

Second Bahrain relief aid shipment dispatched to Gaza

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) and the National Committee for Supporting the Palestinians in Gaza dispatched the second Bahraini aid shipment to Gaza under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Representative of His Majes-

ty for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs.

It comes following the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Mustafa Al Sayed, Secretary General of RHF, and Chief Executive of the National Committee for Supporting the Palestinians in Gaza, expressed gratitude for the humanitarian initiatives of



Mr Al Sayed supervises the shipment of aid to Gaza

HM the King to assist the Palestinian people in Gaza and the afflicted globally.

He expressed his gratitude for the support from the government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and noted the efforts of HH Shaikh Nasser in providing aid to the people of Palestine.

Al Sayed noted that Bahraini humanitarian efforts continue to provide aid to Palestinians in Gaza, with the second shipment sent in less than a week, as part of Bahrain's ongoing humanitarian efforts.

The RHF and the national committee will continue to assist the Palestinian people, based on Royal Directives, he said.

How Bahrain should embrace and regulate soaring drone technology

AI expert suggests: Balance applications with 'safety, privacy and national interests'

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In light of recent news regarding Dubai's plans to introduce drone deliveries by early 2024, questions have arisen about whether Bahrain will also embrace this level of technological advancement in the coming years.

To gain insights into Bahrain's approach to drone utilisation, The Daily Tribune interviewed Dr. Jassim Haji, President of the International Artificial Intelligence Group.

Dr. Haji emphasised that the development of drones, coupled with high-end cameras utilising computer vision, is an expensive endeavor that requires specialised skills and guidance.

Additionally, it necessitates the establishment of policies and governance to ensure the safe and secure usage of this technology. Consequently, at this stage,



he does not recommend employing drones for food delivery and suggests their use for more controlled purposes.

Considerations

One of the primary considerations highlighted by Dr. Haji is the need for restrictions on various aspects of drone operations, such as the number of simultaneous activities, altitude

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limitations, geographical coverage, data collection and privacy policies, space restrictions, operator skills, and licensing. These factors contribute to the challenges associated with implementing widespread drone deliveries in Bahrain.

However, Dr. Haji acknowledged that drones can serve as valuable tools for safety purposes within industrial organisations or factories, including



Bahrain is facing challenges in harnessing the full potential of drone technology

those in the oil, gas, aluminum, and shipping sectors.

Their ability to monitor labour safety, inspect pipelines, troubleshoot and maintain access to telecom towers, among other applications, makes them particularly advantageous in such controlled environments.

While the mass production and increasing demand for drones have resulted in a reduction in their prices, Dr. Haji pointed out that the integration

of artificial intelligence (AI) and smart cameras still incurs higher costs. This aspect further underscores the need for careful consideration of the economic viability of implementing drone technology in various sectors.

Privacy and national interests

As earlier reported by The Daily Tribune, in response to concerns about privacy and

national interests, the Bahraini government has taken steps to regulate drones.

A web-based Drone Hub System (DHS) is being implemented to ensure the public's privacy and facilitate the import and registration of drones in the Kingdom. The Aviation Safety will oversee the DHS system, and 12 companies have qualified in the initial round of the tender to implement the system.

Kingdom's approach to drone technology prioritises safety and controlled applications. While widespread drone deliveries may not be recommended at this stage, the country recognises the value of drones in enhancing safety and efficiency in industrial sectors.

The government's efforts to regulate drone usage demonstrate its commitment to safeguarding privacy and national interests while embracing technological advancements.

Capital Police hold 29-year-old robbery suspect

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The Capital Governorate Police Directorate has arrested a 29-year-old man for stealing restaurants and shops.

He also damaged the CCTVs' wires. The robbery items were worth around BD4,000.

An investigation into the received cases about a masked robbery suspect led to identifying and arresting the man who had criminal records. Legal proceedings were taken, and the case was referred to the Public Prosecution.

Charity treasurer claims memory lapse in BD47,000 funds embezzlement case

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The treasurer of a local charity is facing embezzlement charges after allegedly stealing tens of thousands of dollars in donations over several years.

At a hearing in the High Criminal Court, the defendant claimed memory issues prevented him from recollecting the incident.

The man said he suffers from a mental illness affecting his recollection. He disclosed undergoing psychiatric treatment. The court ordered a psychiatric evaluation and granted the defense access to case files until the next hearing on November 5.

According to records, irregu-

larities in the charity's finances were first detected in 2017. An audit revealed expenses drastically exceeding typical costs and undocumented cash withdrawals surpassing BD1,000.

Confronted by the board of directors, the treasurer admitted taking funds but claimed he was indebted. An accounting expert's report determined BD47,000 had been embezzled in total. However, the accused did not provide full bank statements, budgets or financial reports of the charity.

Investigation

Authorities were informed, launching an investigation. Documents showed the treas-

urer altered check amounts, pocketing the difference after signatures. As a treasurer since 2006, he confessed to this method of embezzlement from 2017-2023.

While unable to specify exact sums, he did acknowledge illegally obtaining BD47,000 for personal use through forgery. The treasurer claims returning BD22,000 but faces additional charges of document tampering and misappropriation of public funds over six years in his trusted position.

The criminal case continues as prosecutors further examine the scope of the embezzlement allegations against the man tasked with financial stewardship of the charity.

Derasat issues new study on formal education in World War II in Bahrain

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The Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat) issued a new study titled "Development of Formal Education in Bahrain during the Second World War (1939-1945)".

The study, authored by Dr. Hamad Ebrahim Al Abdulla, Executive Director of Derasat, sheds light on the significant advancements made in the field of formal education in Bahrain during a challenging period in history.

The study delves into the developmental process undertaken by the Government of Bahrain in the domain of formal education for boys' schools during the Second World War era.

Dr. Al Abdulla highlighted the important role played by notable figures such as Shaikh Abdulla bin Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, C.R.L. Adrian-Vallance, and F.J. Wakelin in shaping Bahrain's educational system.

The study emphasises the main challenges faced during this period and the steps taken to enhance the educational sys-



Dr. Al Abdulla

tem, including the introduction of secondary school learning.

The latest study examined primary sources such as documents from the India Office Records, the Government of Bahrain's Annual Reports, and newspaper articles from Jaridat Al-Bahrain (1939-1944), providing an in-depth analysis of the historical context.

It also draws upon memoirs and diaries of various personalities involved in the educational process during that era.

The study reveals that the Government of Bahrain, led by Shaikh Hamad bin Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa (1932 - 1942), had a strong commitment to improving and expanding the educational system.



Warehouse fire

Civil Defence extinguished a fire in a warehouse near the scrapyard area in the Southern Governorate with 11 firefighting vehicles and 35 personnel. An investigation was launched.