

Dog thwarts robbery attempt

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Investigators say a dog has thwarted a robbery attempt in a house by waking up the people there by barking continuously.

The suspect, an Asian man, was attempting to steal an aluminium frame from the house, according to court files.

During interrogation, he confessed that he managed to sneak into the house at dawn as "I wanted to steal a frame made of aluminium".

However, his plan went awry

when the family's dog found him and started barking at him.

"Therefore I ran away, but the house owner chased me," the Asian man told prosecutors.

"I tried to hide in a yard behind grasses, but was caught by him and another person and handed over me to the police," he added.

The Lower Criminal Court sentenced him to three months behind bars. He will be deported once he completes his jail time.

Fistfight: Two women fined, man gets prison

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The High Criminal Court sentenced a Bahraini man to three years behind bars and two women, a GCC and a Bahraini national, BD100 and BD200, respectively, for engaging in a fistfight. Court files say the trio were friends.

Circumstances leading to the case occurred when the GCC woman told the other woman that the Bahraini man was always speaking ill of her.

The woman then contacted the man, who is an event

organiser and met him in the presence of the GCC national to settle the issue.

However, during reconciliation efforts, a disagreement popped resulting in the women throwing punches at each other.

The GCC national told the court that the Bahraini woman continued to assault her even after she attempted to leave.

The incident resulted in causing 15pc permanent disability to the GCC woman's nose.

October wetter, warmer

● **Thunderstorms occurred on 6 days**

● **Month was wet with 3 rainy days**

● **Highest temperature recorded was 39.1°C**

● **The lowest temperature recorded was 22.2°C**

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October was warmer than normal with above-average precipitation, despite the weather remaining unsettled with thunderstorms for over 6 days, latest met data shows.

The data by the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications' Meteorological Directorate said that the month was wet with 3 rainy days, accumulating 19.9 mm of precipitation at Bahrain International Airport (BIA).

This goes on record as the highest monthly total Precipitation for October at BIA since 1902 and 40 times more than the long-term normal for October which is 0.5 mm, according to the monthly weather summary.

The highest day with precipitation was 11.6 mm fell on

October 22 at BIA. This goes on record as the highest daily total of Precipitation since 1948. The old record was 8.9 mm on 31 October 1969. Another amount of 3.3 mm fell on the 27th and 5.0 mm fell on October 28 to make the total monthly amount 19.9 mm at BIA. Trace amounts also recorded on October 20-21.

Thunderstorms occurred on 6 days. Heavy rain showers associated with thunderstorm & strong gusts affected the kingdom on October 22. This unsettled weather occurred due to series of upper troughs passed towards the Arabian Gulf and gust reached 39 knots with the visibility dropped that day to 800 meters at BIA.

A total precipitation of 19.0 mm fall at Sitra Island with gust reached 43 knots and a total precipitation of 2.4 mm fall at King Fahd Causeway with gust reached 44 knots were recorded on October 22.

The total monthly precipitation recorded for October 2018 at Sitra Island was 55.4 mm whereas the total precipitation at Durrat Al Bahrain was 20.8 mm and at King Fahd Causeway was 14.4 mm.

Bahrain had been affected by light rain in some areas on October 14, 17-18.

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The mean minimum temperature of the month was 27.9°C which is 2.4°C above the long-term normal and this goes on record as the third highest mean minimum temperatures for the month of October since 1946 and exceeded by October 2015 with a record of 28.9°C and October 2014 with a record of 28.2°C.

The lowest temperature recorded was 22.2°C set on October 27 at BIA but recorded 19.6°C on October 30 at Durrat Al Bahrain.

The mean relative humidity for October was 59 per cent whereas the mean maximum relative humidity was 73 per cent and the mean minimum relative humidity was 42 per cent.

The prevailing wind was 22 per cent from east direction. Northwesterly winds accounted for 19 per cent of the observation with gusts reaching 45 knots on October 27 at BIA and this goes on record as the highest maximum wind gust speed for October since 1974. The old record was 44 knots set on October 16, 1974. Also, gusts reaching 45 knots on October 27 at King Fahd Causeway.

Court rejects fake bombers' appeals

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The High Criminal Appeals Court rejected the appeals of two men convicted of planting a fake bomb.

The duo were tried in connection with setting a mock bomb on Budaiya Highway and were sentenced to three years behind bars each.

Aged 22 and 20, the pair were arrested after their DNA was extracted from the device found at the scene, while the first defendant's fingerprints

were found there too.

During interrogation, one of the suspects told the investigators that he was asked by the first suspect to reach behind a restaurant in Duraz.

"He asked me to bring a tape, and then we made the device," he said.

"We later planted it on the road and ran away," the 20-year-old man confessed.

The two defendants were given light sentenced considering their ages at the time of the incident in 2015.

Workshops to improve blockchain talent pool in the Kingdom

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To improve the blockchain talent pool in the country and to help companies understand and implement blockchain technology, a series of workshops are being held nationwide.

Bahrain Technology Companies Society (BTECH) blockchain committee Head Fawaz Shakrallah, who is leading the



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initiative, told Tribune that the fact that blockchain is touted as being one of the biggest technological advancements in recent decades makes it necessary for Bahrain to focus on it.

He said that blockchain developers are now one of the highest paid professionals.

The BTECH initiative is divided into two part, one is to train talents who are interested in blockchain and the other is to help companies learn about how blockchain can be implemented.

Shakrallah also said that blockchain could be the answer to prevent fraud such as the fake degree scandal in the education sector. "The biggest problem we faced with educational qualifi-

cation is the certificates."

"The issue was that we got fake certificates from fake universities and masters certificates that were fake as well.

"With blockchain, the university will issue the certificate and issue transactions on the blockchain network. That way it is authenticated, anybody can go on the system and confirm that this is actually original so it avoids fraud and counterfeit and malicious attackers and hackers," Shakrallah added.



Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) marked the Breast Cancer Awareness Month this year by hosting two separate events on Wellness and Health for Alba Ladies at the Oasis Hall during October 2018. The session on 4 October, held by a team from Al Areen Resort & Spa, provided Alba women with free health check-ups and personalised tips to improve their health. The second session was held on 31 October by a well-known Bahraini Psychiatrist and Behavioural Specialist Dr Sharifa Swar, who focussed on factors such as mindset, stress and happiness that affect women's wellness.



US Ambassador Justin Siberell posing for a group photo at a reception held in honour of American artist Bernadette Frank at his residence in Saar. The reception featured an exhibit of some of her artwork, along with the work of other artists from the American South, as part of the Art in Embassies collection. The other American artists featured in the art exhibit were Danielle Nelisse, Manli Chao, Rebecca Fogg and Helen Lambert. Bahraini government officials, diplomats, business leaders, artists, art gallery owners and journalists attended the event.