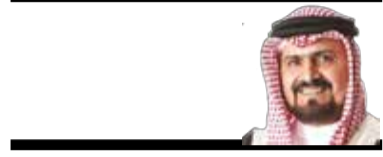


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Papal visit is vote for Bahrain's harmony



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The visit of Pope Francis to the Kingdom of Bahrain is a great vote of approval for His Majesty's work to promote global peace and harmony and the country's track record of inter-faith tolerance.

Indeed, all eyes in the region are trained on Bahrain for this historic visit and there will be a great influx of visitors who will come to seek the blessing of a Papal public audience during that time.

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This is not the first time that people have asked this question – I recall that when Indian Guru Sri Sri Ravishankar visited the Kingdom too in 2014, it was his first to a GCC country, and people who were part of Art of Living in Dubai and Muscat wondered how he happened to choose the Kingdom.

I think it is all about the consistency of our message. Whether it is about allowing residents to practice their faith openly and freely or the Royal gift of plots of land to build churches and temples, Bahrain has kept its doors and heart open to the world.

In a global scenario which often seems on edge because of fighting, Bahrain offers the balm of measured peace and calm. It is this which brings success to the Kingdom when it comes to leaders of global faith and spirituality blessing us with their presence.

As a Bahraini, I am proud of my leaders who have created this haven of security and harmony for us all.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

Derasat, Russia's ICLRC join hands

● Focus on enhancing research cooperation, exchanging publications, and organizing joint events

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The Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International and Comparative Law Research Centre in Moscow, as part of Derasat's efforts to expand its research partnerships with various think tanks around the world.

The agreement was signed on the sidelines of Derasat's delegation's participation in the 2022 Ecumene Global Financial Forum held from 28 to 30 September. The agreement was jointly signed by Derasat Executive Director Dr Hamad Ebrahim Al-Abdulla and ICLRC Director General Dr Ekaterina Salugina-Sorokovaya. Present during the signing ceremony were Shaikha Nayla bint Ali Al-Khalifa, Director of Communications and Knowledge Management, and Ejla Essa Bubshait, Director of Opinion Polls and Surveys at Derasat.

The agreement confirmed both centres' keen focus on enhancing research cooperation, exchanging publications, and organizing joint events and seminars on various issues and areas of common interest.

The Ecumene Forum attended by the Derasat delegation discussed several topics, among which were climate change, the economics of biodiversity, sustainable development for cities and the world, women's role in advancing sustainable development, continuous education, and other important matters.



Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School



Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrated the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with a variety of activities. Kindergarteners came dressed in tricolour attires and share the preaching's of Mahatma Gandhi through videos and stories. Students of Grade I used art paper and white tissues to carve the image of Mahatma Gandhi. Grade II made charkha with ice cream sticks. Grades III to V students made posters and presented quotes and slogans of Gandhiji. A special assembly highlighting the life and important contributions of Mahatma Gandhi was presented by students of Grade VII. Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma and Principal Saji Jacob congratulated the students.



New Horizon School



The New Horizon School celebrated the birthday of 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the 116th birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri on 2nd October 2022. On the occasion, students took part in a special assembly and sang the bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi. Students also came dressed like Gandhiji and Lal Bahadur Shastriji and presented a dance performance. A portrait drawing and quote contest of Gandhiji was also held. Vice Principal, Vandana Sateesh urged students to follow the principles of Gandhiji in their life.

BeBot 4 clean shores



Eco-friendly robots to clean coastlines across Kingdom

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Serial Cleaners has introduced innovative robots called BeBot, which are dedicated to combating marine pollution that is deteriorating the Kingdom's coastlines as plastic waste has become a major concern.

Their slo-

gan is "Stop wandering and start cleaning," and the entire project is dedicated to collecting trash from the coastlines with the help of an innovative team.

Speaking to the *Daily Tribune*, Mr Ebrahim Sajjad,

Founder of Sea Remediation and Waste Management said, "I got sick and tired of seeing the cigarette buds, plastics bags and disposal items whether it was on streets or on the coastlines, I wanted to make a change so I decided to find the solution."

"What makes BeBot special is that it is

still the only environmentally friendly robot and concentrates on attempting to find a solution on genuinely cleaning the sand.

"And the main key point of BeBot is entirely electric, protecting the beach from problems with erosion," he continued.

"People around will be able to take accurate measurements and be aware of the type of pollution that they are surrounded by."

Recently, the government agencies have been putting in their best efforts to promote plastic alternatives as part of a bid to implement pro-environment measures,

according to a senior government official.

Shaikh Hamad bin Salman Al Khalifa, Assistant Undersecretary within the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, said a comprehensive study is ongoing regarding the introduction of alternative products to plastic bags in the longer run.

The official's comment comes in light of the Kingdom banning single-use plastic bags having thickness of less than 35 microns since September 18.

To know more, follow the links: Facebook link - <https://fb.watch/ftULkzIXmC/>; Youtube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vzr-Gx-daD1M&t=24s>.

