

Bahrain gears up for National Day

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At the head of Bahrain's National Day celebrated each year on 16 December, festivities have started gathering pace all over the Kingdom.

Several unique initiatives have been undertaken to make the National Day celebrations vibrant and promote the rich cultural heritage of the country.



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Bahrain's National Day coincides with the day that former ruler Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa ascended to the throne in 1961.

The celebration marks the Kingdom gaining independence from the British rule and the signing of a friendship treaty that ended the previous agreement between the two sides.

The move also follows a referendum in which "the overwhelming majority of the people of Bahrain wished to gain recognition of their identity in a fully independent and sovereign State free to decide for itself its relations with other States," according to the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General on the consultation.

Celebrations include fireworks displays, cultural shows, con-

tests, exhibitions and much more.

As in the previous years, Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) has announced a slew of activities both on and off the track.

Maximum Thrills at BIC

Set to be a major part of the family entertainment from December 13 to 16 are the extreme acts. They include a High Dive Group, a Pirate Show, the Stannage International Stunt Team and the dynamic duo of Terry Grant and Lee Bowers.

The National Day celebrations will feature four straight days of fun and enjoyment, while it will also include some racing action in the FIA WEC Bapco 8 Hours of Bahrain, which will be open to the public on December 13 and 14.

Tickets are just BD1 per person per day. They can be purchased at the gate, online at BIC's official website www.bahraingp.com, by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000 or at the BIC stand at City Centre Bahrain.

The extreme acts will be wowing the crowds as each will be showcasing their unique

brand of entertainment.

High Dive Group

The High Dive Group will deliver an electrifying, nerve-wracking, jaw-dropping and mind-blowing act for all seasons. Not only will they be diving from high platforms while twisting, turning, and tumbling into the water, they will be doing it two, three, and four at a time. But they will use flames, hula hoops and hi-jinks to give the audience a thrill and excitement like never before seen.

Pirate Show

The fantastic world of fearless Pirates packed with action and adventure is an experience one can never forget. This Columbian and South African team of Pirates joined together to showcase their amazing acrobatic skills with a smooth mesmerising story of good and bad. Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean Aerial High Wire Thrill Show is a never-ending battle of the treasure map. This takes place suspended on a thin wire cable 30 feet in the air over the top of a huge pirate ship.

Stannage International Stunt Team

Stannage International Stunt Team was established in 2000 and they have travelled worldwide and performed incredible stunts. Team leader Mark Stannage started his professional career in 1984 at the tender age of 14. Now, with over 30 years' experience specialising in car, motorbike, fire and high-fall stunts, he performs some of the most spec-

Celebrations @ Um Al Hasam



Capital Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa during celebrations

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Capital Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa participated in celebrations marking the National Day held in Um Al Hasam area.

The celebrations featured traditional Ardha dance, a

mini-market for productive families and folkloric shows.

"The festivities are part of the drive to deepen patriotism and reinforce the sense of social community," Shaikh Hisham said. "We wholeheartedly support events and functions that consolidate national unity and promote allegiance to the nation."

Imran Khan to receive Bahrain's highest civilian honour

Islamabad

Bahrain's highest civilian honour, the King Hamad Order of the Renaissance, will be conferred on Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan during his upcoming visit, a Geo TV report said.

The report, also quoting Arab News, said the Pakistan Prime Minister will participate in Bahrain's National Day celebrations.

The visit, Geo TV said, follows an invitation by a senior Bahraini government official in August to visit the Kingdom. Imran Khan will also meet Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Majesty King



Imran Khan

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa during the visit. The meeting will be Khan's first one-on-one meeting with Bahrain's King. Bahrain visit forms part of Imran Khan's three-country tour which starts on December 15. He will then travel to Geneva to attend a conference on refugees. Malaysia will be his last stop.

tacular stunts ever seen on film or TV. This world record-breaking stunt team have performed their shows all over Europe and the Middle East. Team member Aaron has performed on various TV shows and is fast becoming a superstar while also being a Guinness World Record Holder.

Terry Grant and Lee Bowers

International stunt driver and multiple world record holder Terry Grant was born to drive. Terry is devoted to bringing great stunt-driving and motor-

sport to crowds throughout the world. His accolades include the highest loop-the-loop in a car, the fastest two-wheel mile and the furthest barrel roll jump. Besides, Lee Bowers is the UK's premier professional stunt-rider. Touring all over the world, his control of his bike performing high and low-speed manoeuvres continue to impress crowds wherever he goes. Lee's signature aerobatics and an extensive list of tricks are guaranteed to turn any event into one to be remembered.

Bangladesh School to organise Victory Day fair, Bahrain National Day

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Bangladesh School Bahrain announced it will organise a Victory Day Fair 'Bijoy Mela 2019' at the school land in A'Ali, Bahrain on 16 and 17 December 2019 to commemorate the Victory Day of Bangladesh and National Day of Bahrain.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the school, Shafqat Anwar, said this at a press conference held at school premises.

The fair will be organised with the active support of the Bangladesh Embassy in Bahrain and



Bangladesh school officials during a press conference held at the school premises to announce Victory Day programmes

various community organisations, professionals and business persons of the Bangladesh community in Bahrain.

Shafqat Anwar also announced the formation of a 51 member Mela Organising Committee headed by Mohammad Giasuddin and Fuad Taher Shunthono.

The event will feature cultural programmes, sports tournaments, exhibitions, food stalls and play attractions for children.

The entry fee for the fair will be BD 1. Proceeds will go towards the welfare activities of

the school in terms of improving infrastructure and enhancing logistical resources.

Bangladesh School Bahrain offers both Curriculum of Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka and Cambridge International Curriculum. Present at the Press Conference were Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors M A Muiz Chowdhury, Finance Director M Zainul Abedin, Member of the Board of Directors Abul Kalam Azad, Mohammad Giasuddin and Fuad Taher Shunthono and Principal, Dr Shareeja Ali M C.