

# Nurse cleared of manslaughter charges in Asian patient's death

## ● Second defendant imprisoned for a year

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The High Appeals Court upheld the acquittal of a nurse on charges of manslaughter of an Asian patient who fell while being moved from her bed to wheelchair, causing complications that led to her death.

The court confirmed from the case papers that the appellant was not present at the time of the victim's fall. Meanwhile, it unanimously overturned the second defendant's acquittal, ruling to convict and imprison her for one year.

The prosecution had referred the two nurses to trial on charges of manslaughter as a result of their violation of professional procedure.

The incident began with the reported death of an Asian patient who suffered from a fever. She was diagnosed with a CT scan which revealed a brain haemorrhage and was admitted to critical care. However, she passed away.

## Negligence

By referring to the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) for expert opinion, the court concluded that there was negligence on the part of the two nurses supervising the victim.



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Among the merits of its ruling, the court stated that the second defendant's guilt was established, whereas the first defendant was not present when the victim fell, as proven by the disciplinary committee in addition to witness statements that corroborated the absence of the first appellant at the time of the incident. Furthermore, the first appellant denied all charges laid against her by the NHRA in the investigation records.

The court added that criminal rulings are based on certain proof rather than speculation. The case papers were null of evidence to condemn the appellant; thereby, it deemed it necessary to judge her innocence.

## Al Fateh Street development work set to begin

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The Ministry of Works, in collaboration with the General Traffic Department of the Ministry of Interior, has announced the start of development work on Al Fateh Street.

This will involve the closure of one lane and the provision of two lanes for traffic in both directions.

The development work will take place between Tarfa Bin Al Abd Street and Shaikh Daij Street. The closure will be effective from tomorrow at 5am to Monday, at 5pm. Citizens and residents are urged to adhere to traffic rules during this period to ensure everyone's safety.

## Ways to boost Bahrain, Canada ties discussed

Paris

HE Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Political Affairs Undersecretary at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, held a meeting with Ahmed Hussien, the Canadian Minister of International Development, on the sidelines of their participation in the sixth session of the Paris Peace Forum devoted to discussing challenges related to protecting the planet and people, digital security, accelerating the achievement of sustainable development goals, establishing peace and building a safer world.

The two sides reviewed the Bahraini-Canadian political and economic cooperation relations, as well as ways to enhance them in a way that achieves the common interests of both countries and their peoples.

They also discussed regional issues.

# Lawyer appointed for convicted African man

## ● Defendant sentenced to 15 years in prison for circulating counterfeit dollars

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The High Appeals Court ordered the appointment of a lawyer for an African man sentenced to 15 years in prison for his membership in a criminal network which attempted to circulate over \$2,500 counterfeit.

The court decided to postpone the next session to November 13.

The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic & Electronic Security was able to arrest the defendant for counterfeiting and circulating paper currencies. The network had defrauded citizens and residents by misleading them into believing they could double their money.

The directorate's research and investigation team was able to monitor their movements and track their headquarters and they were arrested with a quan-

ty of counterfeit banknotes, equipment and tools used in the counterfeiting process.

## Investigation

Following the report, the Public Prosecution initiated investigation procedures where it interrogated the defendants and charged them with counterfeiting currency notes with the intention of circulating them in the Kingdom of Bahrain. They were also charged with possessing tools intended for counterfeiting currencies and



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attempting fraud. The tools and banknotes were seized.

The Public Prosecution ordered the defendants to be de-

tained pending investigation, and the seized items were presented to the forensic lab for examination.

The defendants were referred to criminal trial. They were charged with participation by way of agreement and assistance with another unknown person in counterfeiting \$100 banknotes with the intention of circulating them in Bahrain as well as possession and smuggling of the counterfeit US banknotes into the country with the intent of circulating and dealing with them.

# Cooperation with private sector to boost development projects

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HE Maryam Adnan Al Ansari, Assistant Undersecretary for Projects in the Prime Minister's Office and Chairman of the Government Land Investment Committee, has highlighted the government's commitment to bolstering cooperation with the private sector.

This aims to foster development across various sectors by creating new and high-quality opportunities for investors and real estate developers. The focus is on providing the necessary support to stimulate vital sectors and sustain economic growth.

Following the Ministry of



Ms Al Ansari

Housing and Urban Planning's agreement with Delmon Gate Company to construct 131 new housing units in Salman City, covering a total area of 23,000 square metres, Al Ansari stressed the significance of leveraging investment opportu-

nities through the government land investment platform.

This serves as a channel for private sector involvement in government projects, she noted.

The signed agreement aligns with efforts to fortify partnerships with the private sector, encouraging investment and land development for diverse purposes such as residential, commercial, entertainment, educational, and healthcare. Moreover, it accelerates the implementation of development projects in Bahrain, in line with the principles of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030, focusing on competitiveness, sustainability, and equity.

# Seminar on embassy services for Filipinos successful



Philippine Embassy officials with participants at the event

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The United Citizen Crime Watch Incorporated Bahrain Chapter and the Kaisahan ng mga Filipino Balik Islam sa Bahrain in collaboration with the Philippine Embassy, has organised a seminar-lecture at the embassy.

The "Seminar on Embassy

Services", attended by around 30 participants, was aimed at providing information in rendering consular, passport and visa services, labour and welfare, Social Security System (SSS) from the embassy's attached agencies.

Vice Consul Laser Blitz B. Sumagaysay was among the speakers.

# Civil society groups praised for key role in youth development

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The Minister of Social Development, HE Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfour, has praised the efforts of civil society organisations and their distinguished role in pursuing the aspirations and priorities of society, especially the youth group, by strengthening effective partnerships with various sectors.



Mr. Al Asfour honours the graduates and trainers of the program

Al Asfour was speaking at a ceremony marking the successful end of the fifth Personal

Financial Awareness Program (Dinari).

The event, organised by the

Youth Leadership Association, was held in a strategic partnership with the Labour Fund,

Tamkeen, Zain Bahrain, and the Abdul Rahim Al-Kooheji Charitable Foundation. Present in the ceremony were representatives of government and private agencies in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The minister pointed out that the Youth Leadership Association is considered one of the most prominent youth associations that constantly seeks to develop the performance of its volunteer and humanitarian work.