

Cassation Court acquits Bahraini man of a money laundering charge

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The Court of Cassation acquitted a Bahraini man and his company of laundering money estimated at BD65,000.

The court also dropped his five-year prison sentence, a fine of BD5,000, and the confiscation of the funds subject to the crime, or any funds owned by him equivalent to that amount.

The defendant's legal representative said that her client was referred to the Court of First Instance following a report by two individuals stating that he embezzled BD250,000 by lying about establishing a real estate company.

They reportedly discovered that the company's account had no balance, and after stalling, the defendant presented them with bounced cheques. The defendant was convicted of breach of trust and imprisoned for a year; however, he

was referred to court again for the crime of laundering the money he had embezzled.

The Court of First Instance sentenced him to five years in prison. The Court of Appeals upheld the ruling, on the grounds that her client withdrew and transferred the victims' money to a GCC country with the intent of concealing its illegal source.

The lawyer argued that the elements of the crime were not met, as the investigations failed to reveal the fate of that money, or the means employed to disguise its source, adding that the crime of money laundering requires proof of criminal intent to conceal the illegitimate source of money, which is missing in this case, since money transfers alone are not sufficient evidence of a laundering operation, especially since the defendant tried to return the amount to the victim's country.



'Broken traffic signal' a problem for commuters



A broken traffic signal in Um Al Hassam

● People come close to meeting accident

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A broken traffic signal has proven to be a barrier for pedestrians, causing the problem rather than resolving it.

The traffic signal in Um Al Hassam, across from DHL, is broken for an apparent cause. Many commuters informed

The Daily Tribune that they were uncertain whether to halt or cross the street as a result of the faulty signal.

Due to the same, several people came dangerously close to having an accident. Contrarily, it results in backups in traffic.

Locals nearby are reportedly presuming that the traffic signal is damaged because a commuter crashed his or her car into it, while others are suspicious that someone may have broken it.

Executive-legislative cooperation praised

HRH Prince Salman affirms importance of continuing to bolster two branches' ongoing efforts that benefit all in Kingdom

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, commended the Executive and Legislative Authorities for supporting the Kingdom of Bahrain's wide-ranging development, noting the importance of continuing to bolster efforts that benefit all.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the strong partnership between the executive and legislative bodies, adding that their achievements are the product of the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

His Royal Highness was speaking as he met yesterday with Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam and Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh at Gudaibiya Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted that the efforts made by members of the Executive and Legislative Authorities during the first session of the sixth legislative term have led to the approval of important legislation, including a draft law approving the King-



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with Speaker Al Musallam and Chairman Al Saleh

dom's national budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal years.

HRH Prince Salman also emphasised the importance of further strengthening efforts between the two authorities across multiple levels to create quality opportunities and build a brighter future for the Kingdom and its citizens.

Appreciation

Al Musallam and Al Saleh expressed their appreciation for His Royal Highness's commitment to supporting the Kingdom's development under the leadership of His Majesty the King.

They affirmed their commitment to continue strengthening efforts between the two authorities to advance progress for the Kingdom and its citizens.

A number of senior officials

and members of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives also attended the meeting.

Team Bahrain role

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted Team Bahrain's role in helping advance national development in line with the Kingdom's

far-reaching goals.

His Royal Highness noted that ensuring the interests of the Kingdom and its citizens remain at the forefront of development goals is a collective duty.

He emphasised that Bahrainis' determination and collective efforts will help the Kingdom achieve its development goals.

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Hefty fine for feeding animals in public

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Officials from Muharraq Municipality launched a campaign to punish people who feed animals in the streets and public spaces with fines of BD300.

After receiving several complaints from locals that feeding birds and animals attracts pests and vermin, the municipality posted signs forbidding it.

According to officials, a number of banners have already been put up in the first constituency and more will be in place over the next several days.

Musab Al Sheikh, a media



Birds are being fed at vacant land

specialist at Muharraq Municipal Council, claimed that using dry foods and avoiding wet leftovers are two environmentally beneficial choices that do not attract insects and rodents.

He pointed out that throwing

leftover food and waste of birds and animals on the sidewalks of roads, streets and vacant lands can pollute the environment, emit unpleasant odours and distort the general view.

“In addition, it fosters con-

ditions that draw stray dogs to neighbourhoods and can sometimes endanger the animals and birds themselves.

“It is also an active environment for the breeding of insects and rodents, which carry a variety of diseases.”

He pointed out that some of the residents of the district provide food and drink for these birds in the middle of the residential areas and throw waste to feed the animals.

It should be emphasised that this behaviour is listed as an explicit violation of the law with a BD300 fine for anyone found guilty under the Hygiene Law.

Green Youth Hackathon first edition project concludes, hailed as a big success

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The French Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Youth Pioneer Society concluded the first edition of the Green Youth Hackathon entitled “Sustainability and Climate Change” on Sunday.

This project is organised by the Youth Pioneer Society in strategic cooperation with the French Embassy, and with the Bahrain Scientific Center for Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations Development Program in Bahrain, the Collective Hub, Upgradelle and Fives Gulf Services as the spon-



The Youth Pioneer Society at the hackathon's first edition

sor of the event. Ameerah Mahmood stated that the first edition of the “Green Youth Hackathon” aimed to support and develop econom-

ically sustainable projects that enhance Goals 12 and 13 of the Sustainable Development Goals, by engaging participants in workshops that help them

design a community entrepreneurship project. Then, it was presented to a professional jury to choose the best innovative and sustainable project.

Ameerah explained that the organisation of this hackathon comes within the framework of achieving the objectives of the Society aimed at refining the skills and capabilities of youth in Bahrain, promoting a culture of social innovation and providing training and educational opportunities to contribute to making young people able to find innovative solutions to face local and global challenges and achieve their goals and the goals of sustainable development.

She indicated that the Society hopes that the projects of the participating groups will be developed by the concerned au-

thorities and transformed into a tangible reality that serves the community and helps achieve sustainable development.

For his part, the Ambassador of the Republic of France to the Kingdom of Bahrain, HE Mr. Jerome Cauchard, said: “The youth has always been at the heart of the French Embassy's initiatives in Bahrain. We believe that entrepreneurship has a powerful tool to empower young people and enhance their creativity. Furthermore, by focusing on environmental and sustainability, the projects will go beyond the economy and will have a positive environmental and social impact.”