

Roaming performers at F1 Gulf Air Bahrain GP



Carnival Batucada

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Parkel Drums are an energetic and talented batucada that have been awarded several times all around the world.

They are a young group that have established themselves as a reference company in the world of percussion, performing at all kinds of shows and festivals.

Fans will get carried away by the music and choreography to the rhythm of the drums in the purest batucada style, and there's no doubt that Parkel Drums will leave everyone amazed.

Tribal Batucada are a samba reggae percussion act known for carrying out energetic, noisy and colourful performances. Created in Paris in 1997 by a drummer and composer from Salvador Bahia

in Brazil, they have spread throughout the world and performed in many countries with more than 40 bands.

These roaming performers and many others will feature in the stellar off-track programme at the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix. There will also be stage shows, carnival rides, kids' activities, and back-to-back concerts featuring DJ Snake and Craig David.

Tickets to this year's F1 race weekend are selling fast. Those looking to experience the pinnacle of motorsport must therefore purchase their tickets as soon as possible to be a part of the region's biggest racing and entertainment extravaganza.

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Interior Minister hails HM King's support to sports

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Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa has hailed the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to sports in Bahrain.

He also commended the role



HM the King

of HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) Chairman His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa in supporting youth and sports.

The Minister was speaking as he attended the singles event final of the Interior Ministry's Tennis Challenger. He awarded trophies to the winners, in

the presence of His Majesty the King's Advisor for Youth and Sports Saleh bin Isa bin Hindi.

Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Public Security Chief Lieutenant-General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan and Bahrain Tennis Federation Chairman Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa also attended the event.

Court to hear case of man accused of killing brother

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The First High Criminal Court will be hearing today the witnesses' testimonies in the case of a young man who killed his own brother by stabbing him 26 times with a sword.

The defendant attended the last session where he denied the charge of premeditated murder. He admitted to using drugs and owning the murder weapon, claiming that on the day of the incident, he had consumed alcohol.

The police station had received a report from the defendant confessing to stabbing his brother with a sword following a disagreement. Security forces headed to the location and found the victim was already dead.

One of the policemen

interrogated the defendant about the incident and he disclosed that financial disagreements between them led to an altercation at home wherein the victim attempted to assault him with a knife. In response, he took out a sword and stabbed him multiple times.

The mother testified that there were disagreements between her sons that escalated when the victim threatened the defendant. While performing

fajr prayer on the day of the incident, she heard yells from the courtyard and asked her sons to come inside. She resumed her prayer but heard loud noises again.

From outside, the defendant assured her that there was nothing wrong. When she inquired after the victim, he told her that the victim had fallen down. She requested that he take him to a hospital, and he answered that an ambulance was already on the way.

One of the neighbours stated that upon hearing the altercation he went out and witnessed

the defendant standing next to his car outside their home talking to the police on the phone.

The neighbour asked about the situation so the defendant led him near the car where a man was lying face-down with grave bleeding injuries next to a knife and sword. He asked about the identity of the victim and the defendant informed him that it was his brother, whom he killed for being a drug lord and causing trouble for their mother.

The witness added that he heard the defendant ask the paramedics whether or not the victim had a pulse. When they told him he'd passed away, the defendant turned to the other side of the road and smiled. Afterwards, the police arrived and arrested him.



Deputy Prime Minister inaugurates MEOS GEO 2023

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The Middle East Conference and Exhibition for Oil, Gas and Geosciences (MEOS GEO 2023), opened yesterday at the Exhibition World Bahrain Center in Sakhir.

On behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa inaugurated the event.

The Deputy Prime Minister stressed the importance attached to the oil and gas sector, in light of the comprehensive development march led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al

Khalifa.

He expressed thanks and gratitude to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for patronising this vital event that has been held in the Kingdom of Bahrain every two years since 1979.

He noted the Government's support to the oil sector, given the great importance of energy which spurs growth and yields the prosperity of countries in the world.

He commended the efforts of Oil and Gas Holding Company (Nogaholding), headed by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, Nogaholding Chairman, to fur-



Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla with senior government officials at the event

ther the development of the oil and gas sectors.

"The conference is an opportunity to exchange information and experiences, learn about the latest studies and successful experiences in exploration for oil and gas, find appropriate solutions aimed at achieving commercial benefit," he said.

The conference is held this year under the slogan "Today's Facts... Tomorrow's Energy", with the participation of more than 15,000 senior officials, engineers, specialists and academics who will discuss the current challenges facing the oil and gas industry, and explore solutions to achieve sustainable energy development.

Tamkeen supports NIAD-led Forever Green campaign

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The Labour Fund, Tamkeen, has supported the National Afforestation Campaign (Forever Green) by providing 796 seedlings of Hibiscus tiliaceus trees and Bougainvillea trees, which were planted yesterday along the December 16 Avenue in the Southern Governorate.

This was announced by the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD).

The afforestation projects, implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning and the Supreme Council



Shaikha Maram with Tamkeen, Southern Area Municipality and Municipal Council officials at the planting site

for Environment, are in line with the kingdom's national priorities aimed at reaching net zero by 2060, in a bid to confront climate change challenges and protect the environment.

The planting of the seedlings aims to create a natural botanical fender while adding an aesthetic aspect by using the bright rose colours.

The planting site was inaugurated in the presence of NIAD Secretary-General, Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa, Tamkeen Chief Executive Officer, Maha Abdulhameed Mufeez, Director General of the Southern Area Municipality, Assem

Abdullatif Abdulla, and Municipal Council Chairman, Abdulla Abdullatif.

This environmental event reflects the importance of cooperation between the public, private and civil sectors in supporting the government efforts to achieve environmental sustainability.

The planting site was chosen in cooperation with the Southern Area Municipality's specialists, who determined the appropriate species to contribute to purifying the air and giving an aesthetic view to the residential and educational areas.