

# Kingdom set to launch first International Youth Festival

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Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs is organising the first International Youth Festival for sustainable development goals (SDGs) this month. The festival is considered to be one of the most important youth events in the world.

The event emphasises the Kingdom's status as an important hub for achieving SDGs. The festival is another initiative for Bahrain towards international goals after launching the King Hamad Youth Empowerment Award to achieve SDGs, which is the first of its kind in the world, and the opening of Bahrain Sci-

entific Centre.

The international festival aims to offer a wide range of programmes to raise awareness among youngsters about the importance of the sustainable development goals through a wide range of activities.

The Kingdom has been keen to engage many youngsters from Bahrain and the world in the festival given the great potentials they have to achieve people's aspirations.

In a statement, Representative of HM the King for Charity Work and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa expressed



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great appreciation of His Majesty the King's patronage of the festival which, he said, aims to highlight Bahrain's pioneering role and steps in achieving sustainable development and involving the youth in achieving SDGs.

"The Kingdom will once

again be a pioneer in delivering pioneering youth initiatives to achieve sustainable development goals after amazing the world with the launch the King Hamad Youth Empowerment Award towards achieving the SDGs," HH Shaikh Nasser said, pointing out another unique global achieve-

ment which was the opening the first-of-its-kind centre to achieve SDGs.

"The Kingdom is keen to invest in the youth's capacities for production, creativity and youth empowerment," said HH Shaikh Nasser, pointing out the kingdom's keenness to bring together youngsters from all over the world in Bahrain to explore new and innovative programmes at the global level and confirm anew their great potentials to create new opportunities to achieve the SDGs.

"The festival will represent a real opportunity to hear the voice of the youth and open the door for them to participate in decision-making, especially with regard to achieving the objectives

of sustainable development," HH Shaikh Nasser stressed.

"The concept of sustainable development is not only to meet the needs of the present but also to meet future needs," said HH Shaikh Nasser.

"We are keen to involve young people to underscore the importance for them to adopt the 2030 plan in their countries in order to ensure its success and achieve the sustainable development goals."

HH Shaikh Nasser said the festival will seek to achieve a number of objectives including informing the largest possible number of young people and all segments of the community about SDGs as well as highlighting the efforts and initiatives of the Kingdom to achieve them.

## Finance Minister stresses pension fund sustainability

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Finance Minister Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa has hailed the parliamentary approval of law decree 45 of 2018 on setting pension of ministers and fixing the pension bonuses allocated for members of the Shura Council, the Council of Representatives and the municipal councils.

"The move is part of the measures which aim at consolidating the sustainability of the pension funds for the sake of citizens", he said, stressing the importance of preserving the stability, efficiency and durability of the funds, without prejudicing rights.



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The minister commended the Council of Representatives which convened in an extraordinary session to approve the law 46 of 2018 on providing support to the Fiscal Stability Programme, commended the brotherly countries for backing

the Kingdom.

The minister commended cooperation with the legislative branch of government to continue the development momentum, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

"The framework arrange-

ments for supporting the Fiscal Stability Programme, which was signed by Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the State of Kuwait and the Arab Fund reflect deep-rooted fraternal relations on the basis of unity and common destiny", he said.

The minister stressed the importance of continuing cooperation to achieved the objectives of the Fiscal Stability Programme, stressed the success of the recent efforts to reduce deficit and save up to BD854 million.

He underlined the more efforts would be exerted to meet the pre-set goals and save a further BD800 million, under the Fiscal Stability Programme.

## Imam murder suspect to undergo mental health test

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The High Criminal Court yesterday accepted the request made by the defence lawyer to subject the suspect to mental health tests in imam murder trial, Tribune learnt.

The 35-year-old Bangladeshi defendant earlier admitted to murdering his victim before the High Criminal Court.

According to court details, the suspect killed imam Abdulleel Hmood by hitting him in the head with an iron rod.

"He then cut the body into pieces along with the co-defendant before dumping it in plastic bags near the scrapyard in Askar."

The co-defendant has pleaded not guilty in the case.

Sources say the suspect, a muezzin at the mosque in Muharraq, where the imam was working, was trading in

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SOURCES

free visas and the imam had warned him against engaging in the illegal act.

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The defendant told prosecutors that he had informed his wife about his intention to commit the crime prior to murdering the imam.

However, the defendant's wife was cleared of charges of hiding the crime.

The defendant's next hearing has been scheduled for October 15, 2018.

## Courtesy call



Bahrain Chapter of ICAI Excom met Alok Kumar Sinha, Indian Ambassador to Bahrain and apprised him about the Chapter's plan for the year and extended invitation for the International Annual Conference to be held in Bahrain on 23rd and 24th November 2018.

## Verdict date set in car robbery case

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The High Criminal Court announced yesterday that it will issue its verdict in the car robbery case on October 31, 2018.

The suspect is accused of robbing his neighbour's car after attacking him.

According to court details, the victim was getting inside his car parked outside his house when the suspect attacked him from behind, snatched the key and made off driving the car.

The suspect was kicked out of his house by his father, according to sources.

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VICTIM

"I was getting inside my car when he hit me with a leather bag and snatched the car's key from me," the victim told prosecutors.

The suspect was arrested following the investigation. However, he, pleaded not guilty before the court.