

Two foreign women face trial for public nudity, prostitution

Inappropriate pictures raised nationwide anger

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Two foreign women, who are accused of practising prostitution in the Kingdom and sharing naked pictures of themselves online to promote their services here, will stand before the judges tomorrow, the Public Prosecution announced yesterday.

This was unfolded on Thursday when pictures of both women, who are reportedly European nationals, were circulated online. The circulated nude footage were screenshots of one of the women's account on Snapchat; a social media application that the women apparently used to attract custom-

ers to have sexual intercourse with them in return for certain amounts of money.

The footage are believed to be taken on one of Muharraq's coasts, as Shaikh Isa bin Salman Causeway in Muharraq is visible in the background. The inappropriate pictures raised nationwide anger on local social networks, with many netizens demanding deterrent punishment against the women, considering their act as a blatant violation of the Kingdom's laws, norms and conservative nature.

A few hours later on the same day, the Public Morals Protection Unit in Interior Ministry confirmed the arrest of both women, as well as a Bahraini



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The news was announced by Interior Ministry on its offi-

cial page on Twitter, stating: "Commenting on pictures that are violating public morals and was circulated on social media networks, the Public Morals Protection confirms the arrest of two foreign women who committed acts that are violating public morals, as well as a Bahraini man, 28, who was involved in the incident by using his car. The necessary legal measures have been taken."

More information on the incident was unveiled yesterday when the Public Prosecution issued a press statement, in which, Capital Governorate Chief Prosecutor Isa Al Ajman confirmed that the women had posted the pictures online to

"persuade her potential customers to practise prostitution".

Mr Al Ajman clarified that the Public Prosecution had completed its investigation into the incident after interrogating all three suspects and confronting them with the pictures, which confirmed that they have committed the offence.

The Chief said in his statement that the suspects are charged of publicly committing an immoral act, practicing prostitution and promoting it, and sharing and possessing pornographic materials, adding that they have been remanded and will stand before the Minor Criminal Court on December 4, 2019.

Derasat attends Beijing Mideast Security Forum

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The Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies "Derasat" signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the China Institute for International Studies (CIIS), as part of its recent participation in the Middle East Security Forum in Beijing.

Katadah Zaman, Executive Director of Derasat, signed the MoU on behalf of the Centre, while CIIS Vice President Rong Ying signed it on behalf of the Chinese Institute.

The three-year MoU involved mutual academic and research cooperation, creating a better understanding between scholars, exchanging publications, exchanging information, participation in mutual events, and exchanging researchers under assigned short and long term academic and research tasks.

The MoU also included joint research programs on issues of mutual concern, and co-organising events on topics of mutual interest.

Mr Zaman addressed the Middle East Security Forum on behalf of Derasat. His speech included an overview of the historic value of the Kingdom of Bahrain's location and civilisational value to the ancient Silk Road 2,000 years ago.

The Kingdom's modern status and accomplishments add to its geographic value to help revive the old heritage that awaits Arab-Sino nurturing.

He assured the Forum that The Kingdom, under the wise leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, is an example of resolve that supports unity through diversity, aiming to support the foundations of democratic practices and the people's participation.

BRCS to take part in Geneva constitutional meetings

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Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) has announced its participation in the constitutional meetings of International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which will take place from December 2-10 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Constitutional meetings include the General Assembly of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, followed by meetings of the International Conference and the participation of govern-

ment bodies as well as delegations of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

BRCS will also participate in the meeting of the National Red Crescent Societies in the GCC, in order to co-ordinate visions on the main topics of the international meeting, in addition to participating in an exhibition organised by these societies on the sidelines of the meetings.

The Acting Secretary-General of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society-Director General of the Society, Mubarak Al Mubarak, heads the delegation of the So-



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ciety to these meetings, with the participation of the Board

Member of the Society, Dr Fawzi Amin.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr Mubarak Al Hadi stressed the importance of the periodic and effective Bahraini participation in these international meetings that discuss developments of relief and humanitarian work in the world, and aim to unify international visions towards the development of the work of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

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Mr Al Hadi explained that BRCS delegation is participat-

ing in these meetings in order to highlight the humanitarian role of the Kingdom of Bahrain inside and outside Bahrain, and the relief support provided by the Kingdom of Bahrain in places of disasters, conflicts, displacement and asylum.

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Al Noor students excel in Cambridge AS and A level Exams

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The Al Noor International School has once again fulfilled its promise to parents and extended its astonishing contribution to the academic excellence in the Kingdom of Bahrain by providing quality education in line with achieving the vision and mission of the School, and the Economic Vision 2030 of the Kingdom of Bahrain that aims at achieving the highest level of education for the citizens and residents of Bahrain.

In the Cambridge AS level Examinations 2019, the students of Al Noor International School demonstrated exceptional performance, with 126A and 76B grades. In A level, the performance of students is very high with 22A*, 49A and 85B grades. In a significant number of AS and



A level subjects, the school's averages, for students securing Grades between A* and B and between A* and C grades, are well above the respective world averages.

In A Level, ESHA FATHIMA and SAAD ALI, secured A* in all subjects. Seven students secured A* and A's in all subjects. These students are Abdullah Jaffer Khan, Hammad Kashif M Kashif Yousif,

Naomi Barretto, Alesa Jobi Thaliath, Hasan Redha Mohammed Hasan Abdulaziz Aladraj, Jannat Akram Tanveer Mohammed Ekram, and Kottagodage Oshini Aishwarya Vidyamani Perera.

In AS Level 22 students topped achieving straight A grades in all the three subjects. They were Abdul Rafay Irfan, Farooq Mohamed Ameen, Muhammad Ra-

fae Gill, Riad Shadi Barakat, Saurav Hazra, Javeria Sohail Ahmed Khan, Maryam Abdulrahman Alshaikh, Mostafa Hany Eltahawy, Puteri Arisya Diana Binti Aznir, Ali Emad Mohammed Ghuloom, Muneera Basem Almahmeed, Nazmeen Fatima, Zainab Sayed Husain Mohamed, Maher Ali Farooq Alqattan, Abd Elrahman Mohamad Fathy Sharaf, Hannah

Ruth Gunasinghe, Hussain Talib Buhusayyen, Nancy Sayed Abdulmoniem Tantawy, Onosha Fatima, Wijeratne Mohandiramge Ushan Imasha Fernando, Youssef Mohamed Osman Ezzat and Maxine Zabab Salian

The School Chairman, Mr Ali Hasan, congratulated the students on their accomplishments and wished them success in their

future endeavours. He thanked the Head Teachers, Coordinators and teachers of the school for the time and energy they devoted to the education of the students.

Dr Muhammad Mashood the school Director congratulated the students for their hard work and achievement. These results demonstrate the positive impact that our focus on academic man-

agement and students' performance has had. We have a clear trend of improvement and look forward to seeing this continue in the future. The Principal, Mr Amin Mohammed Hulaiwah, praised the outstanding results obtained by the AS and A Level students and mentioned the school's achievements during the course of the past academic year.