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TO ALL FILIPINOS IN BAHRAIN:

The Embassy wishes to share with you important information on the new traffic law of Bahrain, which will be implemented starting 08 February 2015. The new traffic law increases both fines and penalties for traffic violations.

Attached is a 3-page visual aid summarizing traffic violations, as defined under Articles 47- 51 of the new traffic law, and their corresponding punishment/penalties.

For your guidance and perusal.



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Article 45

Without prejudice to the provisions of this law or a more severe penalty listed therein, those who commit one of the following violations would face a fine of BD20 to BD100, in accordance with.



Obstructing the traffic movement



Causing harm to private or public properties



Not wearing the safety helmet



Allowing passengers in the external part of the vehicle



Driving recklessly and endangering the properties and lives



Placing posters, advertisements or statements on any internal or external parts of the vehicle violating the public order and ethics



Driving a vehicle without lights



Not giving way to allow the passage of official caravans or emergency vehicles



Using high spotlights or flashlights



Expiry of registration certificate



Allowing children under 10 years old to sit in the front seats



Stopping at night in dark places without turning the lights on



Using a vehicle in private caravans without permission



Not taking the right side of the two-way road.



Not reducing the speed



Stopping the trucks, heavy vehicles, public transport vehicles or trailers in the residential areas.



Drive a vehicle while making a loud sound or while the vehicle is emitting smoke



Loading or unloading a vehicle on roads or in unpermitted times.



Occupying a parking space allocated for those with special needs



Causing damage to the traffic signs



Not notifying about transferring the ownership of a vehicle



Allowing an infant in the vehicle without a child seat



Not using the safety belts

Article 47

Those who commit one of the following violations would face a prison term of up to six months and/ or a fine of BD50 to BD500, in accordance with the provisions of this law or with a more severe penalty listed in any other law.



48**Jumping the red light**

Jail Up to **6 months**
 Fine **BD 100 - BD 500**

Causing injury
 in an accident due to overtaking



Jail **3 months to 3 years**
 Fine **BD 1,000 - BD 3,000**

Causing fatal
 accident due to overtaking



Jail **From 6 months**
 Fine **BD 2,000 - BD 6,000**

50**Xceeding speed limit**

UP to 30%
 of the limit



Jail **1 to 3 months**
 Fine **BD 50 - BD 250**

Above 30%
 of the limit

Jail **1 to 6 months**
 Fine **BD 100 - BD 500**

Causing injury and damage
 due to exceeding speed limit



Jail **1 month to 3 years**
 Fine **BD 1,000**

Causing fatal accident
 due to exceeding speed limit



Jail **6 months to 3 years**
 Fine **BD 2,000**

Repeating the offence within a year

The penalty would be doubled

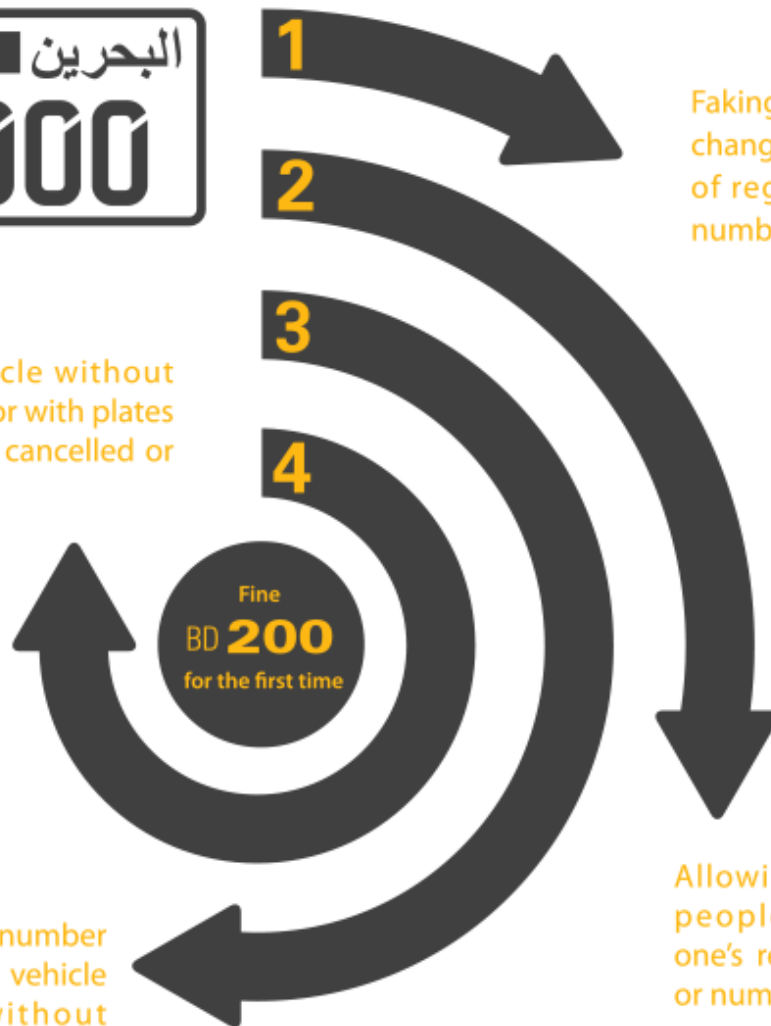
Article 49

Those who deliberately commit one of the following violations would face a prison term of 1 to 6 months and/ or a fine of BD200 to BD500.



Driving a vehicle without number plates or with plates that have been cancelled or defaced.

Transferring the number plates from one vehicle to another without permission.



Faking, defacing or changing the data of registration or number plates.

Allowing other people to use one's registration or number plates.

The penalty would be doubled if the offender again commits any of the above violations within a year from the date of the first sentence.

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Driving under the influence of alcohol

Jail 1 month to 1 year
Fine BD 500 - BD 1,000



Causing traffic accident while driving under the influence of alcohol



Jail 2 months to 2 years
Fine BD 1,000 - BD 2,000

Repeating the offence within a year

The penalty would be doubled