingdom, offering a variety of housing solutions and a luxurious modern lifestyle while persevering the core family values in Bahraini society. It offers a unique, balanced mix of residential, commercial, recreational, and healthcare facilities, creating a fully integrated and futuristic model city.

Supreme Health Council tasked to develop national strategy for Kingdom: Al Saleh



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The Supreme Health Council shall be tasked to develop the national health strategy of the Kingdom of Bahrain. This was confirmed by Health Minister Faiqa bint Saeed Al Saleh during the government media briefing organised by the National Communication Centre in cooperation with the Ministry of Health. It discussed the role of the Health Ministry in upgrading the Kingdom’s health system. Parts of the Supreme Health Council’s duties will be to follow up its implementation with the relevant ministries, institutions and bodies, the implementation of a comprehensive health insurance system and the development of policies for future health needs. It will also help formulate the training policies for health personnel, a unified health information system, development of quality standards, promotion and coordination of scientific research, establishment of controls for the appointment of boards of health institutions, coordination of health sector stakeholders, governance, follow-up and evaluation of the health system through reports issued by the Ministry, adoption of committee reports and action through the Ministry as executive director. Al Saleh said that the Ministry is an essential component of the Council, which participates in all its duties and functions and in health financing decisions and policies, and in the field of quality, planning and training in line with Bahrain’s Vision 2030. Her Excellency stressed that, according to the health system and within the framework of health insurance, government health service providers include both primary care, government hospitals and military hospitals. Private institutions include both clinics and centres licensed to provide primary health services, and private hospitals, while the health services project is limited to the “Shifa” social insurance organisation, which provides insurance services to citizens, and private insurance companies that provide insurance services to residents.

AI international group established

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The International Group of Artificial Intelligence, the fastest growing global AI association, has been established with its operational headquarters in Dubai and registered in the UK. It has over 500 members from more than 24 countries representing Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Oman, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Australia, India, Pakistan, France, Italy, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Belgium, Spain, South Africa, Croatia, Romania and Benin. The Chairmanship of the Group was presented to Bah-

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DR JASSIM HAJI,BAHRAIN'S REPRESENTATIVE

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sim Haji, who said that this is a great achievement to the Kingdom. He added that Bahrain has always been a pioneer in innovations and technology, hence leading AI at an international level is always a target and follows the leadership’s visions and goals. The aim and objectives of the International Group of Artificial Intelligence is to disseminate Artificial Intelligence across the globe and to various levels of communities, universities, organisations and societies through conducting researches, conferences, literatures and exchanges of expertise.



The management of American Mission Hospital received at its Riffa Medical and Dental Center a delegation from the Supreme Council of Health, Bahrain. Lieutenant General Doctor Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health and his team were given a tour of the Riffa Clinic by AMH CCEO Dr George Cheriyan and GCEO Julia Tovey. The service line head of Riffa Clinic Dr Rabiha Abouleila explained the working of the clinic during the visit. The Riffa clinic, which opened in 2018, has a Wellness Center, with a large portion of its facility allocated to health and fitness training. The place has a well-equipped gym, a large indoor swimming pool, and other facilities.

Clean-up campaigns against violations on public roads and buildings

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The Municipality of the Southern Region, in cooperation with the Municipal Council, the Monitoring and Inspection Department, and the Cleaning Services Follow-up Department, carried out more than 2,000 campaigns to remove violations in the first half of the year from January to June 2021. During the inspection campaigns, about 348 building violations, 256 road occupancy violations, 864 advertisements and posters that distorted the urban appearance of residential

areas and neighbourhoods, 22 street vendors, 90 dilapidated properties, 81 shared housing, 46 scrap cars, four abandoned vehicles and boats, and 241 dead animals were removed. In all residential and commercial complexes, these violations were monitored and their conditions corrected. The municipality stressed the need to initiate the necessary licence before commencing the implementation of any work related to housing or shops, in order to avoid taking the necessary measures regarding them with



The municipality team removing illegal structures

removal. It stressed that it will not tolerate the application of laws and requirements applicable to violators in order to preserve the prestige of the law and to preserve the general appearance and urban character of the areas and residential neighborhoods. Article (2) of Law No. (2) of 1996 concerning the occupancy of public roads, it states that “it is not permissible, without a license from the Ministry of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, to occupy the public road in a horizontal or vertical direction, and in particular with the following: Occupation resulting from excavation, construction, demolition and paving works, laying pipes and wires above or below the surface of the earth, or making openings. In the sidewalks and the like, leaving movables outside the shops, factories, warehouses, or homes except for the shortest period necessary to carry out loading or unloading and provided that traffic is not obstructed, and placing shelves, carriers of goods, umbrellas and the like, and placing goods.”