

RHF Signs Landmark Agreement to Support Education and Orphans

● Agreement signed in Türkiye to support girls' education in Jerusalem.

● Project expands education and supports orphan care.

● Partnership promotes sustainable community development.

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) signed a cooperation agreement with the Jerusalem Empowerment Fund for De-

velopment to support the Bahrain Endowment for Education and Orphans, launching Jerusalem's first endowment project dedicated to education and orphan care.

The agreement was signed in the Republic of Türkiye by His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Jerusalem Empowerment Fund for Development, and Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Aldoseri, Acting Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation.

Prince Turki Al Faisal



praised the agreement and commended the Royal Humanitarian Foundation for its continued humanitarian efforts in supporting brotherly and friendly nations. He highlighted that Bahrain is the first country to establish an

endowment project in Jerusalem, making the Bahrain Endowment for Education and Orphans the first initiative of its kind in the city.

The agreement aims to establish a sustainable endowment that will support the operational budget of Dar Al-Tifel Al-Arabi Girls' School in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of Jerusalem. The project is designed to enhance

educational opportunities for students while providing long-term support for orphan care through sustainable development initiatives that create lasting social impact.

The initiative reflects the Royal Humanitarian Foundation's commitment to expanding partnerships with humanitarian and development organisations and implementing strategic programmes that promote education, orphan welfare, and sustainable development. It also reinforces the Foundation's humanitarian mission of investing in people and supporting communities through long-term development projects.

Toy Festival Hosts Inclusive Visit for BAPF Members

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) organised a recreational visit for members of the Bahrain Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled (BAPF) to the Bahrain Toy Festival, held at Exhibition World Bahrain in strategic partnership with Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre. The initiative reflects BTEA's ongoing commitment to social



responsibility and inclusive community engagement. The visit provided BAPF members with the opportuni-

ty to experience the festival's wide range of family entertainment activities, interactive attractions, and recreation-

al zones designed for all age groups.

This initiative is part of a broader programme by BTEA

to host various civil society organisations and government entities throughout the festival's duration, strengthening

expanded venues, interactive experiences, and several new attractions introduced in the Kingdom for the first time.

community partnerships and encouraging wider participation in national events.

Now in its third edition, the Bahrain Toy Festival is the largest and most diverse so far. Running for 35 consecutive days until August 5, it stands as one of Bahrain's longest summer entertainment events, featuring

Record Entries for Bahrain Film Festival

Bahrain International Film Festival Heads for Biggest Edition Ever

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The Bahrain International Film Festival is set to take a major step forward this year, with its sixth edition receiving 894 film submissions from 55 countries and opening its competition to international entries for the first time.

Artistic Director Ammar Zainal of The Bahrain International Film Festival commented that preparations for the festival are well underway, with this year's edition marking a new chapter in the event's growth.

Launched in 2021 by the Bahrain Cinema Club, the festival began as a platform to support Bahraini filmmakers and celebrate Arab cinema. The inaugural edition, held after a pandemic-related delay, attracted more than 200 submissions from 14 Arab countries. This year, the festival reached a new milestone with a record 894 entries from 55 countries, reflecting its growing international appeal.

In addition to the film competition, the festival will organise



Ammar Zainal - Artistic Director, The Bahrain International Film Festival

workshops, seminars and training programmes to help Bahraini filmmakers build their skills. More details about these activities will be announced soon.

Zainal said the festival is also expected to welcome well-known actors, directors and filmmakers from Bahrain and overseas, giving local filmmakers the chance to connect with industry professionals from different countries.

He said the move towards an international competition is part of the festival's vision to strengthen Bahrain's film industry and introduce Bahraini stories to a wider audience. The organisers are also working on regional and international

partnerships to create more opportunities for Bahraini filmmakers.

Zainal added that Bahrain has always promoted values of openness and cultural exchange, and the film festival reflects those values by bringing together filmmakers and creative talent from

around the world. The official competition is open to both amateur and professional filmmakers. Films must have been produced after January 1, 2024, must not have been previously shown in cinemas, on television or online, and should be no longer than 30 minutes.

The competition includes five categories: Bahraini films, short fiction, documentaries, animation and student films.

With a record number of submissions and its first international competition, the sixth Bahrain International Film Festival is expected to be its biggest edition yet, while continuing to give Bahraini filmmakers a platform to showcase their work.

BD3,000 Appeal for Paralysed Bahraini's Treatment

Community rallies to support elderly man's recovery

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A humanitarian appeal has been launched to fund six months of physiotherapy for a nearly 70-year-old Bahraini man left paralysed following a spinal cord injury.

Northern Municipal Council member Abdulla Mubarak Al Qobaisi is calling on authorities and benefactors to cover

the estimated BD3,000 treatment cost, warning that the patient's financial hardship has forced him to halt specialist-recommended sessions.

The retired citizen, currently receiving care at a Health Ministry hospital, relies on a pension that fails to meet his basic needs or existing debts.



While some donors have already helped adapt his home with a suitable room and bathroom, further assistance is still needed for treatment costs and essential household items.

Al Qobaisi said the appeal reflects the council's duty to voice citizens' needs and urged those able to help to act quickly.

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