



Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (Baca) President Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa yesterday received Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa at the venue of the 42nd meeting of the World Heritage Committee at the Unesco village. The Baca President thanked the Deputy Premier for the visit, hailing his keenness on supporting the Baca programmes and events.

American DJ gets 10 years sentence for selling drugs

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An American DJ, aged 30, took his career to a different level in the Kingdom by selling drugs to people who

came to enjoy his music. The defendant was working at a star hotel here when caught selling marijuana to people attending parties. He was nabbed by police officers after receiving a tip-off.

The man promised to sell marijuana for BDI,400 to an undercover officer, according to court details.

"I requested him (the undercover officer) to come to my apartment in Juffair to receive his drugs," the American said in his statement after he was arrested.

The court files say the cop in plain clothes tricked the DJ into selling drugs after managing to build a close relationship with him.

"We had a great bond and I didn't expect him to be working with police. He asked

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Bahraini dinars were taken by the convict from the undercover officer to supply marijuana.

me for marijuana worth BDI,400 and I immediately agreed to deliver him," the 30-year-old added.

Police officers raided the apartment after the undercover agent received drugs and handed over the money to the American man.

The 30-year-old man was arrested along with another man who hap-

pened to be in the property under the influence of drugs.

The DJ along and his friend were tried before the High Criminal Court.

The former was sentenced to 10 years in prison for selling drugs, while his friend was handed down one year's imprisonment for consuming hashish.

The pair will be deported from Bahrain once they serve the punishment.

Union calls to scrap plans to amend Pensions Law

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A prominent trade union has urged the lawmakers to scrap any plans to amend the Pensions Law.

The General Federation of Bahrain Trade Union (GFBTU) urged the government and lawmakers to focus on the inefficient use of funds by Social Insurance Organisation, rather than amending the pension law.

"We do not support any amendment to the law. The law was passed after taking all stakeholders into confidence and it won't be a progressive move to amend it again," said GFBTU Assistant Secretary for international relations Karim Radhi.

"This is why we urge the committee that has been recently formed by the government, Shura council and the Parliament to not touch this law and concentrate on the real problem which is inefficiencies within the SIO," he said.

"Two letters for the heads of parliament and Shura were sent urging them to not amend the existing pension law of No

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3 / 2008 which was endorsed in 2008 after holding dialogues between all stakeholders," the GFBTU said in a statement.

"In the two letters, we urged the two councils to take the directives by His Majesty the King to study deeply the situation of the social protection and to take enough time and consultations with all parties concerned," it stated.

"We urge the two councils to address the real problem in SIO, which is not the law but the failure of SIO in investing its resources in a correct way that brings profits and increase the resources of the institution to overcome any financial actuarial deficit."

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GOSI decision to fire senior official overturned

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The High Appeals Court cancelled the decision of the General Organisation of Social Insurance (GOSI) to terminate the contract of one of its department heads as part of an alleged restructuring programme.

The plaintiff took the GOSI to court after he lost his job in 2011.

"At the time I was expecting to get a raise, I was kicked out. They told me that they had introduced a new organisational structure, and my position no longer exists," the plaintiff told the court.

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The defendant's lawyer Dr Mohamed Redah Bu Hussein argued before the Court that his client's duties were divided between several departments, although his position was cancelled.

"It was possible for my client to be transferred to another department because his duties and tasks he was fulfilling were still needed," Bu Hussein said.

"My client was looking to get a raise which was denied to him since 2007 and he was subjected to an arbitrary decision," he added. Agreeing to the lawyer's views, the High Appeals Court overturned the GOSI decision.

Issues faced by telecom customers discussed

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA)'s board members held their second meeting this year and discussed issues related to the telecommunications sector, in particular those that are of interest to the general public.

They include the progress of the projects related to the Fourth National Telecommunications Plan (NTP4) and the progress of

achieving the NTP4's objective of establishing the National Broadband Network ("NBN"), which is supported through a single fixed fibre network.

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The board also discussed the issue related to regulating telecom towers.