

## Defendant detained for defamatory video clips on social media

● Seven days in jail as investigation continues

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The Chief Prosecutor of Cybercrimes has ordered the provisional detention of a defendant pending investigation for publishing video clips on a social media platform.

The clips in question contained defamation and insults towards a revered figure in their religion.

After receiving a report from the Anti-Cybercrime Department of the Ministry of Interior, the prosecution's attention was drawn to this matter.

With approximately one million followers, the accused's electronic account was found to contain these objectionable clips.

The prosecution swiftly initiated investigations, interrogated the accused, and confronted her with the evi-



dence. The accused admitted to publishing the clips, leading to a seven-day detention as a precautionary measure.

Currently, the investigation is ongoing, and the prosecution emphasised that individuals have the right to express their opinions freely on social media platforms, as long as they respect the provisions of the Constitution and the law. However, it is crucial for users to be aware of their responsibilities, including the need to respect different religions and sects and refrain from violating their sanctities and rituals.

Failure to comply with these guidelines can result in criminal charges, including imprisonment and fines.

## Four Asians arrested for illegal shrimping practices

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The Coast Guard has arrested four Asians and confiscated two boats carrying over 400 kilograms of shrimp in an operation aimed at curbing illegal fishing practices.

The suspects were found to have used bottom trawl nets, which have been prohibited

under Ministerial Resolution No. 205 of 2018.

The Coast Guard Command has affirmed that legal measures are being taken to prepare the case for referral to the Public Prosecution.

This operation is part of ongoing efforts by the Coast Guard to combat violations related to fishing and its tools.

# Oil and Environment Minister inaugurates fuel farm project at BIA

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The Oil and Environment Minister and the Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Dainah, yesterday inaugurated the fuel farm project at the Bahrain International Airport (BIA).

The inauguration ceremony, held under the patronage of the minister, was attended by Bahrain Airport Jet Fuel Company (BAJFC) chairman Mark Thomas Group Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Energies, Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalal, Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) Chief Executive Officer and other officials from partner companies.



Dr. Bin Dainah at the event



The new project enhances Bahrain's global position as a main hub for jet fuel services, the minister said, noting that the fuel farm was equipped with the latest technology.

The minister affirmed that the current development in implementing economic projects contributed to achieving the objectives of the comprehensive development process led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and reflected the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Dr. Bin Dainah welcomed the modernisation of services, oil facilities and infrastructure in BIA utilising advanced and efficient technology that is compliant with environmental standards and international health and safety measures.

The new project enhances Bahrain's global position as a main hub for jet fuel services, the minister said, noting that the fuel farm was equipped with the latest technology, a network of underground pipelines and advanced storage facilities, which will contribute to operational efficiency, reducing environmental impact and offering world class services that target sustainable economic growth.

Dr. Bin Dainah said the project came to meet the increase in demand on jet fuel as the global aviation sector recovers its levels of activity following the Covid-19 pandemic.

# Preloved to loved

Shaikha Showaiter: From thrifting enthusiast to app founder, revolutionising Bahrain's fashion scene

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Wing to the broad selection of clothing available, affordability and the most important factor – sustainability, thrifting is growing increasingly popular among youngsters.

Thrifting since her junior years, Shaikha Showaiter, founder of a marketplace app to buy and sell preloved fashion, longed for Bahrain to produce more thrift stores.

"When the pandemic hit Bahrain, I saw lots of Bahrain-based Instagram accounts emerge of people trying to sell their pre-owned fashion," the fashion lover said.

Through her years of yearning for thrifting stores as a child, and at the age of 21 when she was developing the app, the entrepreneur set out to create a platform that makes it easier for Bahrainis to purchase preloved fashion.

### How it works

"After taking a picture of the item, the seller can then list it by uploading, categorising, and pricing it. These listings are available for browsing and purchasing," Shaikha said.

Citing affordability, especially compared to malls in Bahrain and rise in inflation, the 22-year-old Bahraini says that she has noticed an increase in interest in sustainable fashion



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RENOWNED ENVIRONMENTALIST



factured," the young Bahraini explained.

### Fast fashion impact on the environment

Not only can Bahrainis browse for cheaper preloved clothing through an app, Shaikha said, but buyers can also assist in a "circular economy".

"You can reduce the demand for new production since an item is used until its full potential, reducing fashion waste, which furthers in achieving responsible consumption and production

"The app is the most sustainable option as recycled fashion, despite being an ethical option, still emits waste when manu-

Seconding the practice of sustainable fashion, renowned environmentalist and founder of W-AI-STE Kai Miethig, said, "People can sell their preloved clothes to create space in their wardrobe and the almost new clothes get a second life, rather than being dumped into a landfill."

"The throwaway culture has worsened progressively over the years, and at present, many items are only worn seven to ten times before being tossed. That's a decline of more than



"The lower prices align with our mission to make sustainable fashion accessible to a wider audience, which is essential for encouraging more people to adopt eco-friendly purchasing practices."

- SHAIKHA SHOWAITER

produced each year, 92 million tonnes end up in landfills," he relayed.

In fact, he revealed that most of the items returned to retailers from consumers end up in landfills.

Citing the reasoning, he noted that it costs the company more to put the item back into circulation than it does to get rid of it.

To put things into perspective, this means that every second the equivalent of a garbage truck full of clothes ends up on a landfill site.

## Graduation ceremony



A batch of 41 students have graduated after completing the vocational training programmes "Cambridge International Certificate in Education and Teaching". The Arab Open University (AOU) Bahrain branch held the graduation ceremony under the patronage of the Minister of Education, Higher Education Council (HEC) Board of Trustees' Chairman Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma. The university hosted the graduation ceremony at its headquarters in the area of A'ali in cooperation with the US Embassy to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

## BIPD hails Bahrain's democratic strides

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The Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) has lauded the constant advancement of the kingdom's democratic system since the launch of the comprehensive development march, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, which contributed to achieving the true and full partnership of the citizens in the decision-making process, through effective national institutions, and within the national laws and legislation.

In a statement marking the

International Day of Democracy 2023, themed "Empowering the next generation", BIPD also commended the efforts of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to strengthen the pillars of the state of institutions and law, in a way that achieves the aspirations of the citizens, and within well-established rules that regulate democratic work in the Kingdom.

BIPD indicated that this year's celebrations of the International Day of Democracy are in line

with the sound royal vision, and the kingdom's programmes and plans to enhance the role of youngsters and youth in the democratic process, by providing all means to prepare a generation capable of leading the democratic process, in accordance with the fundamentals of society, as well as Arab and Islamic values, based on peace, acceptance of others and tolerance.

The ultimate goal is to build a modern society whose members are capable of preserving and protecting democracy in the future, BIPD statement said.