

Bahrain real estate sector 'growing remarkably'

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Bahrain's real estate sector continues to grow remarkably, according to Chief Executive of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

He highlighted its steady development, thanks to the unlimited support of His Majesty King

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Shaikh Mohammed underlined the real estate sector's contribution to the economy, affirming the need for further initiatives to develop it and realise the citizens' aspirations.



Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa

The Chief Executive also expressed thanks and appreciation to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for patronising and opening Cityscape Bahrain 2022 exhibition, which is considered the biggest real estate event in the kingdom held at Bahrain International Exhibitions Centre.

He also praised HRH Prince

Salman's patronage of MEA Proptech which convened on Monday at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa praised the success of the first edition of Cityscape Bahrain which showcased projects worth BD893 million and through which seven major real estate projects were launched.

Cassation Court upholds jail terms for conmen

● Five years in prison for fraud and forgery

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The Cassation Court has upheld the jail terms issued against two conmen who swindled a woman out of BD1,500.

They were earlier sentenced to five years in prison each for fraud and forgery.

Both posed as financial agents when calling the woman, requesting her personal information and the details of her ATM card.

"I was told that my ATM card would be suspended if I don't reveal my information to them. After doing so, BD1,500 was withdrawn from my account in instalments moments later," she told prosecutors.

Investigations revealed that the duo were assisting an unidentified person living abroad to embezzle money from people in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

"He told me (the second defendant) to download a financial application. He requested from me to subscribe to the app, and I did. Later, I received money, and he told me to transfer it abroad," the first defendant told prosecutors.

Trial begins for 10 who planned to help life convicts escape from jail

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The High Criminal Court began the trial of 10 defendants accused of attempting to smuggle convicts out of the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre.

Security investigations revealed that the first, second and third defendants had planned to help life prisoners escape by instigating inmate riots.

Meanwhile, an automatic rifle was seized in the car of the first defendant as he waited in the parking lot of the centre.

The incident began when security services received information that several terrorists had concocted a plan targeting the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre with firearms in order to help a number of life convicts escape.

Secret sources were employed that confirmed the first defendant's plans.



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The defendant developed his plan by communicating with the inmates and providing the means of transportation to smuggle them, as well as the firearm to be used. It was agreed



Image used for illustrative purposes only that the inmates' role in the escape plan would be to cause riots and vandalism.

On the day of the incident, the first defendant parked his car at the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre's parking lot, according to the plan.

Aware of the scheme, security services had the suspect's car

searched where a Kalashnikov assault rifle containing ammunition was found placed inside a laundry basket. Consequently, the crime scene crew was summoned; they seized the rifle and ammunition, comprised of 26 bullets.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendants with the following: on 10/08/2022 in the

Kingdom of Bahrain, the first defendant began assisting convicts (the third until the tenth defendant) to escape from the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre by using a firearm for terrorist purposes.

He was arrested as a result of his crime, for a reason outside of his power, which was getting caught in the act of possessing a firearm inside the parking lot of the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre, as indicated in the papers.

The second defendant was also charged with participation in the plan. He assisted the first defendant in committing the crime by providing the firearm and ammunition and sending money to procure the getaway vehicle.

The rest of the defendants were charged with complicity in the crime through the agreement, aid and abetting of the first defendant.

Travelers Tribe Masonic Club of Bahrain marks Thanksgiving Day



Officers and members of Travelers Tribe Masonic Club of Bahrain



Families, guests and friends

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A day with a festive turkey feast commemorated the sturdy thanksgiving observance of Travelers Tribe Masonic Club of Bahrain.

Attended by about 130 people, the celebration was held at the Bahrain Carlton in Adliya on 11 November.

The event was commenced by an opening prayer led by Don Aukshun.

Marlon Arlanza, the organisation's event coordinator, said: "The recent thanksgiving celebration was a manifestation of a time-honoured tradition designed to foster harmony in our community. Travelers Tribe Masonic Club of Bahrain or T2 dwells in unity and showed solidarity in showcasing this important event to our families and friends."

"As a member of the group, we

all depend on each other in ways large or small. That's why we are profound to give back to those that need it most as we show thanks for this season. For me to make good men better is truly a thanksgiving," said by Joselito C. Sarmiento, one of the pillars of the organisation.

Members of T2 mostly Filipino-Americans posted at the US Naval Base in Juffair has been hosting annual Thanksgiving celebration every November since 2013. Each year's success culminated their vows of making a difference in the community.

T2 values are held in a strong principle to assist the community through charitable works in any possible way within the reach of their physical and financial capabilities.

In his speech, Orlando Fontanilla, a staunch supporter of the club, appreciated and recognised the effort of everyone for the



T2 officers and friends

success of the event.

"Thanksgiving is a great time to remember and it's also a chance to celebrate and express gratitude at work of helping the needy which is the context of existing as an organisation," said Fontanilla.

A plaque of recognition was awarded to Filipino American Association of Bahrain (Fil Am Bahrain) president US Navy Cap-

tain Ernan Obellos and Winnair Travel.

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Meanwhile, Newlito Lemuel A. Diaz, president of Travelers Tribe Masonic Club of Bahrain, together with Reynaldo Giron and Marlon Arlanza presented a certificate of appreciation to the sponsors that included Evershine Jewelries, Lasheen Jewelries, Winnair Travel, Pinoy Turo Restaurant, Rocks Restaurant and Sushimi.

Newlito Diaz extended his

gratitude to everyone who joined hands with them for their charitable works.

He said: "To all our fellow tribesmen, it was a delightful evening to share with you the tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving. Our camaraderie has always been solid highlighted with the overflowing attendance of our families and friends in the community."

The affair was also attended by the officers of Philippine Embassy Manama led by Labour Attache' Vicente M. Cabe, Consul Bryan Jess Baguio, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Welfare Officer Redina Manlapaz.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Senior National Representative to the Combined Maritime Forces in the Kingdom of Bahrain Captain Francis C. Cacho also graced the thanksgiving ceremony.