

End of long ordeal

Stranded Indian expatriate finally returns home and reunites with family after nearly 25 years in Kingdom

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An Indian national who was stranded in the Kingdom for nearly 25 years finally returned to his home country on Tuesday.

Sasidharan Pullot, 63, came to the Kingdom in 1996 and has been doing odd jobs for his survival.

Sasidharan's life would become miserable after his passport was allegedly seized by his sponsor.

After being affected by age-related health issues, he was keen on reuniting with his family back home.

His illegal residency in the Kingdom would block all his dreams until a group of expat social workers led by Sudheer Thirunilath, World NRI Council Humanitarian Director for Middle East and Venu Vatakara, Kozhikode District Pravasi Forum Charity Wing Joint Convener, came to the rescue.



Sasidharan with Sudheer at Bahrain International Airport

Rajan Pudukkudi, another expat social worker, provided shelter and food to Sasidharan as he could not find any sources of income during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

They contacted Sasidharan's relatives in Vatakara – a place situated in Kozhikode district in the South Indian State of Kerala.

Sudheer took up the matter with the Indian Ambassador

at one of open house sessions, paving way for Sasidharan's travel back home. The Indian Embassy issued an emergency certificate and Sasidharan flew to Kozhikode, ending the long ordeal.

Sasidharan thanked Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, Rajan, Sudheer and Venu. Expat social workers have helped many stranded expatriates go home.

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrates Christmas



Students enjoying the festive mood

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“Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day.”

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrated Christmas with great exhilaration and ardour. The entire school vibrated with the echoes of Christmas carols.

Kindergarteners looked adorable in their attires reflecting the colour of joy- green, red and white. Students made beauti-

ful crafts and drawings on the festivity.

Boundless joy of celebrating the festival was amply visible on the faces of the children especially when secret Santa had fun with the students.

Highlights

Special assembly was conducted by Grade I students highlighting the birth of Jesus Christ, importance of giving gifts, and the importance of the festival as a whole.

Christmas carols, speeches,

nativity story and dance performances rendered the assembly magical, bringing peace and joy to the participants and the onlookers.

Principal Saji Jacob appreciated all the students and shared the importance of Christmas along with the story of Adam and Eve.

School Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma extended their best wishes to all on the festive occasion of Christmas and urged students to spread the message of peace and love.

Five Asians held for stealing BD30,000 tent equipment

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Capital Governorate Police Directorate has arrested five Asians, 35 to 43, for stealing tent equipment worth BD30,000 from a warehouse in Tubli.

An investigation into the case led to identifying and arresting the suspects. Legal proceedings are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

Man found dead in Gudaibiya

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A man, supposedly middle-aged, was found dead at one of the car parks in Gudaibiya, on Monday evening.

The body was spotted in a dense neighbourhood and residents were shocked after seeing the police cordoning off the area.

Reliable sources said the deceased was an Indian national, belonging to Maharashtra State. He is survived by his wife and two children.

The body has been moved to Salmaniya Medical Complex morgue. The Interior Ministry has begun a probe into the matter.

Al Salam Bank sponsors event to celebrate Bahraini Women's Day

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Al Salam Bank announced its sponsorship of the event held in celebration of Bahraini Women's Day under the slogan “Bahraini Women in National Development ... A Journey of Advancement in a Giving Country,” coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women's establishment.

During the event, Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, inaugurated the Bahraini Women's Monument “Impact” or “Athar”, followed by an introductory film to showcase the most important objectives of this edifice.

The council also issued a documen-



Guests and participants in the event

tary book to celebrate this prestigious occasion, accompanied by a brief visual presentation, and a documentary film entitled “The Supreme Council for Women

After Twenty Year ... Recommendations: From Implementation to Measuring Impact.”

Government entities and official spon-

sors who supported the activities hosted in celebration of Bahraini Women's Day 2021 were also honoured during the event.

Banagas organises blood donation campaign in collaboration with King Hamad University Hospital



Bahrain National Gas Company (Banagas), in collaboration with King Hamad University Hospital, organised a blood donation campaign in which a large number of employees participated as part of the company's Safety, Health and Environment Week, which was held from 5 to 9 December. This campaign is a part of Banagas' social responsibility, which aims to raise employees' awareness on the importance of donating blood as a humanitarian gesture that would save a human life. The campaign also comes within the framework of close cooperation between Banagas and King Hamad University Hospital.

Hashish seller jailed and fined BD5,000

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The High Criminal Court sentenced a man to five years in prison for promoting and consuming hashish drug as well as possessing pornographic videos on his phone. The Bahraini man was also fined BD5,000.

The defendant and his girlfriend were both arrested following a police tip-off.

Information Minister receives national heritage researcher



Information Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi received in his office yesterday researcher in the national heritage, Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqr Al Khalifa, and Hamad bin Yousef Al Ghatam, on the occasion of the success of the Information Ministry's festival which was held in the Heritage Village, in Ras Hayan, marking the kingdom's National Days. Al Romaihi praised the active participation of Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqr in the festival through the corner he oversaw in the Heritage Village.