

# Scientific Forum for People with Disabilities opens

Manama

His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and Honorary President of Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities deputised Jameel Humaidan, Minister of Labour and Social Development, to open the 19th Scientific Forum for People with Disabilities, at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, Residence and Spa.

Themed "Disabilities Sports: Challenge and Ambition", the forum is organised under the patronage of His Highness by the Gulf Disability Society in co-operation with the National Institute for the Disabled.

The opening ceremony was attended by Shaikh Duaij bin

Khalifa Al Khalifa, Honorary President of the Gulf Disability Society and President of National Institute for the Disabled, as well as a number of community figures and institutions, concerned local and Gulf associations and individuals, people with disabilities and their families, individuals working in the field of the education and rehabilitation of people with disabilities, community service activists, academics and specialists in the field of psychology and education of people with disabilities.

On the occasion, HH Shaikh Khalid stated: "The Kingdom of Bahrain is a role model in the field of supporting and caring for people with disabilities through the leading strides it took to provide decent living



Mr Humaidan along with other dignitaries at the opening ceremony.

of this category and its efforts dedicated to their integration with the community as active role-players in the development of the homeland."

His Highness also said: "Un-

der the prosperous rule of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Bahrain has successfully achieved many accomplishments in the fields of supporting people with disabilities in

education, health, sports and other areas."

HH Shaikh Khalid highlighted the selected slogan of the forum, focusing on the important role of encouraging the disabled to take part in sports activities, which have positive impacts on their lives and at the same time serve the efforts dedicated to discovering and supporting talented individuals of this category in different sports.

"We are proud of them, and their determination and confidence of their abilities to continue excelling in all fields. We wish them success and to achieve more accomplishments," His Highness commented, while praising the Gulf Disability Society for its keenness on annually organising the forum, which benefits people with disabilities

on all levels."

On his part, the Minister of Labour and Social Development underscored the remarkable steps taken by the Kingdom in caring and supporting people with disabilities and ensuring their protection and social equality.

The Labour and Social Development Minister thanked HH Shaikh Khalid for His Highness's endless care and support to this category of the Bahraini community. He also mentioned that the ministry is concerned of providing multiple services to people with disabilities such as financial support, provision of education, training and employment opportunities, and other rehabilitation, social, entertainment, psychological and healthcare services.

# Trio accused of not rescuing woman who attempted suicide, wins appeal

Chinese woman had jumped off the Juffair building in bid to end her life

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Three defendants, including a female doctor, who were charged with not rescuing a woman who attempted to commit suicide, were yesterday acquitted by the Third High Criminal (Appeals) Court.

The details of the case show that the incident occurred in an apartment in Juffair back in August, 2013. It initially involved two of the defendants, a Bahraini and an Asian national, who

were at the apartment along with a Chinese female friend, who jumped out of the window in an attempt to kill herself.

According to defendants, they were shocked when the woman stood on the edge of the window and tried to jump to the ground floor.

The woman fell on the road and they said that they rushed downstairs, where they saw the woman lying in a pool of her own blood, but she was still alive.

The men then took the woman to a private hospital, which refused to admit her.

Both took her to another private hospital in Manama, where the third defendant, the female doctor, worked.

The third defendant examined the woman but refused to treat her, as she feared legal accountability because she doubted that a criminal act was behind the accident.

The doctor advised the men to take the injured woman to Sal-

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DEFENDANTS

maniya Medical Complex

(SMC).

The men told the prosecutors that they feared legal accountability, so they drove to the woman's house and left her bleeding on the doorsteps.

The bleeding victim then called a female friend, who rushed her to SMC.

She had already fainted by the time they reached the hospital. She was taken inside the Intensive Care Unit, where she was announced dead after she succumbed to her wounds.

The Public Prosecution accused the three defendants back in 2013 of neglecting the woman's condition and refusing to rescue her.

The trio were referred to the criminal court, which sentenced each of them to one month of imprisonment and to pay a bail amount of BD100 to suspend the execution of the verdict.

The defendants appealed against the verdict and won the case yesterday, as they were ac-

## Dog torturing case adjourned to hear witnesses' statements

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The Third Minor Criminal Court has adjourned the case of a Bahraini man accused of brutally torturing a dog to April 16 to hear witnesses' testimonies.

The court also ordered to extend the detention of the suspect, who has been behind bars since March 23, 2019.

The man confessed to the prosecutors during his interrogation last month and he told the judges that he had tortured the dog because it attacked his cattle.

As reported by Tribune last month, the man was arrested a few hours after he appeared in a footage while heartlessly torturing a dog at a residence in the Northern Governorate.

The man was secretly filmed by an unknown individual while on the rooftop of a building.

There, he was seen beating a dog that was tied by its neck to a clothesline. The man was also seen filming the stran-



A screenshot of the video which went viral.

gling dog while beating it using a stick.

The footage was widely shared by animal activists and netizens on local social

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PROSECUTORS

media pages and groups, in a bid to publicise the man's face and eventually nab him.

Few hours later, the Northern Governorate Police Directorate confirmed that the incident took place in Bani Jamrah village and that the person seen in the video has been arrested and referred to the Public Prosecution.

However, no further details were revealed on the fate of the dog. Additionally, animal activists in the country demanded to introduce more deterrent punishments to curb the recent rise in the number of cruelty against animals cases, especially stray dogs.

Some even suggested imposing high fines on animal abusers.

## Man to learn fate after found guilty of running over lover's dad with car

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The High Criminal Court announced yesterday that it would issue the verdict against a man found guilty of running over his girlfriend's dad with car on April 30, 2019.

The defendant, in his twenties, is said to have ran over his victim with a car after the latter discovered that "he took his 16-year-old daughter on a romantic night out".

According to court files, the father came to know from his second daughter that the 16-year-old left the house at 3:00 am with her boyfriend.

Therefore, he stood in front of the house until 6.00 am awaiting their return.

When they arrived he tried to stop the defendant's car, but his 16-year-old daughter instructed him to not stop.

Thus, he ran over him, fracturing his skull and causing several other injuries to him.

He was admitted to Salmaniya Medical Complex.

"I was in a relationship with him for three years. I was dating him," the 16-year-old daughter told prosecutors.

The accused told judges that he was obeying his girlfriend's instruction to not stop the car.

## 'Darkness Into Light' event to tackle increasing suicides

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Harpreet Kaur

The Kingdom will host its annual 'Darkness Into Light' walk on Nurana Beach on May 11, 2019.

The walk aims to tackle increasing number of suicides across the world

while promoting specialised treatment programmes for people, who have suicidal ideation.

The event was first held by Pieta House, a non-profit organisation, in Ireland.

Speaking to Tribune, Mary Murphy, organiser of Darkness Into Light Event

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MS MURPHY

Bahrain, said: "Our flagship fundraiser, the phenomenon that is Darkness Into Light, an event that is almost entirely organised by our amazing volunteers continues to go from strength to strength.

"This unique event takes place just as we're coming into summer and our spirits are being lifted.

"Darkness Into Light is very much about hope and hope is something we endeavour to give people who come to us in their time of need.

"We help them feel more hopeful about the future as we continue to tackle the grave issue of suicide and self-harm."