

SCW's digital art expo features works by HRH Princess Sabeeka

● Expo opens to public today and tomorrow from 05:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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The digital expo, "Athar (Impact) Expo for Digital Arts," featuring paintings by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa and other Bahraini artists, is on display at the Bahraini Women's Monument, "Athar," at the Bahrain FinTech Bay.

The exhibition showcases a selected sample of paintings and selected works by HRH Princess Sabeeka, Wife of HM the King and SCW President, who is a keen supporter of Bahrain's artistic movement and its talented artists.

Organised by the Supreme



Officials during a photocall at the expo

Council for Women (SCW) in cooperation with the UN Women Regional Office for the Arab States (ROAS) and ROAS' office

in Bahrain, the three-day event marks International Women's Day and runs alongside the 67th session of the Commis-

sion on the Status of Women (CSW67).

SCW Secretary-General, Hala Al-Ansari, UN Resident Coordi-

inator in Bahrain, Khaled El Mekwad, Bahraini artist Leena Al Ayoobi, UN Women officials, and President of the National

Council for Arts, Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and artists and specialists were present at the event.

The digital exhibition sheds light on Bahrain's efforts in promoting equal opportunities and gender balance, which are among the main themes of CSW67.

Josephine Moss, of UN Women's ROAS, emphasised the significance of the expo, which showcases the ability of art to keep pace with modern technologies, promote innovation and creativity, and advance gender equality.

The exhibition, which is open to the public on Friday and Saturday from 05:00 pm to 10:00 pm, highlights the role of digital arts in advancing the Kingdom's artistic and cultural scene, including the use of NFT applications, which enables the possession of artworks digitally.

Police bust criminal gang running bank account scam

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A criminal gang involved in stealing money from unsuspecting individuals' bank accounts has been apprehended by the police.

According to the Chief of the Cybercrime Prosecution, the matter was brought to their attention after a victim reported that funds had been withdrawn from their account without their knowledge.

Acting on intelligence received from the Anti-Economic Crimes Department of the General Directorate for Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, law enforcement officials initiated an investigation that led to the arrest of four suspects.

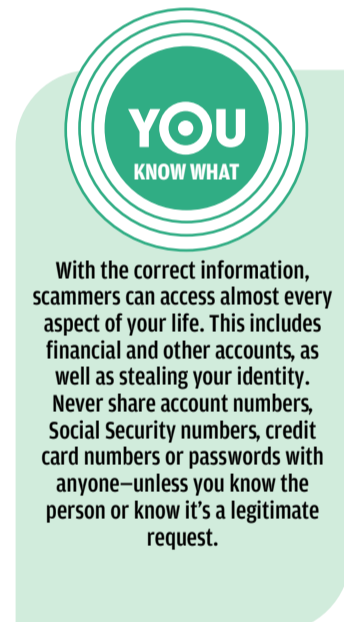
These individuals, all of whom are Asian nationals, admitted to running a scam in which they contacted victims and unlawfully obtained personal and banking information. The suspects then used the ac-



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quired data to take control of the bank accounts.

The Public Prosecution ordered that the suspects be held



in custody for seven days as investigations continue. The case is set to be transferred to a competent court once all necessary procedures have been completed.

New Chinese envoy presents credentials to Foreign Minister



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Ni Ruchi, who has been appointed as the new Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Bahrain, presented his credentials to Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the Ministry's headquarters yesterday.

During the meeting, Mr. Ruchi highlighted the extensive friendship and cooperation between the two nations

and expressed China's eagerness to bolster the bilateral relationship and expand its scope. The Minister also reiterated the strong bonds that exist between Bahrain and China and extended his best wishes to the Ambassador for his diplomatic responsibilities.

The Chief of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Salah Mohamed Shehab, was also present at the meeting.

They called her a 'bad role model', but she stood up and now inspires other women

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Sajida Saeed Tabbara, a retired linguistics professor from Bahrain, faced criticism when she first started riding a motorbike in 2008.

Some said she was a bad role model for girls.

However, her children and students stood up for her, inspiring her to continue pursuing her passion for biking.

"It was very difficult for me as a woman, it was tough because people passed a lot of judgements," she was quoted as saying by Reuters.

Standing next to her red Softail Deluxe Harley Davidson, she said, "But the most wonderful thing was that my kids, my own students, stood up for me and said 'how dare you say something like this about her!'"

The retired linguistics professor, who was dressed in leathers,



displaying her biking badges, believes that change is difficult for

any society, particularly when it comes to women.

"Change is difficult for everybody, change is difficult for any

“I remember riding as a pillion when I was just eight years old. My father, who was a school headmaster at the time was so angry with the person who gave me a ride he nearly dismissed him from school!”

“During my career as a Professor, I decided one day that I had to go after my dreams.”

“I actually talked a number of my female students into becoming bikers and they did. Yeah, that was quite something.”

Tabbara's story shows that breaking stereotypes and challenging societal norms can be difficult but also rewarding. She serves as a role model for women who want to pursue their passions, regardless of what others may think.

Her determination and commitment to her love for biking prove that anyone can achieve their dreams with hard work and perseverance.

SAJIDA SAEED TABBARA

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