

Horror Fest 2025 set to open today

● Exhibition World Bahrain hosts event

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Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) is set to welcome thrill-seekers to the Kingdom's first-ever Horror Fest, opening its doors today.

Organised by Out of the Box, the event promises guests an unforgettable mix of spine-tingling fun, unexpected surprises, and eerie entertainment.

Hall 5 of Exhibition World Bahrain will be transformed into a haunting space where virtual reality encounters, immersive ambient zones, and live jump-scare performances collide.

From chilling attractions to live entertainment, visitors will be surrounded by unsettling characters and playful shocks that make the festival a one-of-a-kind experience.

‘Fast-track permits for fire-hit homes’

● Keeping social, living stability

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Abdullah Al Qubaisi, Northern Municipal Council member, has called for immediate exemptions to issue building and maintenance permits for homes damaged by fires.

He said the move is meant to take account of the humanitarian and social needs of families who lost their housing and to speed up rehabilitation and repair.

Al Qubaisi said the proposal aims to let affected owners re-



build or carry out restoration as quickly as possible in cases that cannot bear delay.

He noted that some properties carry violations dating back more than ten years, which he said would be time-barred under Article 18 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

He added that the measure

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- ABDULLAH AL QUBAISI, NORTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER

is directed at certain cases: families whose homes were destroyed in full, with priority for widows and orphans; shared dwellings that are hard to separate from an engineering stand-

point; incidents that resulted in a death; and houses that can be fixed during maintenance provided any breach, if present, is removed.

Aim

Al Qubaisi said the aim is to help affected families and keep their social and living stability.

He warned that delays in issuing permits, or refusals in these cases, deepen the hardship of residents who lost their homes and belongings.

The Council member also pointed to the financial and psychological strain many families face after sudden incidents, and called for exceptional flexibility in applying the rules to allow rebuilding without bureaucratic obstacles.

Bahrain third in Arab world for cheapest internet

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Bahrain placed third in the Arab world and 27th worldwide in CEOWORLD Magazine's 2025 internet price ranking, with data averaging \$0.57 per megabyte.

Qatar leads the Arab list, seventh globally, at \$0.13 per megabyte. The UAE comes next regionally, 17th worldwide, at \$0.32.

Saudi Arabia follows Bahrain in fourth place across the Arab states and 35th globally at \$0.73, with Kuwait fifth regionally and 45th worldwide at \$1.09.

Oman ranks sixth in the Arab bracket and 58th worldwide at \$1.27. Egypt stands seventh and 92nd at \$1.97.

Algeria takes eighth and 103rd at \$2.11, and Libya ninth and 105th at \$2.14.

The table continues with Iraq 10th in the region and 114th worldwide at \$2.33; Lebanon 11th and 115th at \$2.35; Tunisia 12th and 116th at \$2.36.

Gurudeva Social Society Honours Educational Excellence

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The Gurudeva Social Society (GSS), a prominent socio-cultural association among Indian expatriates in Bahrain, hosted the Education Excellence Award 2025 at the Carlton Hotel, Adliya, coinciding with Vidyarambham, the traditional day marking the beginning of education.

The ceremony, inspired by the vision of Gurudeva Sree Narayana Guru, celebrated educational achievement while spreading a message of social service, unity, and compassion.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Raju Narayana Swamy IAS, Principal Secretary to the Kerala Government Legislature, who



Gurudeva Social Society officials with parents and students

delivered an inspiring keynote address.

Emphasizing the transformative role of learning, he re-

marked that “education is not merely a path to a profession, but a mission to embrace society with compassion and love.”

Students from the GSS family who excelled in the 10th and 12th board examinations, along with the Bahrain Island Toppers,

were felicitated with mementos and certificates.

In recognition of dedicated service, teachers from the GSS family and the GSS Malayalam School were also honoured for their tireless efforts and contribution to the academic success of their students.

Contributions

As a mark of appreciation for its remarkable contributions to the Indian expatriate community and education in Bahrain, the Indian School Bahrain (ISB) — celebrating its Platinum Jubilee — received special recognition.

Adv. Binu Mannil Varghese, Chairman of ISB Executive Committee, accepted the memento from Dr. Raju Narayana

Swamy IAS, while GSS Chairman Saneesh Koorumullil presented a certificate of commendation to the school. ISB Principal Mr. Palaniswamy, Secretary Mr. Raja Pandiyan, Board Members, and former Chairmen Mr. Prince Natarajan and Mr. Abraham John were present at the ceremony.

A highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the poster for ‘Guru Karunya Sparsham’ (Guru's Compassionate Touch), the Society's new charity initiative. The poster was released by Dr. Raju Narayana Swamy IAS and presented to Mr. K.G. Baburajan, Patron of the Sree Narayana Community in Bahrain, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awardee, and recipient of the GSS Gurusmrithi Award 2024.

New chairperson for migrant workers body



Newly-elected Migrant Workers Protection Society officers

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Mona Yousuf Khalil Almoayyed has been elected as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the next term of the Migrant Workers Protection Society (MWPS) in Bahrain. Advocate Madhavan Kallath was elected as the General Secretary.

The complete list of elected office bearers is as follows:

Chairperson: Mona Yousuf Khalil Almoayyed; Vice Chairperson: Evone Vijayavani Bhaskaran; General Secretary: Madhavan Kallath; Treasurer: Kavithasree Suvarna; Assistant General Secretary: Mohammed Gayasullah Amanullah; and Assistant Treasurer: Daniel Meneses Ambrosio.

Goals

To effectively advance the organization's goals, the Board

has formed five specialized committees. Heads have been appointed to focus on key policy and operational areas.

The following individuals will lead these sub-committees: Ayuk Arrey Nдумне (Action Committee), Kavithasree Suvarna (Finance Committee), Mohammed Gayas (Fund Raising Committee), Zuhair Katib (Labour Safety & Welfare Committee), and Raji Unnikrishnan (Media & Publicity Committee).

Southern Bahrain Noble Eagles Club turns one



Newly elected Southern Bahrain Noble Eagles Club officers
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The Southern Bahrain Noble Eagles Club held its First Charter Anniversary celebration in conjunction with its General Assembly at the Ramee Grand Hotel & Spa in Seef.

During the assembly, the club held elections for its 2026 officers, ushering in a new leadership team to carry forward the organization's mission.

In addition, six new members were formally welcomed into the Southern Bahrain Noble Eagles, reflecting the club's continued growth and commitment to inclusivity.

Mr. Emmanuel G. Ganayo, the current President, was also elected Chairman of the Board



This anniversary gathering not only addressed organizational matters but also celebrated unity, service, and progress.

of Directors for 2026.

Plan

With his ongoing leadership,

the club plans to focus on community-centered projects and strengthen its civic and social initiatives.

The oath taking ceremony for the newly elected officers will take place in December 2025.

The elected leadership team is as follows: Juanito Victor C. Sabay, President; Adrin D. Potestades, Vice President; Jerry D. Martinez and Loreto S. Paragas Jr. as Regional Assemblmen.

The club's Board of Directors will be chaired by Emmanuel G. Ganayo, with board members including Nathaniel M. Mangline, Bernardo M. Langit, Paul G. Barrios, and Reden A. Deligero.