

Road safety at risk

Bahrain greets Estonia

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Widespread non-compliant clothing collection containers across Kingdom raise concerns

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Authorities have uncovered a widespread network of non-compliant clothing collection containers scattered across the Kingdom, raising significant road safety concerns. With the concerned department of the Capital Municipality and other Municipalities in Bahrain documenting over 2,000 violations, authorities are now confronted with the daunting task of addressing these unauthorised structures, particularly prevalent in the northern and southern regions. The implications of this unchecked proliferation extend beyond mere aesthetics, with



public spaces bearing the brunt of a visual blight. Motorists, too, have been adversely affected, encountering compromised visibility that has led to a surge in traffic accidents. Urgent calls for

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- H.E. WAEL AL MUBARAK, MINISTER OF MUNICIPALITIES AND AGRICULTURE AFFAIRS

organised enforcement to tackle these violations have reverberated throughout the community. Responding to inquiries from Shura Council member Rida Faraj, the Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture Affairs, His Excellency Wael Al Mubarak, underscored the severity of the situation.

“Prompt measures have been set in motion, with directives issued to relevant authorities within the Capital Municipality and across other municipalities in Bahrain,” Al Mubarak affirmed. “The goal is to swiftly dismantle these defiant structures, reclaiming the natural beauty of public spaces, and safeguarding the well-being of citizens and residents.”

The rampant proliferation of these non-compliant containers has sparked broader concerns about road safety, with motorists facing obstructed lines of sight in various areas. The urgent need for decisive action to address these violations and restore order is imperative to ensure the safety and well-being of all road users.

His Majesty King Hamad and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to President Alar Karis of Estonia, on his country's Independence Day. HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman wished President Karis abundant health and happiness and the people of Estonia further progress and prosperity. His Royal Highness sent a similar cable to Prime Minister Kaja Kallas.

Batelco announces lucky winner of luxurious Waterfront Villa in Diyar Al Muharraq

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Batelco, part of the Beyon Group, announced the lucky winner of the “Win a Waterfront Villa” raffle campaign on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. The announcement took place at Batelco's new digital shop in Marassi Galleria, where members of Batelco's management team, welcomed Sonny Ramas and informed him of his big win. Before the big reveal, the Batelco team informed the winner that he won a device in a raffle campaign, and asked him to come and collect it from Batelco's new shop. When Sonny arrived at the shop, to his surprise, he was greeted by Batelco Chief Operating Officer, Maitham Abdulla, and Batelco General Manager Consumer, Aseel Mattar. Sonny was completely puzzled, but his confusion quickly turned to sheer astonishment and joy as it was revealed that he had in fact won the luxury waterfront villa at Diyar Al Muharraq. Expressing his joy about his incredible win, Sonny Ramas said: “I am absolutely thrilled and still in disbelief. Winning



Batelco and Beyon management and team members with Sonny Ramas



Aseel Mattar Batelco GM Consumer, congratulates villa winner Sonny Ramas with Maitham Abdulla, Chief Operating Officer



Sonny Ramas, the lucky winner of Batelco's luxury villa

a new house is a dream come true for me and my family. I have been a loyal customer of Batelco for years, and this prize is beyond anything I could have imagined. I am truly grateful.”

Commenting on the occasion, Aseel Mattar, General Manager Consumer at Batelco said: “Huge congratulations to the lucky grand prize winner Sonny Ramas winning a luxurious waterfront villa, located in one of Bahrain's prestigious new residential areas

in Diyar Al Muharraq. Batelco is thrilled to offer a dream prize and to have made such a significant impact on Sonny's life.” “The raffle campaign was launched to reward and appreciate Batelco's loyal customers and provide them with an opportunity to win an extraordinary prize while showcasing its commitment to delivering exceptional home internet services. The campaign was an incredible success, and we look forward to delivering more exciting campaigns for our valued customers in the future,” she added. The raffle campaign ran from February 2023 until the end of January 2024, and Batelco Home Broadband customers or existing customers that renewed or upgraded their Fiber or Mobile Broadband packages were automatically entered into the raffle. Batelco would like to extend its heartfelt congratulations to Sonny Ramas on his remarkable win and express gratitude to all customers who participated in the Raffle Campaign. The raffle was carried out in the presence of representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

BCICAI wins top award



The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) was awarded the 1st Prize for Best Chapter Overseas Award for the year 2023 in Category II (101 to 500 Members) at the recently conducted 74th Annual events of ICAI on February 8th, 2024. The chapter has been winning awards in Category II for the eighth consecutive terms, among the 48 overseas chapters of ICAI operating across the globe. CA Sthanumurthy Viswanathan Meera, Chairperson along with immediate past chairperson CA Sharmila Shet and CA Vivek Gupta, Vice Chairperson received the award from Shri. Om Birla, Honorable speaker of Lok Sabha and in the august presence of ICAI President - Shri Aniket Talati, Vice President - Shri Ranjeet Agarwal and other committee members of ICAI.

Bahrain to take part in WTO Parliamentary Conference

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Led by MP Abdulnabi Salman Ahmed, First Deputy Speaker of the Council of Representatives, the parliamentary delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain is participating in the proceedings of the “Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organization (WTO),” scheduled to take place in Abu Dhabi tomorrow.

The delegation includes MPs Redha Abdulla Faraj and Dr. Bassam Ismail Al Bimmoammed from Shura Council's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee.

Strong Bahrain-UAE relations



His Excellency Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives and Head of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Division, met with Dr. Tariq Humaid Al Tayer, First Deputy Speaker of NFC, on the sidelines of the 14th session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly in Baku. Speaker Al Musallam highlighted the continuous development and ongoing cooperation across all domains with the framework of the deep-rooted Bahrain-UAE relations, under the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa; His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister; His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai; and His Highness Shaikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Presidential Court.