

Stepmother to face trial for trafficking girl into prostitution

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A woman accused of trafficking her under-18 stepdaughter into prostitution will appear before the High Criminal Court on 14 December, with prosecutors saying she brought the girl to Bahrain and lived off the money she earned.

The defendant remains in custody ahead of the hearing.

The case began after a report to the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Directorate alleged the girl was being exploited in prostitution.

Investigators concluded that the defendant arranged clients through social media and the internet and targeted men of different nationalities.

Arrival

The victim told investigators she arrived in Bahrain with the defendant, her Asian stepmother.

They stayed in a hotel for about five days before moving to another.

She said the defendant then began bringing men to meet her for prostitution, and that she was made to collect the payments and hand them over.

Corruption fight

Interior Minister highlights Bahrain’s firm measures to strengthen global crackdown

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The Minister of Interior, His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, has highlighted Bahrain’s firm commitment to combatting corruption.

He noted that the Kingdom has “established firm rules and practical measures in combatting corruption, which have strengthened its status in this domain, regionally and internationally.”

Speaking on the occasion of International Anti-Corruption Day, observed annually on December 9, H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah emphasised that Bahrain’s approach is guided by the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Commitment

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parency,” he said, highlighting Bahrain’s alignment with global anti-corruption efforts.

The Minister added: “Advancing a culture of anti-corruption, grounded in legislation and sound procedures, is a key pillar of economic and social development.”

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corruption, the Minister noted, promoting community partnership, raising awareness, and encouraging self-regulation.

Cooperation

He stressed that “effective cooperation between the state and society through reporting violations and participating in integrity programmes plays a central role in protecting public

funds and supporting sustainable development.”

H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah commended the work of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, Economic and Electronic Security, which has received 193 reports since the beginning of the year, all processed according to strict legal procedures ensuring confidentiality and fairness.

Awareness campaigns and international cooperation initiatives have also raised national performance levels in line with international standards.

Global efforts

Bahrain is a party to both the Arab Convention and the United Nations Convention against Corruption and actively engages in global efforts through international cooperation and exchange of expertise.

Concluding his remarks, H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah extended his appreciation to all national bodies working in this field, stressing that combating corruption is a shared responsibility that supports Bahrain’s sustainable development.

Health Ministry supports 2025 #10KSA initiative

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The Ministry of Health, through the Public Health Directorate and the Health Promotion Directorate, organised an interactive awareness event in support of the 2025 #10KSA initiative, which aims to raise awareness about the importance of prevention and early detection of all types of cancer.

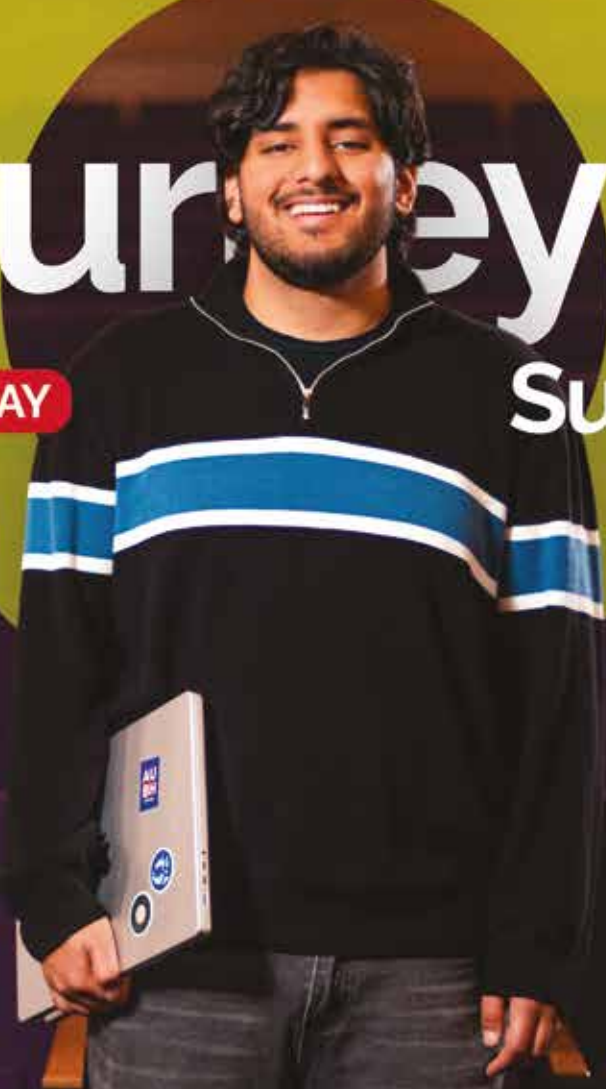
The event, held at the Public Health Directorate, is part of the ministry’s ongoing efforts to promote health awareness and strengthen a culture of prevention.


It coincides with the tenth anniversary of the initiative, which encourages people to adopt healthy lifestyles, undergo regular check-ups, and motivate their families and communities to take part in preventive screenings. The initiative highlights that prevention and early diagnosis are key to reducing cancer incidence and mortality.

The programme included an interactive lecture delivered jointly by the Health Promotion Directorate and the Chronic Disease Clinics, presenting the latest scientific information on cancer prevention, early detection, and the role of healthy lifestyle choices in reducing risk factors.


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