

# Wife locks husband out of flat, Court orders to grant entry

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A wife who locked her husband out of the flat he owned has been ordered by the Lower Criminal Court to grant him entry while considering a case filed by the husband against the wife.

The husband also accused the wife of changing the locks of the main door, thus preventing him from accessing his own property.

According to case documents, the couple, who got married in 1998, were living together in the



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flat since then.

"But, now, I had no access to my own home, where I lived for the past 25 years, as she suddenly changed the door locks for no reason," the husband told the court.

However, in a dramatic turn of events, the wife defended her action, claiming that she had changed the locks to evict strangers to whom her husband had leased the property.

She said that she had been living abroad for five years with her family and found this atroc-

ity only upon returning to Bahrain. "So, I had to evict them and change the door locks considering our safety."

She also told the court: "I don't mind, if he comes and lives with us."

The wife also informed the court that she had already handed over the keys to the new lock to her husband.

However, the court ruled in favour of the husband, stating that a property owner has the right to access and use their property without any obstruction.

# Man gets life in jail for smuggling drugs in stomach

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A botched attempt to smuggle 100 heroine-filled capsules in his stomach has landed a man in jail here for life.

The man, who is a Pakistani national, was apprehended at the Bahrain International Airport by customs officers.

Officers said they grew suspi-



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icious of the man's actions for he appeared increasingly nervous during customs procedures.

"We removed him immediately to the red lane for a detailed examination, as he denied having anything illegal with him.

"Despite, not finding anything suspicious, we still decided to conduct an x-ray examination

for he looked stressed and fatigued.

"The results showed that our suspicion was right with several capsules lying inside his stomach."

According to customs officers, the capsules had over a kilogram of drugs inside them.

The suspect was immediately

transferred to Salmaniya Medical Complex for the retrieval of the capsules.

Further investigation revealed the man's involvement in an international drug smuggling network operating in the Kingdom.

The Court also imposed a fine of BD10,000 on the suspect.

# BD150 allowance claims on social media fake, warns Social Development ministry

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The Ministry of Social Development has dismissed rumours circulating on social media about the distribution of a BD150 financial allowance as false. In a statement released yesterday, the ministry warned that such fraudulent emails aim to deceive and steal personal and financial data from users.

Further, the ministry confirmed it had already completed the disbursement of social assistance allowances which this year were double the usual



amount to eligible beneficiaries.

Besides, the ministry also disbursed the disability allowance to low-income families for the holy month of Ramadan.



Youth Affairs Minister, Rawan Jajeeb Tawfiq, yesterday received fashion designers, Sumaya Faisal and Talal Al-Kaabi, two award winners at the Fashion Week, organised by the French Embassy in Bahrain. The minister commended the remarkable accomplishments of Bahraini youth and congratulated the two designers for their success in the competition.

# Food Festival attracted 168,000 in 14 days, says BTEA



In picture, the food festival organised by BTEA

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority has hailed the Food Festival, which

recently came to a close, as a remarkable success.

The festival drew in an impressive 168,000 attendees in just two weeks, which is a tes-

tament to its popularity and appeal. The event, one of the largest in the Kingdom, allowed visitors to discover and sample diverse cuisines and explore

new flavours, ingredients, and cooking methods.

Dr Nasser Qaedi, CEO of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, expressed his

satisfaction with the festival's growth, hailing it as the reflection of the progress of the Kingdom's restaurants and hospitality sector.

He further stressed that BTEA is keen to build on this success by expanding venues and diversifying food options by blending Bahraini and Gulf cuisines.

