

Officer faces crash probe

● Policeman could be prosecuted

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A POLICEMAN could be prosecuted for crashing a patrol jeep and causing the death of a suspect, who was being taken to a detention centre.

He was allegedly speeding on Al Fateh Highway at 6.30pm when the vehicle veered off the road, smashed into the central reservation and overturned, instantly killing 33-year-old Bahraini Hussain Mansoor Kadhem from Karzakan.

He was trying to avoid warning signs used in maintenance works on the highway, according to the General Directorate of Traffic acting director-general.

The officer and his colleague were both injured and taken to hospital where they are said to be in critical condition last night.

An investigation has been launched into Monday night's accident.

"The car was travelling above the speed limit," said

an Interior Ministry official. "Legal procedures will be taken against the driver.

"The car was speeding and hit roadwork signs which caused the driver to lose control and crash.

"The details of the case have still not been released and no judgements have been made yet as to whether the driver was justifiably speeding."

The official said the investigation will reveal whether the officer was justifiably speeding, which includes being called onto a scene of an emergency or if the patrol was pursuing a suspect.

Sources earlier told the *GDN* that Mr Kadhem was apprehended on terror charges, but the official did not deny nor confirm the claim.

It is understood the driver could be charged with speeding, reckless driving and manslaughter, which carries a maximum prison sentence of seven years.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's



■ The overturned police vehicle

Interior Ministry watchdog announced it had launched its own investigation into the tragedy.

"The Ombudsman has opened an investigation into the circumstances of the accident to look into the details of the criminal and administrative culpability that falls under its purview," it said in a statement.

"The Ombudsman is in contact with the Ministry of Interior and other relevant bodies and will recommend appropriate actions be taken based on the findings of its investigation."

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■ Mr Al Sumaim and Ms Al Mutawa

UK sponsorships for two Bahraini finance students

TWO Bahraini students received sponsorships to attend the Royal Docks Business School at the University of East London.

Isa Al Sumaim and Yara Al Mutawa, who study banking and finance at Bahrain Polytechnic, are spending 25 days in London, where they are attending a summer school programme, called London Financial Markets.

They will also take part in banking and finance lectures, visit known landmarks and attend tours to visit firms including Barclays, KPMG and London Stock Exchange.

They will return to Bahrain just in time to celebrate Eid Al Fitr with their families.

The sponsorships were offered by the university and the business school, which covered tuition costs.

Eight students, who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, applied for the programme.

The application process included a review of the candidates' academic performance and a panel interview that was led by Bahrain Polytechnic business school head Alison Reynolds and banking and finance programme manager Emma Salari.

★ RAMADAN IN FOCUS ☾



■ A group of friends smoking sheesha at the InterContinental Regency Bahrain's Ramadan tent. Smoking sheesha in traditional cafes, coffee shops and hotel tents is popular during Ramadan as family members and friends gather to socialise and play games after Iftar.

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