

Deserts 'a green energy treasure'

Experts share renewable energy views as Second Mena IAEE Symposium and Fifth Annual Derasat Forum kicks off

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Deserts are treasures of renewable energy and the Mena region should make the maximum use of this opportunity, said Dr Mohammed Sanduk, Associate Lecturer at the University of Surrey, UK.

His view came at the panel discussion held as part of the Second Mena IAEE Symposium and Fifth Annual Derasat Forum, which kicked off yesterday.

"The predominant deserts across the Mena region have huge potentials for absorbing solar energy. The region is also quite rich when it comes to generating wind energy as well," Dr Mohammed said.

He said the four factors needed to promote renewable energy in the region are science, technology, planning and social acceptance.

Earlier yesterday, the forum began with welcome remarks from Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Chairman of Board of Trustees at Derasat. It was followed by a keynote address by Nick Hurd, Former British Minister for Climate Change and Industry.

Sagr Binghalib, Executive Director, Office of Artificial Intel-



Nick Hurd speaks at the forum

ligence, Digital Economy and Remote Work Application, UAE, said Artificial Intelligence and digital economy are key factors in green energy transition. "Artificial Intelligence will have an impact of \$320 billion in coming years in the region.

"There are many who worry about AI taking over jobs. But it



Dr Shaikh Abdulla along with other dignitaries at the forum

is not true as there are jobs that didn't exist 20 years ago."

Dr Omar Al Ubaydli, Director

of Studies and Research at Derasat, said sustainability has been one of the pillars of future vision

in GCC countries. "As of now, we have a power grid across the GCC and it will provide tremendous



A panel discussion in progress at the forum



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opportunities if the grid is linked to energy systems of Africa and Europe in future."

Dr Majid Al Moneef, Chairman of the Board, Saudi Association for Energy Economics, said there are many challenges in green energy transition. "Plastics are still used in electric cars, wind towers and solar panels. Electrification of passenger cars has not reached aviation, shipping and trucking."

He said hydrogen is projected to meet 18-24 per cent of fuel global energy demand by 2050 and its market will reach \$11 trillion.

Nine Judges swear oath to adjudicate disputes in English

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After the recent amendment of the Bahraini Judicial Authority Law, nine judges swore legal oath enabling the conduct of national court proceedings in English.

The internationally recognised judges are specialised in financial and commercial disputes.

This pioneering initiative enhances the adjudication of disputes before the national courts that relate to the diverse field of national and international contractual relationships such as commerce, the working of companies, banks, financial institutions as well as trademarks, intellectual property rights, maritime and aviation, in addition to construction.

With the appointment of these internationally renowned judges, access to justice is amplified through the conduct of litigation in English in line with the language of the transactions.

This will alleviate translation challenges, as well as decrease litigation costs, and increase the speedy resolution of disputes while ensuring the issuance of judgements in accordance with international best practice.

These financial and commercial disputes will be adjudicated in English if the parties agree.



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Two men involved in abduction hit with jail terms

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Two men involved in abducting another man and locking him up have been hit with imprisonment terms.

The first suspect was sentenced to five years in prison, while the other got three years.

They are also involved in consuming drugs and possessing pornographic material.

They were also fined BDI,000 each for their crimes.

According to court files, the Public Prosecution received a complaint from the competent security department stating

that the duo kidnapped the victim and locked up him in a farm located in Shakhura area.

He was allegedly beaten up in order to force him to confess if he had told police that they were on drugs or not.

The Public Prosecution chief said that the case was investigated immediately after the complaint was received and the victim's statements were heard, following the defendants were questioned and detained before being put on a trial.

Their saliva was tested and it was confirmed that they were on drugs.

GCC nationals to stand trial over public brawl

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The Public Prosecution chief announced that investigation into the case of several people involved in a public brawl have been completed and the suspects, all GCC nationals, will stand trial before the Lower Criminal Court.

This came after the Public Prosecution received a complaint from the Exhibition Road Police Station on the account of a video showing the brutal quarrel went viral.

The Public Prosecution said in a statement that the wit-

nesses of the incident were heard, while the suspects implicated in the case were questioned and it was decided to send them for trial before the Lower Criminal Court.

The defendants, according to the statement, will be detained, pending the outcome of their trial after they were charged with physical assault.



Invitation to the members of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry to elect the Board for the 30th Session

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The Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Bahrain Chamber) is pleased to invite its registered members to elect the members of the Board of Directors for the 30th session in accordance with Article (53) of the bylaw of the Law of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry issued by Resolution No. (156) for the year 2013.

The election of the BCCI members of the Board of Directors for the 30th session will be by direct secret ballot undertaken under the supervision of the Election Commission and attended by representatives of official bodies and civil society institutions, on Saturday 19th March 2022 from 8:00 in the morning until 22:00 in the evening at Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre. The Election Committee will declare the election result immediately after the completion of the counting process.

To exercise the voting right, the Chamber member must pay all their Chamber's dues within a period not less than seven days prior to the date of election, in accordance with Article (14) of the Chamber's Bylaw, taking into account the following:

- 1- The member in the election process is represented by the owner of the establishment or the legal representative for the chamber member company, and if they multiply, they shall delegate one of them to elect.
- 2- The member exercises the right to vote by himself, and the member may not delegate or authorize others.
- 3- Each member shall have a number of votes restricted by his capital in accordance with the Commercial Registration at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism and according to the voters' list.
- 4- Each member has the right to elect any number of candidates for the membership of the Board of Directors, but not exceeding eighteen candidates, otherwise, his vote will be null and void.
- 5- Non-Voters and non-organizers shall not attend the Election Hall.
- 6- The member must present an identity document (Identity Card or Passport) of the individual establishment and the legal representative of the member companies when attending the election.
- 7- The ballot paper that a member signs or mark will not be considered.

For more information, or to see Decree law No. (48) for the year 2012 concerning the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and industry and its implementing Bylaws, and the Voters' List, please visit the Chamber's website www.bahrainchamber.bh.

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