

Fire guts warehouse in Askar; no injuries



Firefighters and fire tenders are seen at the site of the fire

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A massive fire ripped through a warehouse in the Askar area, sending thick plumes of smoke and causing panic among residents.

According to Civil Defence officials, the warehouse is associated with a factory in the vicinity. Fortunately, officials confirmed that no one was injured in the incident.

Fire and rescue forces were

swiftly mobilized into action upon receiving the report of the incident. Residents observed significant plumes of thick black smoke billowing out of the warehouse as firefighters worked diligently to extinguish the fire.



Civil Defence reported successful efforts to bring the fire under control and subsequently conducted cooling operations to prevent any further mishaps.

The immediate cause of the fire and the extent of losses in-

curred remain unclear. A forensics team is currently on-site, working to determine the likely cause of the fire. Police have initiated an investigation, and further information is anticipated as the inquiry progresses.

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● Apply now via eShabab App for volunteer opportunities

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Those wishing to be a part of the renowned Farmers Market can now submit their applications through the eShabab application.

The Farmers' Market is actively seeking volunteers who are passionate about working with them.

Prospective volunteers are urged to navigate to the app's bio and click on the provided link to initiate the registration process.

The deadline for applications is set for Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Ensure to sign up before the specified date to secure your involvement.

Act fast: Hajj registration closes on February 20

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The deadline for Hajj registration is swiftly approaching, with February 20, 2024, set as the final date for prospective pilgrims to complete their registration.

Individuals planning to participate in the sacred journey are reminded to ensure timely registration to meet the stipulated deadline, announced Bahrain's Hajj Mission.

This directive aligns with the guidelines established by the Supreme Committee for Hajj and Umrah.

Pilgrims from Bahrain are advised to adhere to this deadline, as it is crucial for facilitating the necessary preparations and arrangements. By ensuring timely registration, participants contribute to a smooth and organized Hajj experience, in line with the stipulations of the competent authorities overseeing this journey, Hajj Mission said.

Five-year jail for knife-wielding burglar after foiled heist

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An Asian national's botched attempt to steal at knife-point from a home in Muharraq has landed him in jail for five years.

The High Appeals Court confirmed the sentence, with the man exhausting all his appeals.

Court files say the culprit invaded a residence in Muharraq, wielding a knife. He confronted a maid there in the kitchen, threatening her to unlock the building's main door.

Instead, the terrified maid unleashed a guttural scream, waking up the homeowners.



Representative picture

As others from the home rushed to the kitchen, the man was left with no other option but to flee.

The homeowners quickly dialled the authorities, and the police arrived, initiating an investigation.

The still-trembling maid recounted to the cops the harrowing demand of the stranger

to unlock the main door.

The maid, in her statement, vividly described the knife-wielding threat, stating that he was merely a meter away from her.

Investigators combed through the crime scene and CCTV footages, successfully identifying the suspect.

During interrogation, the assailant cracked, admitting to the attempted theft at knife point.

The Public Prosecution, armed with evidence and the suspect's confession, charged him with attempted theft at knife point.

Car catches fire, traffic officer injured in Dry Dock street collision

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A traffic police officer sustained injuries after a car collided with a traffic patrol vehicle on Dry Dock Street in Hidd.

The collision resulted in a fire that completely engulfed and destroyed the car.

The incident transpired while the patrol unit, engaged in investigating another two-vehicle accident on the street, became involved in the mishap.

The status of the car's passengers regarding injuries re-



mains unclear.

Law enforcement, as per their tweet, promptly gained control of the situation, extinguishing the fire.

BCICAI's 15th annual conference concludes on a high note



Nambi Narayanan with conference participants during a group photo opportunity

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The weekend long 15th Annual Conference organized by Bahrain Chapter of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) themed "ABOVE & BEYOND" came to a grand closure yesterday evening with the mesmerizing speech of Padma

Bhushan Nambi Narayanan. Earlier in the day, Swami Nirbhayananda, Chinmaya Mission India kicked off the day's proceedings with his speech on Human Potential Unlimited. This was followed by a technical session from Arjun Prathap, Travelling the future: creating a

digital mindset and combating technology risks. As part of the morning session, we also had Surendra M Vaidya, Executive Vice President, Godrej Aerospace who spoke about the success of the ISRO.

The post lunch conference started with Anil Singhvi, Man-

aging Editor, ZEE Business taking questions from the audience on various topics relating to stock market, investment, personal finance and so on. Another technical session for the day included topic on Transforming business through effective optimization of processes by Satish

Paul, Partner, Management Consulting & UK Powered Finance Lead, KPMG UK.

The penultimate session of the day was from Retired Air Marshal P V Iyer, who took us through the topic Health for Professionals - Age is not an excuse with all his life experi-



Swami Nirbhayananda



PV Iyer

ence on personal fitness training and long-distance marathon running.

The final session was by Nambi Narayanan, who spoke to the jam-packed audience on the topic Life under Public Scrutiny.

The valedictory session was preceded by Vice Chairperson Vivek Gupta.