

Labour Minister issues edict to reform joint follow-up commission

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Labour Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan has issued an edict reforming the joint commission in charge of following up on the implementation of the law on insurance against unemployment.

Chaired by Labour Ministry Undersecretary Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the panel includes officials representing the Labour Ministry and the Social Insurance Organisation.

The committee is responsible for following up the implementation of the provisions of Decree-Law No. (78) for the year 2006 regarding unemployment insurance, proposing the necessary ministerial



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edicts and solutions that contribute to developing the unemployment insurance system.

The panel is also responsible for undertaking any other tasks assigned to it by the Ministry of Labour and the Social

Stage set for Arab International Cybersecurity Summit tomorrow

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Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the first edition of the Arab International Cybersecurity Summit will start tomorrow and continue until December 8 at the Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre in Sakhair.

The first edition of the summit, to be held under the theme “enabling global coop-

eration in cybersecurity”, is an international security and cyber platform to exchange expertise and build cybersecurity cooperation. High profiles international speakers and experts from all over the world will participate. The summit aims to set strategies for facing cyber challenges and developments, protecting databases and vital national and international infrastructure that form a cyber environment through expert workshops and discussion sessions.

LMRA grants licenses to accredited labour registration centres: Jamsheer

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has granted licenses to various accredited labour registration centres.

LMRA Chief Executive Officer Nouf Abdulrahman Jamsheer made the announcement, saying that these accredited centres will register all workers as part



Participants in the LMRA workshop



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The program will streamline registration processes in cooperation with the private sector and correct the legal status of workers to ensure their rights are protected.

LMRA services will be available to all workers to further

enhance security.

Jamsheer added that the Authority has started conducting training workshops for the accredited centres.

She highlighted that the conducted workshops included detailed explanations of the centres' roles and responsibilities in registering workers.

These include receiving permit requests that are then referred to the Authority and

verifying the availability of the required qualifications or professional certificates for professional work permit applications.

She added that the workshops also covered the process of data entry, methods of communication and follow-up with the LMRA regarding developments related to the worker, and clarification regarding the obligations of centres receiving workers applying for a permit.

Obesity rates in Bahrain 'alarming increasing' every year

Staff Reporter

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Obesity numbers are increasing every year which is now becoming an important health concern to combat.

A study was conducted by the Bahrain Medical Society reporting that individuals are suffering with obesity at high rates, and it is mostly occurring within the younger population.

From 2000 to 2020, Bahrain has seen an increasing amount of the population suffering with obesity, and the numbers have not slowed down.

The study finds that “adolescents in the Kingdom of Bahrain are experiencing high obesity rates and there is an increasing urgency to undertake measures to control the problem in the younger generation, to reduce serious outcomes.”

According to the Global Nutrition Report, individuals aged 18 years and older have an estimated 39.5 per cent obesity rate. “Bahrain's obesity prevalence is higher than the regional average of 10.3 per cent for women and 7.5 percent for men.”

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which can contribute to obesity which can include both genetics and environmental factors. According to Bahrain Medical Society, there are many factors that cause the development of obesity such as genetic factors, family history, lack of physical activity, gender, income, and nutritional habits.

Children or young people who struggle with obesity at younger ages, find it more difficult to get fit and healthy during their adult stages. This results in an increase of an increase in obese adults as children are not developing healthy habits from a young age, the unhealthy habits develop into their older years, the report states.

PubMed reports that there has been an increase with the availability of convenient high-calorie foods which has resulted in the increase of obesity rates all over the world.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Sara Alwatani, a senior dietitian, said: “Everyone deals with different food habits, and fast food and sugary drinks are the most common foods that lead to weight issues or obesity.”

She added: “Both environmental and genetic factors con-



Obese children could be headed down a path toward future diabetes or heart disease

tribute to weight issues and obesity; however, environmental factors seem to be the largest contributor to obesity, especially an individual's choice in lifestyle.”

Obesity is an important public health concern in many countries, and there are many consequences in which individuals could face whilst battling with obesity. These can include, chronic disease, morbidity and mortality, high medical costs, and psychological and social costs.

President of the Supreme Council of Health, Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, has said: “Obesity is a top priority in

the national plan to achieve the sustainable development goals.”

He highlighted the Kingdoms efforts to combat obesity under a national scheme that includes various measures such as developing more physical activities, healthy nutrition, establishing specialised clinics, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Additionally, Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa said, “Bahrain Obesity Academy” will contribute to preparing a comprehensive educational programme for 45 doctors regarding prevention, diagnosis, and management of obesity to enable and provide the necessary assistance to overweight patients.”

Promoting human coexistence



President of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA), Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa, received yesterday the the Secretary-General of the Council of Muslim Elders and the Higher Committee for Human Fraternity, Counselor Mohammed Abdulsalam. SCIA president praised the Secretary-General's efforts in organising the Bahrain Dialogue Forum “East and West for Human Coexistence”, held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, with the participation of Sheikh of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, His Eminence Dr Ahmed Al Tayeb, and His Holiness the Pope of the Vatican. He hailed the ongoing cooperation between the SCIA and the Muslim Council of Elders in serving common issues.

COURT STORY

2 men 'laundered' money by buying digital currency

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Two Asian men laundered money obtained from drug sales by buying digital currency and reselling it, the High Criminal Court heard.

Security investigations revealed that the defendants were part of an international drug trafficking network where their role was to receive sale proceeds and legitimise them through laundering. The first defendant received BD19,000, while the second received BD61,000.

The two defendants conducted laundering operations through three methods: money transfers through exchange companies, cash withdrawals from ATMs that were re-posit- ed in banks, and finally, by

buying and reselling digital currency.

The first defendant confessed to receiving those sums and transferring them to his home country despite knowing their origin. He indicated that on one occasion, he contacted the second defendant with a request to use his phone for the transfer of some amounts.

It turned out that the second defendant was in contact with individuals who transferred money, and thus, the two defendants worked together. The sums which they obtained and laundered exceeded BD80,000.

The prosecution charged the defendants with carrying out money laundering operations in the year 2022 with intention of legitimising sums obtained from the sale of narcotics.

Focus on Bahrain-Saudi infrastructure cooperation

Riyadh

Bahrain and Saudi Arabia are keen to strengthen cooperation in the infrastructure sector.

This came as Works Minister Ibrahim bin Hasan Al Hawaj held a meeting with the Saudi Minister of Transport and Logistic Services, Saleh bin Nasser Al Jasser to discuss issues of mutual interest pertaining to infrastructure. Al Hawaj pointed out Bahrain's keenness on keeping abreast of urban development through continuous development of its road network.

The Minister was also informed about the main initiatives carried out by Saudi Arabia in developing the road in-



Al Hawaj and Al Jasser at the meeting

rastructure. He stressed deep fraternal relations between the two countries and their steady growth thanks to the care and support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Custodian of the Two Holy

Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. He also commended continuous follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and Saudi Crown Prince and Prime

Minister His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Al Hawaj affirmed the advanced status attained by both countries in terms of traffic safety.