



HM the King

A quantum leap for judicial procedures

Technical system for remote investigation and criminal trial on the way

● **Attorney-General praises His Majesty the King's ratification and issuance of Criminal Procedures Law**

● **New amendments are consistent with recent trends in the field of criminal justice**

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Work is underway to create a technical system for remote investigation and criminal trial.

This is according to Attorney-General Dr. Ali bin Fadhl Al Buainain, who was speaking as he praised His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's ratification and issuance of Law 7/2020, amending some provisions of the Criminal Procedures Law promulgated by Decree 46/2002 after its approval by the Shura and Representatives councils.

Dr. Al Buainain said that the work is in coordination between the Public Prosecution, the Supreme Judicial Council, the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

He stressed that the move represents a quantum leap towards developing judicial procedures.

The Attorney General further explained that the use of remote technology in the public prosecution and criminal courts paves the way for launching a new stage in the development



Dr. Al Buainain

of criminal proceedings, based on the ultimate goal of achieving a fair trial.

He underlined the importance of the new amendments to the Criminal Procedures Law, which, he said, are consistent with the recent trends in the field of criminal justice.

Dr. Al Buainain said that they aim to facilitate investigation and trial procedures, establish witness protection, protect the presumption of innocence principle (the accused is innocent until proven guilty), ensure

open hearings, develop easier solutions to the criminal procedures without prejudice to the rights, ensure the control of the evidence of the criminal case and the execution of the rulings issued therein, as well as use the technological means to initiate and prove the procedures, whether in the stage of evidence-collecting, investigation or trial.

This is all within the framework of establishing the principles of full justice and human rights.

Storekeeper commits suicide

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A storekeeper was found hanging at his accommodation in Hamad Town yesterday.



Kumar

The deceased was later identified as 41-year-old Indian national Sathish Kumar.

He leaves behind his wife and two children who are in his hometown of Kollam, Kerala.

His company is trying to repatriate his body.

No other information was available.

Bahraini dies in tragic traffic accident

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A picture of the victim during happier times

A 24-year-old Bahraini died in a tragic traffic accident on Friday night.

The deceased was travelling on his motorcycle along Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway heading towards Zallaq near the tunnel of Roundabout 14 when he had a collision with an unidentified vehicle.

According to reports, the victim was surprised by the vehicle's sudden change in lane and could not avoid hitting it. That resulted in him losing control of his motorbike and flipping in the air several times. He sustained severe injuries in the process.

Passers-by tried to come to the victim's aid until he was rushed to the hospital by relevant authorities, but he later died due to his injuries.

Meanwhile, the vehicle that caused the collision fled the site. Authorities have opened an investigation into the accident and are in the process of tracking down the driver of the runaway vehicle.

It is understood that the Bahraini victim had just gotten married two months ago. No other details were available.

AUBH announces assessment process for current semester

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The American University of Bahrain (AUBH) yesterday confirmed that the current semester's programmes will be graded normally, and will count towards students' cumulative grade point average (GPA).

As both AUBH's student body and faculty have seamlessly adapted to online learning and used leading-edge technology to ensure continuation of classes from the first day of isolation, no modification of the grading system to pass or fail has been necessary.

AUBH is ensuring the continuation of learning from a distance, with zero teaching days missed on the academic calendar.

Mid-term examinations will be administered through ProctorU, a US-based, artificial intelligence-enabled secure online assessment platform which protects the integrity and credibility of high-stakes exams. ProctorU is used by more than 1,000 institutions and universities in the US.



Dr. Sermis

"Our students and faculty miss being on campus, but have adapted well to the distance-learning format," said AUBH Provost Dr. Mark D. Sermis. "We are proud that our students have gained the technical savvy to be able to participate in secure remote proctored tests and other kinds of computer-based assessments. Our technical staff have been extremely attentive and supportive of the innovative ideas that have arisen from this otherwise difficult time."

Thief arrested for stealing valuables from parked cars

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A 26-year-old expatriate has been arrested after being suspected of stealing hand watches, mobile phones and laptops from cars parked in Juffair.

This was announced yesterday by the Capital Governorate Police Director-General.

He said that an investigation into the case led to identifying and arresting the suspect.

Some of the stolen items were confiscated from his home.

Legal proceedings are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

AD Global Trading imports quality goods

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An emerging wholesale distributor is importing quality products from 21 countries to help fulfill the needs of Bahrain's people.

AD Global Trading Company is bringing in all kinds of fresh goods including fruits, vegetables, dairy products, frozen foods and other foodstuffs from all over the globe.

The goods are from nations in six continents, including Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, North America and South America. They are set to arrive within the next few weeks.



Some of the goods

List of imports from various countries:

- **Pakistan** – Mandarins and all types of vegetables
- **Sri Lanka** – Strawberries, mangoes, papayas, avocado, guavas and all types of vegetables
- **India** – Bananas, ginger, garlic, mangoes
- **China** – Garlic, ginger, apples, carrots
- **Italy** – Assorted variety of apples, plums, kiwi, water
- **Philippines** – Bananas, pineapples
- **South Africa** – Lemons, assorted variety of apples, pears, grapes, persimmons, pomegranates
- **Portugal and Poland** - Apples
- **Australia** – Carrots
- **Greece and Spain** – Kiwis, apples, peaches, olives
- **US** – Apples, berries
- **Lebanon** – Assorted pickles
- **Turkey** – Lemons
- **Egypt** – Citrus, strawberries, broccoli
- **Mexico** – Strawberries
- **Holland and Bulgaria** – Cheese varieties
- **Belgium** – Mozzarella
- **Chile** – Apples, kiwis, plums, pomegranates