

Bahrain clinches top spot in global Quran competition

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has secured first place in the BRICS International Holy Quran Competition, held in Kazan, Russian Federation, from July 24 to 26, 2024.

The announcement came during the closing ceremony yesterday evening, attended by Shaikh Dr. Rashid bin Mohammed Al Hajri, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sunni Endowments.

Dr. Muhammad Samir Mujahid claimed the top position for Bahrain in the recitation category, competing against participants from 20 countries worldwide.

His Excellency Nawaf bin Mohammed Al-Maawda, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, expressed pride in this achievement, stating it "embodies the passion of Bahraini youth to memorise and recite the Book of Allah."

He attributed this success to the royal patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the ongoing support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Love prevails, and so does justice

Wedding planner fails to deliver, couple wins BD1,750 refund in court

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A Bahraini couple has successfully sued a wedding planner for failing to deliver on their contract, securing a full refund of their payment.

The couple, who had planned their wedding five months in advance, entered into an agreement with the wedding planner for a venue booking at a local hotel for 100 guests, paying a total of BD1,750.

However, two months before their wedding day, the couple received distressing news.

The wedding planner informed them that his company had been dissolved and promised to return their money.

Legal action

Despite this promise, the planner failed to reimburse the couple, prompting them to seek legal action.

The couple, represented by lawyer Bander bin Shamal Al



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Doseri, filed a lawsuit against the wedding planner and his company.

The lawsuit argued that the planner's breach of contract had caused them significant financial and emotional distress.

The couple had eagerly anticipated their wedding day, and the planner's failure to secure the venue caused them consid-

erable anxiety and disappointment.

Nightmare

"It was an absolute nightmare. We were counting down the days to our special day, and then this bloke goes and pulls the rug right out from under us," lamented the groom, adding: "We had put so much trust in

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The Civil Court of First Instance ruled in favour of the couple, ordering the wedding planner to repay the full amount of BD1,750, along with interest from the date of the lawsuit filing.

Pearling Path closed for maintenance



Pearling Path in Muharraq

Temporary closure until September 1

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) has announced the temporary closure of the Pearling Path in Muharraq to visitors and tourists until September 1.

This 3.5-kilometre path, which served as a route for pearl divers throughout most of Bahrain's history, remains a significant cultural landmark despite its current pause in operations.

The Pearling Path, an iconic symbol of Bahrain's rich heritage, includes numerous tourist sites and activities.

Visitors can explore historic locations such as Bu Maher Fort, Al Ghus House, Badr Ghuloom House, Turabi House, Al Jalahma House, Al Alawi House, Fakhro House, Murad House, Murad Council, Siyadi Shops, Yousef Abdulrahman Fakhro Building, Ali Rashid Fakhro Building, Al Nokhuda House, Siyadi House, Siyadi Council, and Siyadi Mosque.

The last major event held at the Pearling Path was "Tales of the Pearl Path" last February.

Organised by the BACA, the event drew a remarkable turnout, attracting attendees from both within Bahrain and internationally.

The closure provides an opportunity for maintenance and preservation efforts to ensure that the Pearling Path continues to be a cherished part of Bahrain's cultural landscape.

Visitors and tourists are encouraged to plan their visits accordingly and look forward to the reopening of this historical gem.

Elderly 'struggle' as ministries go online

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The digital shift in government services has left many elderly citizens at their wits' end, grappling with an overwhelming maze of bureaucracy.

As ministries insist on online platforms for service requests, what used to be simple tasks now stretch out over months, leading to mounting frustration.

Abdullah Al Qubaisi, a Member of the Northern Municipal Council, has stepped in, urging government ministries to reopen their doors and make processes more accessible.

Practice

He argues that when citizens visit ministry offices, they're



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frequently directed back to the website for follow-ups, a prac-

tice he deems unacceptable. This system has extended the

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- ABDULLAH AL QUBAISI, A MEMBER OF THE NORTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

resolution time for issues that previously took mere days, as the online-only approach complicates matters for many elderly individuals.

Al Qubaisi has called on service ministries to set aside at least one day a week for direct interactions between officials

and citizens.

He pointed out the current difficulty many citizens face in meeting officials to discuss their needs.

Al Qubaisi stressed the importance of these face-to-face meetings, particularly for the elderly, suggesting they would significantly improve satisfaction with the work of service ministries.

He acknowledged the essential role of state ministries but highlighted the need for practical adjustments.

Direct interaction, he believes, is key to enhancing service satisfaction and effectively resolving the challenges faced by citizens and residents.

Muharraq by-election voter list displayed with moderate turnout

Mohammed Darwish

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The scene at the electoral center in Busaitein remained relatively calm yesterday, the sixth day of displaying the voter list for the forthcoming Muharraq by-election, with a moderate number of voters turning up.

This voter list display is a key part of the by-election process, following the recent court decision to annul the membership of former MP Mohammed Al Hussaini. Earlier this month, the seventh court of cessation issued this ruling.

Dr. Ali Al Shuwaikh, the Head of the Supervisory Committee, informed The Daily Tribune that today will be the last day for voters to verify the accuracy of



A voter checks his registration status

their data.

He stressed that only those whose names are on the list will

be eligible to vote in the upcoming by-election.

Al Shuwaikh added that voters



Dr. Essam Al-Alawi and Saleh Al-Sada, potential candidates

whose names are missing from the list can request additions, changes, or corrections through

the Supervisory Committee.

Voters can check their registration status on the official

website or in person at the Al Busaitein Intermediate Girls School, where the electoral centre is located.

This voter list display process upholds the integrity of the electoral system and ensures that eligible residents of the constituency have the chance to cast their ballots.

Potential candidates Dr. Essam Al-Alawi and Saleh Al-Sada yesterday visited the center.

Dr. Al-Alawi expressed confidence in his electoral prospects, predicting a decisive victory in the first round.

Having reached the second round in the 2022 elections against the former MP Al-Alawi believes his chances have improved.

He said: "I believe that my chances will be better this time."