

New GPS discs to allow Bahrain police to track all vehicles

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NEW PLATES: All vehicles in Bahrain will have to get the new style licence plates within the next two years, police said. (Getty Images)

Bahraini police will be able to track every vehicle in the kingdom at the end of the year when new registration discs containing microchips are introduced.

The new registration badges, containing Global Positioning Satellite technology, will replace the current discs displayed on the windscreens of all registered vehicles, the Gulf Daily News reports.

The move will allow police to pinpoint the exact location of any vehicle at any time, Lieutenant Colonel Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Sobah Al Khalifa, director-general of the General Directorate of Traffic, told the paper.

"These badges can be easily tracked by satellite and accessed by traffic police on site through a mobile device, which will give all necessary information about the vehicle," Al Khalifa told a press conference on Tuesday.

The high-tech badges are being introduced from June 20 as well as new format vehicle licence plates that are designed to prevent their modification or theft, the paper reports.

Every motorist in the kingdom will have to fit the new plates within the next two years, officers said