

Bahrain Honours Poet Ali Abdullah Khalifa's Cultural Journey

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A lasting tribute is being created for one of Bahrain's most celebrated literary figures, as His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa directed that a road near cultural landmarks be named after the late poet and writer Ali Abdullah Khalifa.

His Majesty received the family of the late writer, recalling his remarkable contributions and years of service to the Kingdom, while offering condolences to his loved ones. As part of the tribute, His Majesty also instructed the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities to prepare and publish a comprehensive book documenting Ali Abdullah Khalifa's literary biography and poetic works.

The royal gesture reflects the Kingdom's recognition of a cultural figure whose words and works helped shape Bahrain's literary identity and preserve its heritage.



HM King Receives Family of Late Poet Ali Abdullah Khalifa



Late poet and writer Ali Abdullah Khalifa

tributed to the nation's progress.

The family of the late writer expressed deep appreciation for the honour, saying the gesture reflects the valued position Bahraini intellectuals hold with the Kingdom's leadership and ensures that his contributions remain remembered by

future generations.

His Excellency Mr. Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al-Mannai, Governor of Muharraq Governorate, also expressed gratitude for the royal decision to name one of the governorate's streets after Ali Abdullah Khalifa, describing it as a fitting tribute to a cultural figure whose name has long been associated with Muharraq and Bahrain's literary scene.

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H.E. Dr. Rashid Najm, Chair-

man of the Board of Directors of the Writers and Authors Association, praised the royal directive, describing it as a significant honour for a writer who dedicated his life to literature and culture.

He said the decision to name a street after Ali Abdullah Khalifa and document his achievements represents a lasting recognition of his contribution to Bahrain's cultural renaissance.

Dr. Najm highlighted that the late poet was not only a prominent writer but also one of the found-

ers of the Writers and Authors Association and among the pioneers of Bahrain's literary movement.

Over decades, Ali Abdullah Khalifa played a key role in strengthening the Kingdom's cultural identity, enriching the literary scene and serving Bahraini and Arab heritage through his exceptional body of work.

He added that the royal recognition demonstrates His Majesty the King's commitment to preserving Bahrain's cultural heritage and honouring creators who have con-

A Greener Gulf Begins in Bahrain

Experts discuss IUCN Green List criteria and effective conservation measures across the Gulf

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The Supreme Council for Environment (SCE) organized a Gulf regional workshop on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Green List standards for protected areas and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs), in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and with technical support from the IUCN.

SCE Chief Executive Officer Amina Hamad Al Rumaihi highlighted the workshop's importance in enhancing GCC cooperation in environmental protection

and biodiversity conservation through knowledge exchange, capacity building, and adopting international best practices in protected area management.

The workshop opened with remarks by Nouf Ali Al Wasm, Director of the Natural Reserves Department at the Supreme Council for Environment, who welcomed participants and stressed the importance of strengthening Gulf cooperation in environmental conservation and exchanging expertise to improve protected area management according to international standards.

Meanwhile, Saleh bin Houshan Al Houshan, Director of the Envi-



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ronment Department at the GCC General Secretariat, emphasized that the workshop reflects joint Gulf efforts to build environmental capacities, enhance the efficiency of natural reserve



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management, and promote sustainable ecosystem conservation through improved environmental governance, exchange of expertise, and the application of modern scientific approaches.

Labour Minister Backs Deaf Jobs



Minister of Labour and Minister of Legal Affairs Yousif bin Abdullhussain Khalaf met with Bahrain Deaf Society Chairman Hassan Abdullah Al Guraifi to discuss strengthening cooperation in supporting and empowering people with disabilities, particularly through expanding employment opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. The meeting highlighted the ministry's efforts to enhance collaboration with civil society organisations and promote workplace inclusion. Khalaf reaffirmed the commitment to developing policies and programmes that support equal opportunities, professional integration, and sustainable employment for people with disabilities. The two sides also reviewed initiatives focused on training, qualification, and employment programmes tailored to improve labour market participation and contribute to Bahrain's development goals.

Bahrain Eyes FDNY Training Model in New York Tour



Delegation explores world-class firefighter preparation methods and technology

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As part of his official visit to the United States, Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan, Chief of Bahrain's Police and Chairman of the National Committee for Civil Emergency Management, conducted a comprehensive field tour of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) Academy on July 7, 2026.

The visit followed high-level meetings with NYC Fire Commissioner Lillian Bohnsignore and provided the Bahraini delegation with a first-hand view of one of the world's most advanced firefighting training institutions. During the tour, Lieutenant General Al Hassan and accompanying officials explored the Academy's specialised training facilities and gained insight into the methods and standards used to prepare firefighters.

The delegation was briefed on the Academy's advanced equipment and modern training systems designed to support realistic, scenario-based exercises covering a wide range of emergency situations. The visit highlighted the facility's simulation environments, which recreate real-life challenges including structural fires, hazardous material incidents, high-rise evacuations, and mass casualty scenarios.

The tour reflected Bahrain's commitment to adopting international best practices in firefighter training and civil defence preparedness. Officials from both sides also discussed opportunities to exchange expertise and explore how advanced simulation-based training approaches could contribute to enhancing Bahrain's future civil protection programmes.



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Two Women Indicted for Trafficking

Victim says she was lured to Bahrain, stripped of her passport and exploited

Two Asian women have been referred to the High Criminal Court on charges of human trafficking, with the first hearing scheduled for July 20, following an investigation by the Public Prosecution.

The case began after a woman reported that she had been recruited to work in Bahrain but, upon arrival, had her passport

confiscated and was allegedly forced into illegal activities.

The victim was placed in a shelter run by the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking while prosecutors gathered evidence, including judicial assistance from the first defendant's home country, before referring both women to trial.

Verdict Awaits in Car Fraud Case

22-year-old accused of forging documents and selling a vehicle without the owner's consent

The First Major Criminal Court has scheduled July 28 to issue its verdict in the case of a 22-year-old man accused of forging official documents to transfer ownership of two vehicles before selling one of them.

According to prosecutors, the defendant allegedly forged the owner's signature on vehicle transfer forms submitted to the General Directorate of Traffic and misappropriated

vehicles entrusted to him under a power of attorney.

During the latest hearing, the defence sought the defendant's acquittal, while his brother submitted a notarised waiver from the victim. The case stems from a complaint by a Gulf-based businessman who claimed the defendant unlawfully transferred ownership of his vehicles after being entrusted with registering and insuring them in Bahrain.

Egyptian Faces Trial Over Pregabalin Smuggling

Court to deliver verdict on July 28 as defendant remains in custody

The First High Criminal Court set July 28 to deliver its verdict in the case of a 40-year-old Egyptian man accused of importing and possessing the psychotropic substance Pregabalin with the intent to traffic. The court also ordered that the defendant remain in custody.

According to the Public Prosecution, customs officers at Bahrain International Airport intercepted the suspect on February 10, 2026, after discovering 355 Pregabalin pills hidden

inside a dietary supplement container in his luggage and another container concealed in his trouser pocket.

Investigators said the defendant admitted bringing the pills into Bahrain to sell to a friend for BD250. Laboratory analysis confirmed the seized pills contained the psychotropic substance Pregabalin. Authorities said investigations indicated the pills had been purchased abroad for resale in Bahrain, although the intended buyer was not identified.

Guard Tied, Warehouse Looted

Court to deliver judgment on July 28 over armed warehouse robbery

The First High Criminal Court set July 28 to deliver its verdict in the case of three Asian men accused of robbing a construction materials warehouse after assaulting and restraining a security guard.

Prosecutors said the suspects, aided by unidentified accomplices, attacked the guard at the company's Ras Zuwaid premises in February, tied him to a chair,

stole his mobile phone, and then broke into the warehouse to take electrical cables and other items.

Police later recovered around 700 kilograms of stolen electrical cables after tracing the suspects through a scrap dealer. Three men were arrested while a fourth escaped. Investigators also found that the bus allegedly used in the crime had altered licence plates to avoid detection.