

Five children pulled from burning home in Aali

● Bahrain's Hottest Season Brings Hazards

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Civil Defence teams rescued five children and extinguished a fire that broke out at a residential home in the Aali area, yesterday. Authorities confirmed no injuries were recorded, with emergency crews responding swiftly to contain the blaze and ensure residents' safety. Investigations are currently underway to determine the cause.

It was a close call, the kind that serves as a wake-up call for everyone heading into summer, the most dangerous season for house fires.

During the summer season in Bahrain temperatures routinely exceed 40°C, pushing residents to run air conditioners around the clock at maximum capacity. According to Bahrain's National Civil Protection Platform (NCPP), operating A/Cs at maximum capacity exposes units to damage, malfunction, short circuits, and fire.

The NCPP also warns that

FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

Simple steps. Safer homes. Saved lives.

1 IN THE KITCHEN

- Never leave food on the stove unattended. Stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- Turn off all cooking appliances and unplug electrical devices when not in use.
- Avoid loose-fitting, long-sleeved clothing when working near cookers.

2 IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT

WATER HEATERS

- Must be installed by a qualified professional.
- Isolate the electrical current if water falls.
- Ensure the safety valve is not blocked by sediment.
- Place heaters in open, ventilated spaces.

EXHAUST AND VENTILATION FANS

- Install fans at least four feet from gas cookers.
- Do not let fans run for extended periods.
- Clean regularly and remove dust and grease from intake vents.

SMOKE AND GAS DETECTORS

- A smoke detector helps detect fire in its early stages and saves lives.
- Water and carbon dioxide fire extinguishers help eliminate fires before they escalate.
- A gas detector provides an additional layer of protection against leaks.

3 IF TRAPPED IN A FIRE

- SEAL DOOR OPENINGS with a blanket to block smoke from entering the room.
- CALL FOR HELP THROUGH THE WINDOW to alert passers-by.
- CALL 999 and clearly report your location, the number of people present, and your general condition.

STAY CALM. ACT FAST. YOUR SAFETY COMES FIRST.

BE PREPARED. STAY ALERT. PROTECT YOUR HOME AND LOVED ONES.

999 EMERGENCY? CALL 999

running exhaust fans for extended periods — particularly kitchen fans clogged with dust and grease — is one of the most dangerous and overlooked fire triggers in Bahraini homes during summer.

Heat-stressed electrical systems, overloaded sockets, and

improperly maintained gas appliances form a deadly combination in the Gulf's most intense months.

A Month of Repeated Callouts

May alone has seen multiple fire incidents across the Kingdom. On May 12, Civil Defence

responded to a gas leak explosion caused by a domestic stove in Jurdab. Investigations confirmed the blast caused significant structural damage and injured one female resident. Civil Defence units secured the perimeter and prevented the fire from spreading to neighbouring

homes, while the National Ambulance Service transported the injured woman to hospital.

The Civil Defence Directorate used the incident to emphasise the vital importance of regular maintenance for gas appliances and checking connections to prevent hazardous leaks in residential buildings.

In a separate incident in Adliya, Civil Defence teams extinguished a fire in a flat inside a five-storey residential building, rescuing five individuals trapped inside without injury.

What the Civil Protection Platform Says

Bahrain's NCPP stresses that fires can cause major disasters — but most can be avoided when preventive measures are followed. The best method is to eliminate the hazards before they ignite.

Saluting the Men and Women Yesterday's rescue in Aali was not an isolated act of bravery; it reflected what Bahrain's Civil Defence forces do day after day and increasingly under the most demanding circumstances.

These are the men and women who respond when the phone rings at 2am. Who suit up in

suffocating heat to enter burning buildings. Who coordinate rescues, contain explosions, and protect families, all while the Kingdom navigates one of the most challenging security periods in its modern history.

From extinguishing fires triggered by regional aggression to responding to domestic emergencies in residential neighbourhoods, Bahrain's Civil Defence teams have demonstrated a standard of professionalism and courage that deserves far more than a passing headline.



Driver ordered to pay BD5,000 over restaurant crash

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A restaurant owner has been awarded BD5,000 in compensation after an appeal court ruled that a driver whose vehicle crashed into the front of the business was responsible not only for the physical damage but also for the disruption that affected the restaurant for months afterwards.

The court overturned an earlier ruling that had dismissed the claim and ordered the driver to pay material and moral damages, along with court costs, legal fees and annual interest of two per cent from the date the lawsuit was filed until full

payment is made.

The case arose when a woman drove her car into the restaurant's frontage, shattering the glass entrance and damaging part of the premises. The vehicle was insured by another defendant named in the case.

Lawyer Dr Nada Al Riyashi, representing the claimants, argued that the accident caused significant damage to the restaurant and disrupted its operations. The claim sought compensation for repairs, emotional harm, lost income and losses linked to the eventual sale of the business.

The restaurant was owned by the first claimant at the time of the accident before owner-

ship later transferred to a second claimant. An expert report commissioned by the claimants confirmed that the collision had caused material damage to the property.

The lower court had rejected the claim, ruling that the first claimant was not entitled to moral damages after selling the business. It also found that delays in repairing the frontage were linked to the need to import aluminium materials rather than any fault on the part of the driver. The court further said there was insufficient evidence that the restaurant had suffered financial losses as a result of the

damage.

However, the claimants challenged that decision, arguing that the restaurant's

frontage remained damaged for around 10 months and that the driver had contributed to delays in the repair process. They said aluminium supplied after six months failed to

meet the required specifications and could not be used because it would have voided the warranty on the frontage.

Dr Al Riyashi maintained that both the driver and the insurer were liable for the damage caused by the insured vehicle under the Civil Code's compensation provisions. She argued that the prolonged delay in carrying out suitable repairs left the restaurant operating with a damaged entrance, causing ongoing disruption to the business.

The appeal court accepted those arguments, set aside the earlier judgment and awarded BD5,000 in compensation to the second claimant.



Kuwait Health Centre reopens after major expansion

Project completed to meet growing healthcare demand in Karzakan

● Larger laboratory and upgraded pharmacy now operational

● New dental clinics and expanded treatment facilities added

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Residents of Karzakan are set to benefit from expanded healthcare services after the completion of a major upgrade to Kuwait Health Centre, which now includes new dental clinics, a larger laboratory, an upgraded pharmacy and expanded treatment facilities.

The Ministry of Works announced that the project has reached 100 per cent completion, with the refurbishment and expansion aimed at increasing the centre's capacity and meet-



ing growing demand for primary healthcare services.

Shaikh Meshaal bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Works, said the project was undertaken to enhance the centre's ability to serve the community and improve the overall quality of healthcare services. He made the remarks during an inspection visit alongside Dr Ejla Al

Alawi, Chief Executive of Primary Healthcare Centres.

The project involved renovating part of the existing building and adding two new floors at the front of the centre. The ground floor now houses administrative offices, consultants' offices and a meeting room, while the first floor has been dedicated to a fully equipped dental clinics section and related services.

The upgrade also included renovation and expansion works covering the laboratory, doctors' clinics, blood-drawing room, maternity and child-care clinic, pharmacy, treatment section and nursing facilities.

Shaikh Meshaal said the centre had been redesigned in accordance with green building standards, incorporating measures to improve energy efficien-

cy, protect the environment and make better use of natural resources.

He added that the project forms part of broader efforts to upgrade health centres across Bahrain, increase service capacity and enhance the patient experience by providing more comprehensive healthcare facilities for citizens and residents.

Dr Al Alawi said the expansion reflects ongoing efforts by Primary Healthcare Centres to improve healthcare infrastructure and deliver higher-quality



Shaikh Meshaal bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Works Ministry Undersecretary

services to the community. She noted that the upgraded facility would provide patients and visitors with a better experience while offering healthcare professionals a more advanced environment in which to deliver care. She also stressed the importance of cooperation between government entities in implementing healthcare projects that meet high standards of quality, efficiency and long-term sustainability.

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