

Spread kindness and help needy people!

Charity organisation sees big rise in calls and messages from expats and Bahrainis asking for support

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A charity reports an increase in the number of calls and messages it receives from expats in need of groceries and clothing since so many of them are trying to make ends meet for their families.

There is a diversity, and as requests are frequently made on social media sites like Facebook and some are anonymous, it can be challenging for charity workers to determine ethnicity.

However, it has been noticed that a lot of the needy people are expats from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, but also some other Arabs from Egypt and Jordan, Lina Stahl, volunteer and founder of 'Box Forward', told The Daily Tribune.

When questioned about the causes of the Kingdom's expats' financial hardship and increased



Donate to help underprivileged families and children, and make a positive impact on their lives

reliance on charitable organisations, she pointed out that the causes are different from person to person.

She said: "Firstly it is different from person to person, we have noticed that some have lost their jobs and have no source of income, and have children to support. Their circumstances back home are likewise not much better, so they continue to

try to survive in the Kingdom."

"Some people work, but they don't make enough money; their basic pay is less than BD150, or they are the only ones who can support their families back home."

Lina added, "Some locals have good jobs however they have come into debt and just can't afford the extra things like new furniture or birthday gifts for



Lina Stahl

their kids. Meanwhile, some expats are living in a tiny room on a mattress with four kids and no furniture and they don't have enough to eat."

She said that single women with children and those who divorce shortly after marriage, not just among expats but also among Bahrainis, ask for support.

To spread kindness, Lina also exhorts people to donate the



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things they no longer need. If they are donating a lot of things, she advises them to try giving them to new needy people each time.

Summer program for people with special needs

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Northern Governor Ali bin Shaikh Abduls-sain Al Asfoor attended the closing ceremony of the summer activities programme at the Arab Open University.

The Governor stressed that the summer programme dealt with qualitative activities and events to combine entertainment and education to learn about aspects of life in a scientific and practical way and to integrate people with special needs into society. He added that the activities were based on enhancing their sources of knowledge and learning through awareness lectures, training workshops, and exploratory visits that included various destinations in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

At the same time, the summer programme for autistic children contributed to integrating people with autism into society.

The ceremony honoured the sponsors, collaborators, volunteers, and participants, as well as featured a display of the artworks created by the participants and a film that summarised all the activities of the programme.

Centre celebrates Islamic New Year

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The King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence celebrated the Islamic New Year 1445 AH, in an event attended by representatives of different sections of the society.

Board of Trustees Chairman Shaikh Khalifa bin Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Khalifa congratulated His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as well as Bahrainis and Muslims on this occasion.

During the event, Shaikh Khalifa highlighted the sanctity of the month of Muharram, which is the first month in the Hijri calendar.

The chairman lauded HM the King's noble vision for establishing the center.

BRCs organises capacity-building programme for humanitarian work

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The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) coordinated a capacity-building programme for humanitarian work presented by Huda Al Khawaja, Consultant for the Society for Capacity Building and Development.

The programme covered several key areas, with the primary aim of enhancing the efficiency and productivity of volunteers in delivering humanitarian services.

One of the programme's core focuses was to bolster the capabilities of voluntary committee leaders within the Society, encouraging their continued participation and effective leadership in national, local, and international humanitarian operations, aligning with the Society's objectives.



BRCS officials with event organisers and participants

Additionally, the programme placed significant emphasis on training volunteers in essential domains such as planning, organisation, time management, communication, and problem-solving. Moreover, it addressed the technical and prac-

tical aspects related to health-care, effective response, and the cultivation of communication and social skills. The overarching goal was to empower volunteers to engage in a professional manner with beneficiaries and fellow humanitarian workers.

The programme has been designed to cater to volunteers of all backgrounds and proficiency levels, whether they are novices or experienced individuals engaged in humanitarian work within the Society's committees.

Imam Ali Mosque in Dar Kulaib re-opened

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Jaffari Endowments Council (JEC) Chairman Yousif bin Saleh Al Saleh yesterday re-opened the Imam Ali Mosque in Dar Kulaib.

The three-storey mosque combines ancient Islamic architecture and the old Bahraini style. It includes integrated facilities that serve the worshippers and visitors.

Present in the event were JEC members, Jaffari Endowments Director, Mohammed Jaffar Al Hussaini, construction committee members, dignitaries and citizens.

Al Saleh commended the great interest of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Labour inspection campaigns



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted two joint inspection campaigns in the Capital Governorate and the Muharraq Governorate on a number of shops and work sites. The campaigns resulted in reporting violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws. The cases were referred for legal action. The LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to report violations via the electronic form on the authority's website www.lmra.gov.bh or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055.

Programme to empower youth



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bahrain held the closing ceremony of the ninth edition of the Youth Leadership Programme (YLP9) 2023, in collaboration with the Youth Affairs Ministry. Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi attended the ceremony, in the presence of Firas Gharaibeh, UNDP Resident Representative. The YLP9 was an intensive seven-week programme focused on green economy, capacity building, and empowering young people to drive progress and development. The minister highlighted the importance of this programme in developing youth's skill and knowledge.