

Restaurant shut after 'no entry for veiled woman'

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A popular restaurant in Adliya has been closed by authorities after a veiled woman was allegedly stopped from entering the facility.

Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority (BTEA) said it has launched a probe into the issue, which litigated the limelight after a video showing one of the staff blocking a veiled woman from entering the facility became viral on all social media platforms.

The BTEA has asked all tourism outlets to comply with regulations and avoid the laws of the Kingdom, enforcing policies that violate "We reject all actions that



An official posting 'no entry for veiled women' sticker on the restaurant's front door.

discriminate against people, especially regarding their national identity," the BTEA said, adding that the step has been taken adhering to Decree Law No 15 of 1986, which regulates the tourism outlets including restaurants and hotels.

The authority added that it is pursuing legal actions. It further called on the public to report such incidents to the authority through National Complaints and Suggestion system 'Tawassul' or by calling the Consumer Protection Centre on 17007000.

Meanwhile, in a statement posted on social media, the restaurant management

apologised for the mistake committed by one of the staff, which brought disgrace to the organisation.

"We have suspended the duty manager based on our investigation," the restaurant said.

"We have been serving our customers from all nationalities living in this beautiful Kingdom for over 35 years now. There is a place for everyone to come and enjoy with their families and feel at home.

"In this instance, a mistake has been made by a manager who has been suspended and this doesn't represent who we are," the restaurant said.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Making every morsel count



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

The Holy Month of Ramadan is around the corner and the Islamic world is preparing for a month of introspection, fasting and prayer.

It is said that the discipline of fasting and the experience of need which it brings upon us helps us to better understand the wants of the less fortunate and give and share our own fortune more willingly.

That is why, paradoxically, despite the fasting, food bills and consumption grows during Ramadan. Households tend to cook extra, buy extra food to donate or share with neighbours and charities and many more needy families lack-lyan better.

The flip side of the coin is that quite a bit of food gets wasted too. Annually, around 250,000 tonnes of leftovers are thrown out in Bahrain, making our Kingdom the top Arab country in food waste and the fourth in the world, according to a United Nations Environment Programme 2021 study.

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Food waste represents a loss of energy down the chain - from the waste of farmer energy, a waste of soil and plant and livestock farming energy and it all adds up to dangerous pollution. In the landfills, food waste produces methane gas which eats up our protective ozone layer.

It is also a waste of money.

If you do not budget your Ramadan shopping and monitor the use of food, you may end up unnecessarily stressing over your finances. Since most shops offer good Ramadan deals, shop wisely and plan your purchasing to suit your purse. Bulk purchases, special deals and shopping by list are some ways to strategically make your budget go the extra mile.

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Let us invest our nutritional knowledge and focus on making the most of the spirit of sharing, caring and giving in Ramadan.

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Filipino art exhibition 'transition' into new normal

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Filipino Creatives Bahrain, under the auspices of the Philippine Embassy, has organised an art exhibition entitled "Transition - Journey to Embracing the New Normal" featuring Filipino, Bahraini and Bahrain-based visual artists.

It will run until 31 March at the Oasis Mall, Adhail.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the exhibition was led by Charge d'Affaires Maria Paz Cortes of the Philippine Embassy and Shaikha Marya bint Khaled bin Hassan bin Ali Al Khalifa.

Present were Shaziyil Zahran, Ambassador of the Embassy of Malaysia, Adil Hermawan, Ambassador of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, Natyagar Chinnarasimhan, Charge d'Affaires of the Royal Thai Embassy, and Philippine Labour Attache Vicente M. Cabe.

The event features diverse ways of embracing the new normal through arts, focusing on the strength and resilience of every individual as each one transitions into a world that continues to strive to thrive despite the challenges of the pandemic.

'#BreakTheBias' forum for women

Women entrepreneurs, founders, leaders and investors participate

Event held every year and attended by Chartered Accounting fraternity

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The Second Annual International Women CA Conference of the IBCCAI, with the theme "#BreakTheBias", was organised on 23 March.

Women entrepreneurs, women founders, women leaders, women investors participated in the event and spoke during the IBCCAI's largest women conference.

The IBCCAI's Annual International conference is held every year and attended by the Chartered Accounting fraternity in the region.

Every year, this event sees some of the most influential women who have fought the status quo and made their mark as entrepreneurs and have business lessons to share. The speakers shared their rich experiences and how they contributed to



Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava



Ms Sarwan Abulhasan



Ms Feyal Nass



Mr Santosh



Ms Shamli Shah

wards breaking the bias and moving as successful women in the society.

The list of acclaimed speakers included Padmapriya Haribaran, Mahalakshmi Saravanan, founder of Women Entrepreneurs India.

"We also had Divya Sigal, Founder of Shree Lilia, Deepshikha Kumar, Founder of SpeakIn, Anisha Singh,

Founding partner at Shree Capital, Anjana Vivek, Independent Consultant and Shreya Ramnathan, the CMO and Co-Founder of the Playbook."

The event was graced by the presence of dignitaries such as Mr Piyush Srivastava, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Ms Sarwan Abulhasan, Representative of Supreme Council

of Women and Board Member of IBCCAI, Ms Feyal Nass, Founder and Chairwoman of Bahrain Entrepreneurship organisation, and Executive Director of Naya Group, and Sripritya Kumar, ICAI Central Council Member.

In a statement issued, IBCCAI said that it is grateful for its multitude of sponsors who every year take this event to the next level.

Title Sponsor was YYY Capital group, Platinum Sponsors were KX Kanton, KPMG and Grant Thornton, event sponsors were AMEK, Ahli United Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Protrivis, Keynote, Tills, TRAPCO and Dear Al Muharraq.

The #BreakTheBias initiative aims to inspire and raise awareness about how women have strived and created progress in the face of global business disruptions.

'Comprehensive Journalist Skills' workshop



Bahrain Journalists Association (BJA) and the Royal Embassy to Bahrain organised a specialised workshop titled "Comprehensive Journalist Skills". The workshop was presented by Dr Frederick Kendrick at the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF). Dr Kendrick holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Media and has years of experience in journalism and content creation. The workshop focused on developing the next generation of journalists and developing their skills in journalism, content writing, and digital media. BJA President Isa Al Shaikh stressed the importance of cooperating with regional and international institutions to coordinate specialised workshops that would further develop the skills of media workers.

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Clients currently registered in the Loyalty Rewards Programme will be able to earn loyalty points when deposit-