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11th Hour

Ministry confiscates books distorting history

Manama

Information Ministry has confiscated several books which contained wrong facts about the genealogy of Arab tribes. The move reflected the ministry's keenness on prohibiting publications which falsify history.

Today's Weather

	Max	Min
	39°C	29°C



Double-swiping of cards to be banned

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The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) has asked all merchant establishments to stop double-swiping of their payment cards -- credit cards, debit cards, charge or prepaid cards etc -- at point-of-sale (POS) machines and cash registers from June 15.

"Merchant establishments swipe payment cards twice at POS machines or cash registers once a transaction is approved by the cardholder. This practice of double swiping is widely considered insecure and hence, being discouraged by a number of countries," the CBB said justifying the ban.

When a card is first inserted in to the acquirer at a sales counter, the card transaction is completed after the necessary approval or denial. The customer immediately receives a transaction advice via SMS message, for both, local as

First Card Insert



First Card Swipe



Second Card Swipe



well as international card transactions. Accordingly, a card transaction does not require swiping the magnetic stripe again on the shopkeeper's POS terminal or cash register.

"Merchants have double swiping as a practice over the years, to collect card payment details and cardholders' personal data for internal accounting and/or marketing purposes. However, as this

practice of swiping at a shopkeeper's POS machine or cash register for the second time provides access to all payment card data, including sensitive information such as security code and personal data encoded on the magnetic stripe, it can effectively lead to card data compromise," the CBB said.

"Capturing or storing such sensitive card information in a shopkeeper's computer

system, has the potential risk of unintentionally exposing such information to malpractices and card frauds," the CBB said, adding it can undermine the efforts taken so far to enhance the security of card transactions by moving from magnetic stripes to EMV chip cards.

"There is a serious need to stop this unsecure practice of double swiping and thereby protect cardholder data against

possible theft and to ensure public confidence in card transactions," the CBB said.

CBB has taken several measures to protect card transactions over the years. Among these are the phasing out of the traditional magnetic stripe cards and adoption of the EMV (Europay, MasterCard and Visa International) compliant chip embedded cards, as far back as 2010.

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Fraud in GCC 6pc above global average



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Dumoulin wins 100th Giro d'Italia

Cash borrowed from bank used to buy explosives

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An accused being tried before the Fifth Higher Criminal Court in an explosives possession case yesterday admitted to borrowing BD120,000 from Future Bank to travel to China for purchase of special equipment used in the manufacturing of explosives.

The accused also remitted around BD55,000 to another accused who used the money to purchase tools used in terrorist



Some of the weapons and materials seized from the warehouse in 2015 operations back in 2012.

The court ordered to postpone the case, which



involves 11 accused, to that security authorities seized an unprecedented amount of internationally sourced

explosives and bomb-making materials in a warehouse in Nuwaidrat village back in September 2015.

Around 1.5 tonnes of high-grade explosives, including C4-RDX, TNT, and other powerful chemical explosives were seized from the warehouse. The facility had been adapted to accommodate an elaborate network of hidden underground bunkers and an above-ground manufacturing operation. The authorities had arrested several suspects involved in the case.