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Football fraud

European conman sentenced to eight years in jail for BD3.37m investment scam

Ronaldo and Messi autographs on merchandise forged

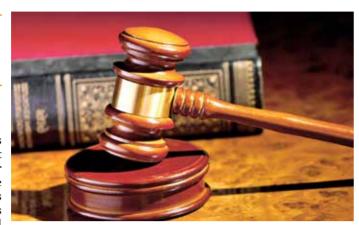
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European con artist has been sentenced to eight years in prison after cheating investors out of more than BD3 million with bogus autographs of football stars Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel

heard that the man, operating ers; he went to great lengths under a false name, led the to cover his tracks, faking reers with promises of exclusive to mislead both investors and sports mementoes.

The Public Prosecution's inabroad, slipped into Bahrain under a fake identity in 2022.

claimed to deal in keepsakes more cash. and souvenirs, drawing in investors without proper licens- BD1.8 million laundered ill-gotten gains and ruled that



The High Criminal Court with funds from newer back- origins.

quiry revealed that the main his three accomplices played culprit, who has a criminal past active roles in the scheme, helping set up the business, forging documents, and organising un-He set up a company that licensed fundraising to attract

Authorities tracked over

volved paying early investors he took to disguise the money's

A report from the Financial Intelligence National Centre Ponzi scheme through an un- cords, meddling with electronic laid bare the full scale of the licensed firm, enticing back- logs, and writing bad cheques fraud, showing how the fraudster used famous athletes' names to lure in investors while Investigators uncovered that hiding his dodgy dealings with fake bills and records.

His accomplices aided in falsifying accounts and moving funds to dodge scrutiny.

Alongside the prison sentences, the court ordered the seizure of over BD1.8 million in through personal and compathe fraudsters be deported once His modus operandi in- ny accounts, exposing the steps they complete their sentences.

Bahrain, Malaysia mark 50-year diplomatic ties



Attendees at the launching ceremony

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Bahrain and Malaysia celebrated 50 years of diplomatic relations with a grand launch at Water Garden City, showcasing a stunning montage of the Manama skyline.

The event, titled "Bringing Malaysia to You," highlights the deepening ties between the two nations, with both officials and citizens coming together to honor this significant milestone.

H.E. Shazryll Zahiran, the Malaysian Ambassador to Bahrain, addressed the gathering, reflecting on the lasting and evolving partnership between the countries.

"More than five decades of friendship have strengthened our bonds, transforming our relationship into a bold and strategic alliance," Ambassador highlighted that the next phase Zahiran said.

like the Bahrain City Centre dents in Malaysia. and Sitra Bridge, which symand Bahrain.

Collaboration

testament to our collaboration, istrative Affairs at the Ministry contributing to the economic of Foreign Affairs. growth of both nations," Am-

From right, H.E. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi, H.E. Ambassador Shazryll Zahiran and Dr. Isa Nasser Al Noaimi (Pictures by Ashen Tharaka)

Malaysia Fair 2024 Bazaar

Date: Friday, November 15, Time: 4:00 pm - 11:00 pm Venue: Oasis Mall, Juffair

of this partnership will focus He also emphasized the eco- on tourism and education, parnomic achievements of the col-ticularly providing educational laboration, citing key projects opportunities for Bahraini stu-

The event was attended by bolize the shared growth and several prominent Bahraini offidevelopment between Malaysia cials, including H.E. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi, Bahrain's Minister of Information, and Dr. Isa Nasser Al Noaimi, Undersec-"These landmarks stand as a retary for Consular and Admin-

bassador Zahiran told The Dai-government, Dr. Isa bin Nass-the future remains aligned, ener Al Nuaimi remarked, "The suring a strong and prosperous The ambassador further Bahrain-Malaysia relationship partnership."

Experience Malaysian culture firsthand

The Malaysia Fair will feature cultural performances, traditional cuisine, and a variety of Malaysian products, offering Bahrainis a unique opportunity to experience Malaysian culture firsthand.

The 50th-anniversary celebration marks a significant chapter in the history of Malaysia-Bahrain relations, with both nations looking forward to furthering their partnership in business, education, and cultural exchange.

is solid, built on shared values Representing the Bahraini and cooperation. Our vision for

Over 500 attend ILA Diwali 2024 celebration



ILA officials and members along with other attendees

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ILA Diwali 2024 celebration on free health check-ups, creating health awareness through Al October 25 at its premises in Bu a wholesome and engaging ex- Hilal Hospital's health check-Ghazal, Bahrain, attracting over perience for all. 500 attendees from various na-

This year's theme, "Pink Ocue, symbolizing hope and re- and friendly competition.

In collaboration with Mega gle extended gratitude for the and warmth.

Mart and Al Hilal Hospital, ILA community's support, noting Diwali 2024 featured a diverse that ILA Diwali 2024 was not The Indian Ladies Associa- array of attractions, including only a celebration of Diwali but tion (ILA) hosted the grand shopping and food stalls and also an opportunity to promote array of attractions, including only a celebration of Diwali but

Attendees explored a variety of stalls offering perfumes, form for connection, enjoy-The event showcased the vi- handicrafts, and homemade del- ment, and cultural enrichment. brant essence of Diwali, cele- icacies, enjoying a rich tapestry

tober." honored Breast Cancer ter and lively participation as cess, Megamart also put their Awareness Month with pink games and interactive activities stall in premises reflecting ILA's lanterns illuminating the ven- fostered an atmosphere of fun

up services.

The event provided a plat-

The generous sponsorship brating unity, tradition, and joy. of authentic and diverse flavors. from Al Hilal Hospital was in-The day was filled with laugh- strumental in the event's succommitment to community service and the celebration of ILA President Kiran Man- Indian culture with inclusivity

