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TRA Locates and Stops Illegal Use of Telecommunications Frequencies

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) has achieved an early success as it acts to stop illegal use of telecommunications spectrum in Bahrain.

Members of the public wishing to establish communications links for private use between different locations can use the 5.8GHz frequency band so long as the radiocommunications equipment used is approved by TRA and is used in accordance with the *TRA Regulation on the Light Licensing Regime for the 2.4GHz and 5GHz Frequency Bands* more information on www.tra.org.bh. However, TRA has identified users operating in parts of the 5GHz band which are reserved for official users only. These users are operating illegally and are causing interference to legitimate official users.

TRA staff monitoring the use of the radio spectrum have located a number of sources and have taken action to stop the illegal transmissions. The investigation will continue until all illegal users have been identified.

According to Section 73 paragraph (g) of the Telecommunications Law, operating radiocommunications equipment without a frequency licence is an offence punishable by an up to BD500,000 fine and the confiscation of all equipment and tools used.

Mr. Mohammed Mahmood, Director of Technical Operations at TRA stated “TRA staff are monitoring the use of the radio spectrum on a continuous basis and will stop all illegal transmissions and where necessary will initiate legal action as foreseen under the Law. TRA is determined to ensure that users who are operating legally are not affected by illegal usage of the spectrum.”



One of the illegal antennas

About TRA

Since its establishment in 2002 the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain (TRA) has been working with government, consumers, operators and investors to develop the Kingdom of Bahrain as the regions most modern communications hub and facilitating the growth of the market. As an exemplar Regulator for the region, TRA independently carries out its duties in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. More information about TRA can be viewed at www.tra.org.bh

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