

Bahrain set to take another dive

Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority announces plan to sink another jet

● **Illegal shrimp trawlers allegedly destroyed the current sunken jet**

● **The submerged aircraft was the first attraction in the 100,000sqm theme park**

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Months before, when a rogue trawl-boat went berserk over Bahrain's underwear park destroying a sunken Boeing 747, the news left many a people around the world heartbroken.

Now reduced to a pile of wreckage, the 70-meter long Boeing 747 located 20 to 22 meter below the sea level was the result of years-long effort.

The old plane, built-in 1981,

was submerged to encourage divers, enthusiasts and researchers around the world to dream big, only to become a nightmare.

"But not any more," says The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority.

BTEA has decided to mend those shattered hearts by taking yet another big plunge.

The authority is looking forward to replacing the damaged jet based around 30 kilometres north of Amwaj with another.

BTEA has initiated a search for companies to replace the damaged jet.

Interested parties, BTEA said, should be able to dismantle, process and equip a 747 aircraft to be used within the marine park.

"These actions include removing all components of the aircraft so that the structure remains intact," the statement said.

In the meantime, the authority said it is also moving ahead with plans to install more underwa-

ter models in the park to make the experience more delightful.

Upcoming next in the marine park will be a traditional pearl merchant's house designed and built with the support of Diyar Al Muharraq.

"Teams are currently working on it," BTEA said adding works are also progressing to install artificial coral reefs and other sculptures.

"This would encourage the growth of coral reefs and develop a sustainable habitat for the marine ecosystem to

prosper," BTEA statement said.

The new structures will also contribute to enhance the driving experience and make it more enjoyable both for tourists and diving enthusiasts, added BTEA.

The project, which offers 100,000 sq m of activities and trails for divers, will also encourage marine researches and enhance awareness about marine life and the importance of preserving them.



Bottom trawling: Coast guards arrest two with 235 kgs of shrimp

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Bahrain's Coast guard patrols arrested two men with 235 kilograms of shrimp caught illegally using bottom trawl nets.

Coast Guard commander said the men aged 50 and 34 years are caught from Ras Abu Jarjour.

As per a ministerial resolu-

tion (205) for 2018, fishing using trawling nets are banned in the Kingdom.

Bottom trawling is a method of fishing that involves dragging heavily weighted nets across the seafloor, in an effort to catch fish. It's a favoured method by commercial fishing companies because it can catch large quantities of product in



one go.

However, when dragging the large, weighted nets across the seafloor, everything that happens to be in the way gets swept up in the net too.

The Coast Guard Commander announced taking all necessary legal measures.

The case is now with public prosecution.

370 tonnes of waste removed



The Southern Region Municipality announced carrying out cleaning campaigns to remove waste from open spaces, in cooperation with the Urbaser Cleaning Company. Separately, Northern municipality said it removed 370 tonnes of construction waste as part of their cleaning campaign

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Doctor in the dock for cheating patients

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A doctor has landed in the police custody for allegedly charging his patients for performing surgeries at Salmaniya Medical complex where services are free of cost for citizens.

The public prosecution has referred him to a competent court for urgent trial, scheduled to start this Tuesday.

Case files say, the doctor who consulted patients at a private hospital in the Kingdom transferred his patients to Salmaniya Medical Complex to perform surgeries.

Despite the hospital offering such services free to citizens, the Financial and Administrative Control Bureau found that the doctor deliberately kept his patients in the dark, and persuaded the gullible citizens to spend their money.

Bahrain has a universal health care system, dating back to 1960. Government-provided health care is free to Bahraini citizens and subsidised for



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non-Bahrainis.

Authorities found that the patients believing that they are bound to pay for the expenses, paid the doctor excessively.

Police also seized money thus received by the doctor from his bank accounts.

Patients told investigators that the doctor gave them receipts of Salmaniya Medical Complex for the payment made, which later turned out to be counterfeit.

The accused allegedly received BD1000 to BD1500 for performing operations at the Salmaniya Medical Complex from each of his patients.

The Head of the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution said they completed an investigation based on a report received from the Ministry of Health.

The Public Prosecution recorded the statements of the auditor of the Office of Financial and Administrative Supervision and the executive director of the private hospital in which the accused works on a part-time basis.

The prosecution collected testimonies of the patients as well as verified amounts the accused received from patients in the private hospital.