

Men mowed down in highway horror

A TRUCK driver died and another was seriously injured when they were mowed down by a car on a major highway yesterday.

It happened when a Saudi driver crashed into a car and ricocheted into the men, who were standing on the side of the road near the King Fahad Causeway at 5.30am.

Nepali Chitra Sunar, 34, died instantly and his Indian friend, only known as Prashant, was taken to Salmaniya Medical Complex along with the Saudi man.

They are said to be in critical condition.

The man killed worked as a truck driver for Alsail Transport and he was heading to Saudi Arabia when he died.

"Mr Sunar and Mr Prashant, who works as a driver for National Bakery in Saudi Arabia, were standing and looking at a queue in front when a Saudi-driven car



■ Mr Sunar

crashed into them," said a company spokesman.

"They were initially in their own trucks, but they both stepped out and started talking as the vehicles weren't moving and they were stuck in traffic for almost an hour.

"The accident happened when two cars were trying to overtake each other and one of the drivers, a Saudi national, lost control and hit them.

"Mr Sunar died instantly while Prashant sustained severe injuries.

"The Saudi driver is also in critical condition."

The spokesman said Mr Sunar had planned to visit his wife and children in Nepal next week.

"We are now completing formalities and arranging to repatriate his body to Nepal," he added.

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■ The car being towed away. Picture: EBRAHIM AL SINAN

Driver hurt in accident

A BAHRAINI driver suffered serious injuries when he crashed into a metal barrier on the Shaikh Salman Highway early yesterday.

He reportedly lost control of his Toyota Corolla and smashed into the barrier on the Isa Town flyover, according to sources.

It happened after midnight when he was travelling from Manama towards Isa Town.

Eid joy for hundreds of orphans

HUNDREDS of orphans will celebrate the Eid holidays today, as part of a nationwide drive to put a smile on children's faces. The festival, organised by Al Sanabil Orphan Care, will be held at Adhari Park from 5pm until 10pm.

It will feature face painting, games, live entertainment, dance performances and quizzes among other activities.

"Children will enjoy free games and rides, as well as free meals," said a centre spokeswoman.

"The joy and happiness the gifts bring to orphans is one of the most beautiful acts one can witness." Sponsors of the event are b4bh.com Forum, Buhair Youth Centre, Jasmis, Adhari Park and *Al Watan* newspaper.

To donate money, clothes or gifts to orphans, contact 17344955.



■ Seven hundred students, aged 12 to 17, are taking part in a summer camp organised by Royal Academy of Police in co-operation with Tamkeen. The camp, from August 13 to 29, aims to teach children ways of protecting themselves and build team spirit.

■ Polytechnic to be renovated

NEW facilities will be built at Bahrain Polytechnic's Isa Town campus by September 2015. Many of the existing buildings will be completely renovated as the number of floors will be increased to accommodate around 400 students who register with the university annually.

Work will also include expanding laboratories and building more floors, a meeting and entertainment room among others.

■ Ministry denies hacking claims

THE Interior Ministry has denied claims hackers targeted its website on Wednesday night. The *GDN* reported that international hacking group Anonymous allegedly disrupted the ministry's website for several hours, along with the site of a government-employed

public relations company.

"Interior Ministry denies *GDN* report that its website was hacked and asks public to seek information from official sources," it said on its Twitter account yesterday. However, *GDN* reporters were unable to access the Interior Ministry's website, interior.gov.bh, and the police's media centre homepage for several hours on Wednesday, which coincided with the cyber attack.

They also learnt the ministry was unable to upload statements onto its website that night due to disruption.

■ Course on radioactivity

A PROFESSIONAL training course will be held for workers next week on coping with radioactivity at workplaces. It will be organised by the Supreme Council for Environment (SCE). International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Belgian expert Matthew Sauvé will train the participants on how to monitor radioactivity using

the control system RAIS and prepare a national record of radioactivity doses.

The course will be organised under the auspices of SCE executive president Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Dayna, as part of ongoing technical co-operation between Bahrain and the IAEA.

It will be held from August 20 to 29.

The Health Ministry, Interior Ministry's directorate of civil defence, King Hamad University Hospital, Bahrain Specialist Hospital and Ibn Al Nafees Hospital will take part in the training course.

■ Indonesian Embassy to mark day

THE Indonesian Embassy will mark its country's 68th Independence Day tomorrow. A ceremony will be held at Ambassador Chilman Arisman's home in Mahooz, starting 7am, and all Indonesian nationals are invited to attend.

Opposition's propaganda 'is a failure'

MINISTER of State for Information Affairs and government's official spokesperson Sameera Rajab criticised the so-called Tamarod (rebellion) movement – calling it a phony phenomenon created by opposition groups solely for media consumption.

Praising Bahrainis for ignoring the strike call, she said Wednesday was just a normal day in the kingdom with all public and private organisations working with full attendance, as if to challenge the instigators of terrorism.

In a statement to *Asharq Al Awsat* newspaper published yesterday, the minister said no major rallies were held on the day and opposition's propaganda failed to influence citizens.

The so-called Tamarod (rebellion) movement called by opposition parties, failed to yield fruit, she said.

Only a few streets were blocked by rioters, and security authorities were able to reopen them all in a short time, she said, adding such strike calls and incitement were solely meant for media consumption.

"The government is aware of the challenges posed by terrorism and will take all steps to eliminate it," she added.