



KS Chithra live concert on Friday

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Modern Exchange Company, the latest remittance company to enter the Bahrain market, in first of its kind offer exclusively for customers will present a live concert by KS Chithra, the world renowned singer, at Indian School, Isa Town on Friday. Talented singers like Vidhu Prathap, Roopa Revathi and Naufal Rahman, among others, will accompany Ms Chithra.



Ms Chithra.

To receive an invite, one has to become the customer of Modern Exchange Company by making a remittance.

Limited free invites are available at all the branches of the company and can be collected on a first-come first-served basis.

Civil Defence carries out 135 evacuations

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Civil Defence Director General Brigadier Mohammed Showaiter announced yesterday that his department had implemented the safety and security conditions in high-rise buildings and towers and carried out 135 evacuations in 2014.

The safety steps included the installation of fire-extinguishing equipment, ensuring proper emergency exits and avoiding the storage of inflammable items, apart from coordination with the municipalities and engineering consultancy firms to study maps and designs of buildings before construction.

He confirmed that the department did not allow the buildings to obtain electricity connection until they had met all safety and security procedures.

Bahrain ranks 4th in world Islamic economy

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A recent international study has named Bahrain as one of the top four Islamic economies in the world.

Malaysia tops the list followed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, in the State of the Global Islamic Economy Report which measured

Global Islamic Economy Indicators (GIEI). Thomson Reuters carried out the study in collaboration with Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre (DIEDC) and the Dinar Standard.

Researchers measured health and development of Islamic economy across 73 countries. Each country was evaluated for its Islamic finance, halal food, modest fashion, travel, media

and research, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics.

DIEDC Chairman Mohammed Abdullah Al Gergawi said: "The Islamic economy is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the world, with the Islamic economy growing at nearly twice the rate of the global economy and Muslim consumer spending exceeding 41.8 trn. Islamic banking assets hover at some \$1.3

trn and are expected to double in just five years from today."

"Developing the Islamic economy is not limited to Islamic banking and finance, which constitutes an important part of this economy, but spans seven key sectors forming the true pillars of an economy that is expanding while the world's Muslim population continues to outgrow others," he added.

Close to 15,000 use MoW's e-services

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Information Technology Director at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning Hisham Sater said that in the third quarter of 2015, 3995 users used Ministry of Work's e-services. Till September, the total number of users stood at 14,515.

The 10 services offered by MoW include contractor pre-qualification, materials testing results, traffic diversion request and building maintenance request, among others. These services can be accessed through www.works.gov.bh and www.bahrain.bh.

According to Mr Sater, the Ministry has

recently upgraded the electronic services on its portal.

With 1,516 users, August attracted the largest traffic followed by July with 1265 users. Most number of users was for materials testing results service, followed by road fault report service and the material/product assessment service.



Mr. Sater



UK's favourite family presenter Alasdair Malloy staged a concert last night at Cultural Hall as part of Bahrain Music Festival.

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