

Canadian skips queue; Gets quicker hip at AMH

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Long waiting times for essential yet non-emergency surgeries in the Western world is resulting in patients opting for hospitals in the Middle East that are able to provide treatment at the same quality at an affordable cost but without any waiting time.

One such example was reported yesterday from King Hamad American Mission Hospital in A'ali in Bahrain, where a 68-year-old resident from Canada decided to have a hip replacement done by a team led by Orthopedics and Trauma Consultant Dr. Gianluca Cusmá Guatteri, popularly referred to as Dr. Luca by patients and in the medical circles.

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Canada provides free health-care but many non-emergency procedures require a long wait time. According to data from the Canadian Institute for Health Information, the benchmark wait times for a surgery



Patient from Canada with Dr Luca

for hip replacement and knee replacement in the country is six months and for a cataract surgery is 3.7 months.

When Dr. Luca examined the patient from Canada, it was found that her left hip was completely destroyed, due to arthritis, resulting in no space between the bones, with many bone spurs that were causing

pain and severely limiting mobility.

A hip replacement surgery using minimally-invasive techniques was done by Dr. Luca and team. This was followed up by implanting a new joint using ceramic material, resulting in the patient having a new pain-free hip that allows a great range of motion including walking and



King Hamad American Mission Hospital

return to normal activity, the medical team said.

It was the great care received at the American Mission Hospital (AMH) while living in Bahrain that prompted her to seek treatment from there again when faced with a huge waiting time back in Canada, the patient, along with her husband, said in a statement issued through the hospital.

"In the past, we were very satisfied customers of AMH.

We were on the waiting list in Toronto, Canada to receive a hip replacement and when we heard of the new hospital, we considered the possibility of having the surgery here. After a tele-consult, we were very impressed by the comprehensive information given on the procedure and costs. The care has been outstanding and we wholeheartedly recommend overseas visitors considering care to take this option," she stated.

State-of-the-art Sharifa Kanoo Arts Centre to rise in Muharraq



Mr. Al Hawaj, Mr. Tawfiqi and Khalid Mohammed Kanoo at the agreement-signing ceremony

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A groundbreaking agreement was signed to construct the Sharifa Kanoo Arts Centre in Muharraq.

Works Minister Ebrahim Bin Hasan Al Hawaj, Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi and Khalid Mohammed Kanoo, Board of Directors Chairman at Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo Company, signed the deal in a ceremony.

This state-of-the-art center aims to empower and support young talented artists in Bahrain by providing them with comprehensive training programs, workshops, and initiatives.

The Kanoo family's long-standing commitment to the artistic, cultural, and social development in Bahrain was highly praised by Al Hawaj, emphasising the significant contribution of Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo Company to the nation's progress.

The Work Minister said the ministry will support the centre by supervising all stages of design and construction.

A competition will be announced where architecture students, engineering graduates, young architects, professionals or engineering offices can compete to present design and concept proposals for the centre.

Tawfiqi welcomed the strategic partnership with Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo Company, which is considered one of the top socially responsible organisations in Bahrain.

She commended the approach of promoting Bahraini youth as one of company's top priorities and working to create youth incubators to embrace national talents.

The minister said that the arts centre will be built on a land owned by the Youth Affairs Ministry in Muharraq.

Support for arts

Khalid Mohammad Kanoo said the agreement underscores the company's interest in supporting artistic initiatives, recalling that the Sharifa Kanoo Arts Centre was the first of its kind in Bahrain.

Kanoo touched on the potential that the art sector holds in creating investment and job opportunities.

He explained that the center will support talented artists and help them become stand-alone businesses, with the potential to become an academic institution offering certificates in various specialties and equipping youth with skills for the labour market.

The chairman highlighted the company's keenness to strengthen partnerships.

Bahrain sends humanitarian aid to Libya

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) has sent a shipment of humanitarian relief aid to the victims of floods in Libya.

This act of generosity is in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the honorary president of RHF.

The aid aims to alleviate the suffering caused by the devastating disaster that has befallen Libya.

RHF Secretary General Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed praised the leadership of HM King Hamad and His Highness Shaikh



Bahrain's medical and food supplies for the Libyan people

Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, for their unwavering commitment

to humanitarian work.

In line with the strong bond between Bahrain and Libya, the foundation has prepared 40 tons of medical and food sup-

plies, as well as relief and shelter materials.

This initiative aims to meet the basic and essential needs of the affected population and alleviate their suffering during these challenging times. The foundation's delegation, accompanied by the aid shipment, was warmly received by Mr. Al Zubair Hamad Al Gharyani, the representative of the Libyan Red Crescent, upon their arrival at Benina International Airport in Benghazi.

Al Gharyani expressed the thanks and appreciation of Libya and its people for Bahrain's generosity.

LMRA refers 16 unlicensed manpower agencies for legal action

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has announced that 16 manpower agencies have been referred for legal action after failing to obtain the required licenses.

The action was taken during a joint inspection campaign conducted in coordination with the Ministry of Interior (MOI), specifically the General Directorate for Criminal Detection and Forensic Evidence and the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRO).

The campaign also revealed several violations related to work permits, leading to 33 irregular workers being referred for legal action.

Praise for Amcham role in enhancing Bahrain-US trade and economic ties



The Industry Minister with Al Zubi and the Amcham Bahrain Board of Directors members

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Industry and Commerce Minister Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro praised the role of the American Chamber of Commerce (Amcham) in strengthening Bahrain and the US trade and economic ties, noting the Kingdom's attractive investment environment and the privileges and facilities it provides to investors.

Fakhro affirmed the long-standing Bahraini-US relations, noting the importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation through joint visits and agreements.

Fakhro was speaking as he met with Qays Al Zubi, President of the Amcham in Bahrain, and a number of members of the Board of Directors.

The meeting discussed topics of common interest.

Al Zubi appreciated the continuous support of the ministry and stressed the importance of such meetings in enhancing economic cooperation.

"This reflects our shared commitment to promoting an environment conducive to business growth and investment, which ultimately leads to the economic prosperity of the Kingdom of Bahrain," Al Zubi said.