

## Three Africans arrested over counterfeit currency scam

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The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has successfully apprehended three individuals of African nationality who were engaged in fraudulent activities.

They were falsely claiming to possess millions of counterfeit dollars and were attempting to sell them at half their purported value. Following received information about the activities of these three individuals, an investigation was launched, leading to the identification and subsequent arrest of the suspects.

They were caught red-handed while in the act of selling counterfeit currency. Upon their apprehension, author-



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ities discovered significant amounts of cash and tools used in the production of counterfeit notes in their possession.

The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science stated that necessary legal measures are being taken in preparation for referring the apprehended individuals to public prosecution for further action.

## Employee faces trial for alleged salary fraud scheme

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An employee of a private company is facing trial for allegedly obtaining an unauthorised salary increase by exploiting the firm's electronic payroll system.

The individual reportedly snatched a coworker's password to illegally access the system of the company. According to a police report, the employee used the credentials to inflate his salary without proper approval.

Investigators revealed that the scheme was uncovered when the company's IT manager noticed discrepancies in payroll records and flagged suspicious transactions. The



matter was referred to the Electronic Crimes Department, which conducted a forensic audit of the system and provided detailed evidence to prosecutors.

The Public Prosecution has now brought charges against the individual based on the findings of the audit and witness statements. The case will be heard in the Third Minor Criminal Court later this month.

## US Congress delegation pays visit to Salman City



US Congress visitors are briefed about Salman City's housing units and infrastructure services

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A delegation of employees from the US House of Representatives and the Senate toured Salman City.

The delegation was introduced to the city's urban renaissance and witnessed the exemplary housing units and infrastructure services it offers. An informative video showcased the housing achievements made possible by the comprehensive devel-

opment process led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

During the visit, the delegation learned about the significant milestones in Bahrain's housing journey over the past 60 years, including meeting the housing needs of thousands of Bahraini families and the provision of 40,000 housing units through the royal directives of His Majesty the King. The majority of these units are part of residential city projects.

# A grand tribute to three theatre icons

Bahrain festival to honour Khalifa Aloraifi, Abdullah Al-Saadawi and Abdulla Yousif next month



Abdullah Malik



Khalifa Aloraifi



Abdulla Yousif



Abdullah Al-Saadawi

● A fitting way to recognise the artistes' significant contributions and achievements

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Three stalwarts of Bahrain's theatre industry will be honoured in the upcoming Bahrain Theatre Festival early next month.

The announcement was made by Abdullah Malik, President of Bahrain Theatres Union and Chairman of the Supreme Committee, while confirming the launch of the second edition of the annual festival.

Khalifa Aloraifi, Abdullah Al-Saadawi and Abdulla Yousif, being the three major artistes in Bahrain, will be honoured at the festival for their contributions and achievements in the Bahraini theatre industry, the president of the union said.

Bahraini actor, director, and author Khalifa Aloraifi is considered one of the pioneers of the theatrical movement in the Kingdom. His pivotal role resulted in the establishment of many cultural institutions such as the Family of Writers, Awal Theatre, and the National Cultural Forum. He also wrote short stories and novels, in addition to plays and television series, and directed many programmes.

Abdullah Al-Saadawi is a Bahraini actor whose notable theatrical works include "Hostages," "The Two Friends," "The Bottom," and "Men of the Sea." "Scorial", which was produced along with Al Sawari Theatre, won praise from the jury in the 1993 Cairo International Festival for Experimental Theatre. His play "The Gag" won the Award for Best Direction in the



Abdullah Malik and other officials at the press meet

international category the next year at the Cairo International Festival. He then went on to scoop awards for his plays 'The Communion' in 1996 and 'The Innocent Child' in 1998. Shortly after, he presented 'The Catastrophe' and followed it with three short plays in the next three years named 'My Fantastic Son', 'Por Treh', and 'Life is Not Serious'. Abdullah Al-Saadawi continues to play an active role in the theatre industry.

A visual and theatrical artist and television director, Abdulla Yousif has many theatrical works to his credit, including the plays 'Al-Baraha', 'Bint Al-Nukhatha', and 'Faces'. These plays were based on the works of Bahraini poet Qasim Haddad. Abdulla Yousif's dramatic works include 'The Cart', 'Salt and Ashes', and 'Bin Aql'. Through his works, he tried to document the reality of life and coupled it with strong portrayals based on his imagination that resulted in works showing modern and contemporary life. Being one of the distinguished plastic artists in Bahrain, he has a special visual artistic glimpse at the life around him that formed the basis of his theatrical and dramatic works. Many of his artworks are featured at the Bahrain National Museum and in many elegant airports and elegant places around the world.



The theatre festival in which the artistes will be honoured will be held from November 4th to 10th at Bahrain Cultural Hall in Manama. The festival will be named after the late Dr. Ibrahim Ghuloom in appreciation of his prominent role in enriching the theatrical movement in the region.

Being the masters of drama, the responses of the stalwarts to the decision to honour them at the festival was equally dramatic and reflected the artistic pain and suffering of a generation of artistes.

Abdullah Al-Saadawi asked, "Does an artist need to die for people to know him?" Khalifa Aloraifi said, "Life is a set of puzzles whose answers I am searching for."

Abdulla Yousif stated, "The

Gulf countries did not witness a real relationship between the literary and artistic movements."

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At the festival, Awal Theatre will present 'Bodies and Colours', Al-Sawari Theater will feature 'A Redundant Child', Gilgamesh Theatre will stage 'The Silence of Ishtar', Alreef Theatre will perform 'On the Other Bank', and Al Bayader Theatre will render 'Whispers'.

Held under the auspices of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) and in cooperation with the Arab Theatre Institute, the festival will see participation from all five local theatre groups.

The jury committee includes Dr. Sameh Mahran from Egypt as the president and five Bahraini judges from different theatre groups, along with the president of the training and development committee.

The festival will also include a seminar about theatre and its impact on the culture, revealed the officials.

## Training course on dark web investigation successfully ends

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The Training Directorate and the Joint Counterterrorism Centre have concluded a training on dark web investigation.

Held in coordination with the United States Embassy, the training covered the Interior Ministry's affiliates.

The Director-General of Anti-Corruption and Economic



Brigadier Bassam Al Miraj with event organisers and participants

and Electronic Security, Brigadier Bassam Al Miraj, asserted the importance of the training to

enhance the participants' skills to reach websites on the dark web that terrorists use on the inter-

net. He continued that the course was an opportunity to learn new investigation capabilities.