

US Embassy launches Discover America Week 2022

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The US Embassy in Bahrain has launched its Discover America Week 2022 (DAW 2022) and it will be held until October 20.

This year, Discover America Week's theme focuses on the food industry and American food franchises, and will highlight the wonderful US agricultural and food products available here in Bahrain, said a statement issued by the US Embassy.

Tomorrow, US Ambassador to Bahrain Steven Bondy will attend an event titled AmCham Discover America Week Reception that will be held at Big Texas BBQ Juffair.



US Ambassador Bondy



On Thursday, Papa John's Pizza Community Outreach



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Programme will be held at The Jawad Dome, Barbar, which will have in attendance the US Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission.

Earlier, in a statement issued, Mr Bondy said: "We live in a time when commodity prices are rising and many suffer from food insecurity. Food is a precious resource, and we should all be mindful of the time, effort, and resources required to bring meat, fruit, vegetables, and grains from their sources to our plates."

"Recognising this, Bahrain launched a social media campaign on October 10 to change food consumption behaviours and end food waste in the Kingdom. The campaign was created

by young volunteers, reminding us that the decisions we make about food waste today can impact the food security of future generations. I commend the leaders behind this initiative.

"American farmers are doing their part to solve the food security crisis by expanding agricultural production to feed a world in need. The US government works with allies and partners to get help where it is desperately needed. The United States has long addressed global food insecurity through its Feed the Future programme, committing \$1 billion per year to global efforts to strengthen food systems in vulnerable countries."

665 licensed NGOs offering welfare services

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There are 665 licensed Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the Kingdom of Bahrain offering various welfare services to the public, according to latest statistics offered by the Labour and Social Development Ministry.

According to the ministry, the National Centre for NGOs' support in the Kingdom is one of the pioneering achievements in the sector.

"The center aims to improve the performance of NGOs through providing new and innovative means and inputs that are far from stereotypes and imitation, and assist them in developing their self-capacities and achieving their comprehensive development goals by means of community participation at the highest levels of capacity and efficiency."

There are many set objectives for establishing an NGO, which include a mission to achieve within the local community, acquire skills and necessary experience apart from building a reciprocal relationship between the organisation and the community.

The objectives included for the center are to provide them with skills in order to achieve mission and goals.

Court to decide on 17 pleas after candidature rejections

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The Second High Civil Court of Appeal will decide on 17 pleas following the rejection of candidatures in connection with the upcoming Parliament and Municipal Councils elections by the electoral supervisory committee.

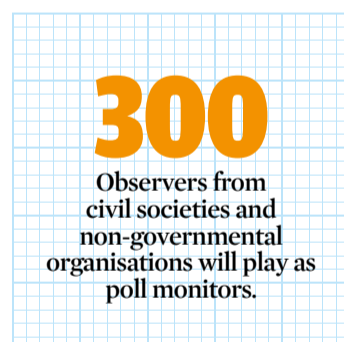
The candidatures were rejected over criminal accusations, address issues, absence of name in the voters' list as well as lack of Arabic proficiency. The appeals can be filed until October 18 and the court rulings will be issued by October 25.

Among the appellants is lawmaker Adel Al Asoomi whose candidature was rejected by the electoral committee after accepting the claims in the complaint filed by one of the opposing candidates from the First Constituency of the Capital Governorate Murad Ali Murad.

Mr Al Asoomi, a four-time lawmaker, has been an active member of the parliament and he has raised and highlighted



The headquarters of the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry



many issues of public concern. Well-known across the Arab world, Al Asoomi was re-elect-

ed as Arab Parliament Speaker a few days ago, becoming the first Bahraini to hold the post for two years.

Dr Sharaf Al Mazal, another potential Parliamentary candidate, whose candidature from the Fourth District in the Northern Governorate, was rejected by the committee, has also filed an appeal and is waiting a judgment in favour.

Potential candidates for municipal council and parliament elections waiting for the judgments over their appeals are

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Legal Opinion Commission President and Election Executive Director Nawaf Abdullah Hamza, the authorities will be striving to ensure the commitment to uphold citizens' constitutional rights of choosing their representatives throughout the two decades since the launch of the first legislative term in 2002.

He has stressed that the electoral process will be monitored and supervised by the judiciary throughout all its stages, to ensure transparency and the integrity of the elections. And that the higher committee will continue to cooperate with independent civil societies to monitor the electoral process.

Among the 561 candidates contesting in 40 parliamentary and 30 municipal council seats, 107 are women, creating a milestone in the empowerment of women within the democratic process.

The final list of candidates will be announced on October 26. The Kingdom will head to the polls on November 12 with a run-off fixed on November 19.

Interactive session on varicose vein and hemorrhoids organised

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An interactive session on varicose vein, hemorrhoids and other related health issues was organised by Middle East Hospital and Medical Centre under the title 'Health Master' on Friday.

Orthopedic surgeon Dr Kishore Kiran led the session, explaining the treatments available as well as preventive measures.

Varicose veins are twisted, enlarged veins. Any vein that is close to the skin's surface (superficial) can become varicose. Varicose veins most commonly affect the veins in the legs. That's because standing and walking increase the pressure in the veins of the lower body.

Hemorrhoids, also called piles, are swollen veins in your anus and



Dr Kishore speaks at the session

lower rectum, similar to varicose veins. Hemorrhoids can develop inside the rectum (internal hemorrhoids) or under the skin around the anus (external hemorrhoids). Nearly three out of four adults will have hemorrhoids from time to time.

The interactive session saw participants raising various doubts to be answered by the subject expert.

Middle East Hospital and Medical Centre is one of the prominent players in the Kingdom's healthcare field.



Court rejects case of doctor over transfer to shift work

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The High Administrative Court rejected a lawsuit filed by a doctor against the Ministry of Health after being transferred from the normal payment system to the shift work system.

The plaintiff claimed that the decision was contrary to what was agreed in the contract. However, the High Administrative Court asserted that the management authorities have the required power to transfer employees in accordance with the requirements of work and to serve the public interest.

The plaintiff had filed the lawsuit requesting a ruling

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to cancel the administrative decision issued to put her on the shift regime instead of the normal system. This came after the doctor was used to fill in a place at a local medical

hospital that operates 24/7.

According to her statements, she initially signed a permanent contract which didn't include a condition that makes her serve on the shift system in 2020, and she continued working on the same regime until June 2021.

She added that at the beginning of July 2021, a decision was issued to transfer her from the regular system to the shift system, contrary to what she had agreed to before joining the Ministry.

"I was told that I would cover some gaps, therefore, I was transferred to the shift system. I accepted the decision, but then I was sent back to my old post after things returned

to normal. But, I was kept on the shift system. I contacted the Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health and the CEO of the Primary Health Care Centres. But I didn't receive feedback," she said, adding that: "Therefore, I decided to file a complaint."

The Court indicated that the administrative bodies have the right to transfer employees from one place to another and from one job to another, whenever the work requires to do so, provided that it's intended for the public good and didn't include abuse of authorities as well as misconduct. Accordingly, the Court rejected the case since the plaintiff's grade wasn't changed.