

# Bahrain Surpasses Mangrove Goal

● National initiative reaches 139% of original planting target

● Mangroves strengthen biodiversity and natural coastal protection

● Project supports Bahrain's wider climate and sustainability goals

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Bahrain has exceeded its national mangrove planting target ahead of schedule after planting 2.23 million mangrove trees across coastal areas, officials said.

The achievement represents 139 per cent of the original goal



Mangrove forest in Tubli Bay

of 1.6 million saplings under the "Mangroves Bahrain" initiative, launched by Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

to support environmental sustainability and protect coastal ecosystems.

Mangrove forests have expand-

ed in areas including Arad Bay and Tubli Bay, creating important habitats for marine life and birds while strengthening natural coastal defences.

Officials said mangroves also play a key role in reducing coastal erosion and capturing carbon emissions, making them an important part of Bahrain's climate strategy.

The mangrove project forms part of Bahrain's wider afforestation plan, which aims to plant 3.6 million trees by 2035. Authorities said 2.45 million trees have already been planted, achieving around 68 per cent of the overall target.

Officials described the expansion as a major step in Bahrain's growing use of nature-based solutions to address environmental and climate challenges.

## Eid Joy for Orphans Initiative



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As part of its ongoing commitment to social responsibility and community engagement, the Ebrahim K. Kanoo Social Development organized a special activity for children in celebration of Eid Al Adha, in collaboration with Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society. Held at Yabeela Entertainment Center, the event welcomed 160 children for a day filled with laughter, entertainment, and memorable experiences. The event featured a variety of games and recreational activities, providing the children with a memorable day of fun and entertainment. Volunteers from

Ebrahim K. Kanoo also participated in the initiative, accompanying the children throughout the activities, reflecting the spirit of community solidarity that the company strives to promote.

The Ebrahim K. Kanoo Social Development extends its appreciation to all partners, volunteers, and contributors who helped make the initiative a success, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in supporting humanitarian and community initiatives and reinforcing the values of generosity, compassion, and social solidarity across the Kingdom of Bahrain.

## NMS Bahrain Marks World Environment Day



New Millennium School Bahrain marked World Environment Day with a series of activities aimed at promoting sustainability and environmental awareness among students. Held under the theme "Go Green @ NMS," the celebration aligned with Bahrain's Green Education Initiative and encouraged students to adopt environmentally responsible habits and sustainable lifestyles. The school also launched a month-long "Everyday Earth Hour" initiative, during which non-essential lights and electrical appliances will be switched off daily to encourage responsible energy use. Principal Dr Arun Kumar Sharma stressed the importance of educational institutions in shaping environmentally responsible citizens, while Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Mrs Geetha Pillai praised the efforts of students, teachers, and parents in supporting environmental awareness initiatives.

## Excellence In Leadership



The General Secretariat of the Shura Council received the Excellence in Human Resources Award from Gulf University during celebrations marking World Human Resources Day 2026. Mohammed Adel Jameel, Director of the Human Resources and Finance Department, accepted the award, which recognised the Secretariat's efforts in institutional development, talent empowerment, and advancing modern human resources practices.



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## Five-Year Sentences Confirmed in Organised Warehouse Heist

High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld five-year prison sentences for two men convicted in a violent organised theft of electrical cables from a warehouse, while ordering their permanent deportation after serving their terms.

The court also reduced the sentence of a third defendant from three years to one year in prison, alongside deportation and confiscation of seized items.

The case relates to an early-morning raid on a company warehouse, where a group of men forced their way into the premises and stole electrical



cables worth more than BHD 24,000.

According to court documents, the warehouse security guard was attacked, blindfolded and prevented from calling for help after the suspects entered by climbing over a rear fence at around 1am.

The attackers allegedly damaged locks, disabled surveillance cameras and removed the CCTV hard drive before loading the stolen cables into a vehicle driven by one of the defendants.

Investigators said the cables were later offered for sale to a scrap dealer for BHD 13,400. The buyer became suspicious and reported the matter to authorities after being instructed to cover the goods before transport.

Security investigations later identified several suspects linked to the operation, leading to arrests and convictions in the organised theft case.

## Public Worker Charged with Embezzlement and Money Laundering

Public Prosecution has referred an employee of the General Directorate of Jaafari Endowments to criminal trial on charges including embezzlement of public funds, forgery and money laundering involving nearly BHD 500,000.

According to the Chief Prosecutor of Financial Crimes and Money Laundering, the case began after a report from the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments alleged that the employee had misused his position to divert charitable assistance funds intended for eligible beneficiaries.

Investigators said the accused embezzled around BHD 483,107 by depositing cheque proceeds into his personal

bank account and using the money for personal expenses, including purchasing property and vehicles.

Authorities also alleged that he attempted to illegally obtain an additional BHD 58,000 by creating forged charitable assistance applications under fictitious names and manipulating records within the department's electronic system.

The investigation involved financial audits, witness testimonies and reports from anti-corruption authorities and the Financial Intelligence National Center. Prosecutors also ordered the freezing of the defendant's bank accounts and the



seizure of assets.

The accused reportedly confessed to the charges during questioning. He remains in custody pending trial, with the case scheduled to be heard before the High Criminal Court on 30 June 2026.

## Appeals Court Halts Sale of Family Home Organised Warehouse Heist

The Second High Civil Court of Appeal overturned a ruling ordering the auction of a jointly owned family house, deciding instead to extend its co-ownership status for another two years.

The case began after one heir requested the division of his share in the government housing property. He asked the court to either allocate and register his portion or sell the property at public auction if division was not possible.

A lower court had ruled that the house could not be physical-

ly divided because of planning and technical restrictions and ordered the property sold.

However, one heir appealed the decision, arguing that the house was her only residence and that selling it would leave her without a home.

In its judgment, the appellate court said auctioning jointly owned property should only occur in exceptional circumstances when division is impossible or would significantly reduce the property's value.

The court found that the appellant still lived in the prop-

erty and did not own another residence. It also referred to conditions in the property's title deed aimed at preserving its residential use.

The judges further noted that an earlier court ruling had already maintained the co-ownership arrangement for three years beginning in October 2021.

Based on these factors, the court overturned the auction order and extended the joint ownership arrangement for an additional two years, while ordering the respondent to cover legal expenses and court costs.

## Asian Worker to Be Deported After Violent Restaurant Assault

First High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld a three-year prison sentence against an Asian worker convicted of attacking his colleague with a cleaver inside a restaurant kitchen. The court also ordered his permanent deportation after completing his sentence.

According to court records, the incident took place after the restaurant had closed,

while both men were cleaning the kitchen. The defendant suddenly attacked the victim with a cleaver, inflicting a deep wound to the left side of his neck behind the ear.

Despite the injury, the victim managed to escape and seek help from a nearby work supervisor, who later took him to hospital for treatment.

Investigators said the defendant later stabbed

himself in the abdomen with a knife, believing he had killed his colleague. The self-inflicted injury was described as minor.

During questioning, the defendant admitted carrying out the attack, claiming he acted after the victim allegedly threatened to have him deported because of poor work performance.

Security camera footage from the restaurant

captured the assault, while forensic reports confirmed the victim suffered a potentially life-threatening injury near the brain, resulting in permanent facial nerve damage estimated at four percent disability.

Authorities also found biological traces on the seized knife and cleaver, with blood on the knife confirmed to belong to the defendant.