

'I found my stolen shoes at a thrift store'

Shopper stunned to find stolen shoes for sale at thrift store

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Social media platforms are filled with accounts of people discovering hidden gems at their local thrift stores.

Individuals often also share stories of finding items that turn out to be incredibly valuable, surpassing their listed price.

However, in Bahrain, one shopper had an astonishing experience when he unexpectedly came across his own stolen shoes for sale at a store in Gudaibiya.

Recalling the incident, the



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shopper disclosed that both his and his wife's shoes had been stolen.

"Recently, I was talking a stroll

through the street lined up with second-hand shoe stores near the sacred heart church.

"However, while passing by

one pair of shoes on display there stuck me, as it looks very familiar.

"Doubts began to creep in.

"So yesterday, I went to the store to verify if those were really my shoes or just my imagination," he explained.

He said: "My suspicion was confirmed—they were indeed my stolen shoes."

However, when confronted, the store owner defended himself, claiming innocence and stating that he had obtained the shoes, along with other used footwear, from a garbage col-

lector.

The owner went further, mentioning that all the used shoes on sale had come from over a thousand garbage collectors.

"Although, there was no concrete evidence to accuse the shop owner directly, I persisted in requesting the return of his shoes. Initially hesitant, the store owner eventually relented."

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, the affected individual further claimed that this incident was not an isolated case.

He said that several residents in the area had reported similar occurrences of missing shoes, as well as incidents involving children's bicycles and occasionally even water bottles being taken from outside their homes.

They said they are compelled to leave their shoe racks outside during the summer months to avoid any unpleasant odours.

"But that is now proving a headache."

The community is now calling for proactive actions to ensure the safety of their belongings and deter future thefts.

Court official in the dock for taking BD100,000 bribe to clear documents

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A court official has landed in hot water after being caught demanding and accepting a bribe of BD100,000.

The bribe was meant to facilitate the clearance of documents that required the official's verification.

The suspect was apprehended while accepting the bribe from the person who reported the incident.

Officials at the Anti-Corruption Department under



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the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic

and Electronic Security said the suspect held the position of an

accounting expert and official liquidator.

It is alleged that the suspect accepted the money in exchange for the documents under his control.

Following a tip-off, investigators conducted an inquiry into the matter, leading to the subsequent arrest of the suspect.

Officials said they took the necessary legal actions to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has taken action against several for labour and residential law violations during an inspection campaign yesterday in the Muharraq Governorate. The campaign was in coordination with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) of the Ministry of Interior, as well as the respective Police Directorate of the Governorate. LMRA urged to report violations by making use of their website, www.lmra.gov.bh, or contact them at 17506055.

British School of Bahrain's Class of 2023 celebrates graduation



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Hundreds of families and friends gathered at the Gulf Hotel Bahrain on Friday evening to celebrate the graduation of the British School of Bahrain's Class of 2023.

The ceremony was attended by a number of dignitaries, including Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, the director of Culture and Arts Directorate at the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities; British Ambassador Roderick Drummond; Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava; Dany Berberi, Charge d'Affaires at the Lebanon Embassy; Tahira Saleem, community welfare attache at the Pakistan Embassy; Saud Alheddi, assistant under-secretary for support and initiatives at the Youth Affairs Ministry; and Akram Miknas, board member of British School of Bahrain



In pictures, the graduation ceremony held at the Gulf Hotel Bahrain

(BSB). The ceremony began with a Quran recitation by Majeed Abdulla. Head prefects Dia Nanda and Jood Al Awadhi then welcomed the guests and the friends and families.

Executive headmaster John

Maguire addressed the gathering and congratulated the graduating students. He said that it was a great pleasure to know the class over the past four years and he expects them to do great things in the future.

Maguire pointed out that the



situation after Covid-19 pandemic had put an extra toll on this batch of students. "This class is the first to sit for the exams after the pandemic. In many ways, this cohort has had more pressure put on them," he said while noting that the class achieved

tremendous progress in their educational and extracurricular activities despite it. They were actively involved in raising money for charity and in raising awareness about important topics, he remembered.

Hailing the graduates as a dis-

tinguished batch, the executive headmaster said they had won in music, sports, debate, and in academics simultaneously. It is no coincidence that there are three Crown Prince Scholars within the ranks of the year group, he added.

British Ambassador Roderick Drummond congratulated the graduates for their hard work and achievements, and exhorted for continuing the learning. "I hope you all continue to learn and grow and never stop," he said while asking the graduates to never stop asking questions, to never stop seeking answers, and to never stop striving for excellence.

Head of junior school Robert Howe, head of infant school Julie Anne Gilbert, deputy head whole school Nick Belcher, and senior school deputy head Lucy Jones were also present at the event.