

17 food outlets shut down in Abu Dhabi for violations

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Abu Dhabi: Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority (ADFCA) has disclosed that 17 food outlets have been closed so far in the current year in different parts of the emirate of Abu Dhabi for consistent non-compliance with food safety rules and regulations and resultant risks to public health. A food outlet closed by ADFCA can be reopened as soon as the violations is rectified .

Of the 17 closures, 15 are in the city of Abu Dhabi and the rest in the Western Region (Al Gharbiya),said a statement issued by ADFCA on Tuesday. While the outlets closed in Abu Dhabi include eight restaurants, two refreshments outlets, two cafeterias, one supermarket, one grocery and one food firm, the Western Region saw the closure of one cafeteria and a food establishment.

Commenting on the extreme step of closing food outlets, Mohamed Jalal Al Reyaysa, PR &Communication Director at ADFCA, said that the closure of a food outlet was always preceded by repeated warnings, fines and awareness drives. "When all those efforts fail, we are left with no other option but to order the closure of the outlet that functions in utter disregard for public health and the law of the land. The health and safety of the consumer is the red-line that should not be crossed in any circumstance," he pointed out.

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