

Bahrain's housing projects benefited 47,000

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Housing projects in the Kingdom have so far benefited more than 47,000 Bahraini families, it has emerged, thanks to the unlimited support provided by Bahraini leadership.

AlAyam, in a report published yesterday, said the Kingdom has satisfied more than 47,000 housing requests till date by distributing housing units, apartments, housing plots as well as housing finance to beneficiaries.

This also includes the 5,539 people benefited through the



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Mazaya housing programme.

The move forms part of gov-

ernment efforts to provide 40,000 housing units as per a

royal order issued by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The ministry all together provided 19,772 housing units, 8,558 condominium apartments, 3,725 housing plots, and financed 10,460 for "purchase - construction - restoration".

The boom in housing distribution was mainly due to the support of Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy

Prime Minister.

The report also states that the total amount spent by the Mazaya programme in the real estate, finance, contracting, engineering and retail sectors has reached BD 837 million.

Chinese partnership in East Sitra

East Sitra City is one of the key projects initiated by the ministry to provide 40,000 housing units.

As per a deal signed with China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC), 3000 units will be created in the East Sitra

reportedly at the cost of 260 million Bahraini dinars.

At the time of signing, Basim Al Hamar, Bahraini Minister of Housing, said with this signing ministry will initiate construction works in all the five new cities in Bahrain.

State-owned lands

Initiative to develop housing projects on government-owned lands with private sector cooperation is also progressing. The move will help provide 15,000 units on state-owned plots over 10 years.

Creative Genius 2.0 Online Summer Camp

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Laurels Centre for Global Education, in association with The Daily Tribune and Cyber Square, is conducting an ONLINE SUMMER CAMP for students from grade 2 to 8.

The camp which focuses on extracurricular activities for the overall personality development of a child will start on 5th July and end on 20th August.

Online sessions start from 10 am to 1 pm, Sunday to Thursday.

The camp follows the footsteps of widely appreciated 'Creative Genius in 2019', will include this year sessions on Coding course, Basic Pro-

grammes in HTML and Web Hosting, Mind and body exercises, Communication skills, Youth parliament, Homemaking skills, Art and craft, Acting and grooming sessions, Healthy food and Lifestyle sessions, and more.

A special Cyber Summer Camp for students from Grade 9 to Grade 12 will work on courses in Visual Coding, Python, JavaScript, Django, Web Hosting, Graphic design, and Entrepreneurship skills.

The fees will vary according to the courses.

The overall programmes are designed, keeping in mind the importance of extracurricular

activities for the overall personality development of a child.

"As the children are busy with many academic activities throughout the year, we believe it is very much required to provide them with holiday activities to equip them to face real life. Hence, the experts and counsellors from our team have come up with an idea of a summer camp with activities and sessions which will ensure the growth of multiple intelligence in the children," the organisers said.

Registration closes on 2nd July 2020. For registration call: Whatsapp 36458340 or 34567220.

Joint efforts will help Bahrain tide over COVID-19 crisis

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Bolstering Bahraini job market amid coronavirus pandemic crisis requires all hand on the deck.

The Kingdom now needs all the help it could gather to overcome the COVID-19 crisis and to further boost the job market here, said Labour minister.

He added: All three production parties – the state, employers and workers – should come together, more than ever, to tide over the economic crisis.

The minister was meeting Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation (Al-Hurr) executive council chairman, Yaqoob Yousif Mohammed.

Enhanced cooperation will contribute to "maintaining the professional stability of the national workforce at the labour market, and ensure the



Labour minister with Al-Hurr executive council chairman

sustainability of production at the private sector institutions," said Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, the Labour and Social Development Minister.

The minister also described the labour market here as resilient citing the job opportunities it continues to generate notwithstanding the outbreak.

"Lay-offs are still limited", the minister told Mohammed, while pointing out that the situation could be further enhanced with greater cooperation.

The Minister and the Al-Hurr Chairman agreed on the need to continue mobilising further efforts to support and ensure the stability of Bahraini workers.

Yaqoob hailing the effectiveness of the government's stimulus package gave thumbs up to Labour ministry's policy to address challenges of the labour market through dialogue.

The minister lauded Al-Hurr's role in supporting the national workforce.

Don't throw unwanted goods in public

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Capital Municipality announced launching a new service allowing citizens to dispose of their unwanted furniture and large household appliances in a hassle-free manner.

Launching the service, Shawkia Ibrahim Humaidan, the Director-General of the Capital Secretariat, said the effort

is to eliminate unscrupulous disposing of household wastes and unwanted appliances in public places randomly by the general public.

The secretariat, Humaidan said, has prepared a mechanism to implement the initiative gradually at first at some residential complexes in the capital governorate in coordination with the cleaning company.

Those wishes to benefit from

this service can call 80001111, or messaging via the WhatsApp service at 17729151.

The service is strictly for homeowners only and does not include commercial stores and any waste resulting from business purposes.

The authority will also assign inspectors to monitor the premises to ensure that people are not randomly disposing waster materials at open places.

Bahrain lacks law to address climate change concerns: UoB study

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Bahrain lacks a comprehensive law to address the climate change concerns, despite being a signatory all major international pacts including the 2015 Paris deal.

The Kingdom currently is relying on its environmental protection laws to get the job done, observes a doctoral thesis being reviewed by the University of Bahrain.

These interesting observations are part of a thesis submitted to the UoB by Abdullah Hassan Al-Anzi for a master's degree in public law.

The author highlights that the "current environmental law of Bahrain and the draft of the new law do not include any ref-



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erence to climate change."

There is an urgent need to include a new chapter on climate change in the constitution, with references to international climate agreements, including the Paris 2015 agreement in its preamble.

The recommendations submitted virtually are before a

committee consisting of a member at the Faculty of Law at the University of Bahrain, Dr Muhammad Abdullah Numan, a supervisor, and a faculty member at the same college, Dr Mahmoud Al-Sayed Hassan, an internal examiner, and an assistant professor at the Faculty of Law At Sultan Qaboos University in the Sultanate of Oman, Dr Abdullah Ammar Al Mahjoub, an external examiner.

The study further observes that all the commitments of the Paris 2015 agreement are obligations of conduct and action and not to achieve a specific result, noting that the strongest commitments are related to emission reduction and that the majority of the text is not strictly binding.

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