

but they're smoking inside the mall. Whenever we bring this up they say, 'We're the police!'" He asked me if I thought it was a good idea to contact the Environment Police to take over the matter. I personally went to the mall and saw them with my own eyes. I didn't confront them about it because they were carrying on their security duty. I don't think their unwillingness to stop smoking has anything to do with plain stubbornness, but I think it's their inability to understand how serious the offense really is. Smoking inside malls or any other public place is illegal, and they are actually there to maintain the law! Most importantly, they are not only harming their own health but also the health of the shoppers they are there to protect. How can the mall's management apply the smoking ban on the mall's visitors when the authorities meant to maintain security and enforce the law are themselves chain-smoking cigarettes non-stop? In my opinion, the Ministry of Interior has to raise awareness of the law among its own members, and emphasize that they need to abide by the laws too. I would also like to greet my dear brother Anwar Bu-Rahmah, President of the Anti-Smoking Association. Dear Bu-Faisal, bring your awareness campaigns to the members of MOI and all the State institutions. I am sure that the role of awareness is a greater method of prevention than fines. It's a sincere bit of advice from heart to heart, but threats and punishment won't give the same results as educating the people and reaching their minds. As for my friend, the mall's manager, I advise you to offer them apricot juice and sweets. Thank them for their efforts because their presence brings safety and comfort to the citizens. But also remind them that their cigarettes are making a waste of their good work.

May God accept your good deeds, and Eid Mubarak.