

Flagship hub powers nation's future

Nation's top voices rally for Youth City 2030 on International Youth Day



HH Shaikh Nasser



His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa,



Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Shura Council Chairman



Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives



Aymen bin Tawfiq Al Moayed, Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport (SCYS)



Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs

- Youth City hosts 100+ programmes
- Leaders affirm youth as key asset
- Vision ties to sustainable development

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Bahrain marks International Youth Day today with a united show of support for Youth City 2030, the flagship programme hailed as a model for preparing future leaders and powering the nation's sustainable growth.

His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth

Affairs, said the royal patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has laid the foundation for youth empowerment, reflecting His Majesty's belief in their vital role in shaping Bahrain's present and future. HH noted the backing of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in bringing youth into decision-making and preparing them to drive national development.

National vision

Bahrain, HH Shaikh Nasser said, has turned empowerment into reality by building trust with youth, developing their capabilities, and instilling responsibility and belonging. This, HH added, has made them a model of creativity and a pillar of development. Every opportunity,

he stressed, is a building block in shaping a successful nation.

Youth City as model

His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority, and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, described youth as the nation's real asset. HH expressed pride in their achievements, attributing them to the leadership's support and the guidance of Shaikh Nasser.

HH singled out Youth City 2030 for its more than 100 diverse training programmes, calling it a distinguished global model that empowers youth to contribute to sustainable development. HH added that the GSA and BOC place youth at the heart of their strategies, aiming

to raise champions and leaders to represent Bahrain internationally.

Ministry's commitment

Minister of Youth Affairs Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi said the vision of His Majesty and the directives of the Crown Prince and Prime Minister had firmly established youth as a national force. She cited Shaikh Nasser's belief in youth potential as a driver of quality opportunities and national pride.

She confirmed the ministry's plans to expand programmes and initiatives, investing in youth energies and nurturing ambitions through innovation and sustainability. This year's International Youth Day celebration at Youth City will feature initiatives reflecting youth's high status and contribution to development.

Legislative backing

Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh hailed the role of youth in achieving national and global aspirations, crediting His Majesty's leadership for empowering them. He praised the government's initiatives and pledged the council's commitment to strengthen legislation that supports youth and boosts their role in development.

Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam noted that the King Hamad Award for Youth Empowerment to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals reflects confidence in youth leadership. He highlighted initiatives including Youth City 2030, the Nasser Bin Hamad International Youth Creativity Award, and the Hope Fund as proof of Bahrain's

dedication to a sustainable youth sector.

Strategic roadmap

Supreme Council for Youth and Sport Secretary-General Aymen bin Tawfiq Al Moayed said His Majesty's trust has guided youth to build the nation's present and future. He credited the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's directives and Shaikh Nasser's strategic roadmap for enabling youth to advance confidently and achieve success.

Al Moayed pledged to continue developing advanced strategies to expand youth opportunities, ensuring they remain the driving force behind Bahrain's prosperity.

Bahrain's leaders agreed that Youth City 2030 is more than a celebration—it is a platform preparing a generation to meet future challenges with creativity, ambition, and national pride.

Customs foil bid to smuggle 230kg of tombak



Representative picture

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Customs officers have foiled an attempt to smuggle 230 kilograms of tombak into the Kingdom via the King Fahad Causeway.

Acting on a tip-off, officers stopped a vehicle at the land border and discovered the banned tobacco substitute concealed in 29 packets hidden in the car's boot. The driver was arrested, and both the vehicle and the substance were seized.

The Tax Evasion Crimes Unit took over the investigation, sending the confiscated material for laboratory test-

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ing, which confirmed it was tombak. The suspect later admitted to the offence during questioning.

The Public Prosecution has ordered the man to stand trial before the Criminal Court. He remains in custody pending proceedings.

1,076 shops inspected in a single week

Joint teams sweep all governorates

- Over 1,000 shops checked
- 130 workers deported
- Four governorates covered

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has intensified its oversight of retail and business premises, carrying out 1,076 inspections of shops across Bahrain between August 3 and 9. The campaign, part of a total 1,089 inspections and visits conducted that week, led to the detention of 10 irregular workers and the deportation of 130 labour law violators.

Wide coverage

The LMRA said the inspections, conducted in all four governorates, aimed to detect



breaches of labour and residency laws and take swift legal measures. Thirteen joint campaigns were held in addition to the shop visits, including one in the Capital Governorate, three in Muharraq, four in the Northern Governorate and five in the Southern Governorate.

Team effort

The operations were carried

out in coordination with the Ministry of Interior's Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs, the governorates' police directorates and the Social Insurance Organisation. Officials said such cooperation is vital to protecting the stability and competitiveness of the labour market and safeguarding Bahrain's economic and social security.

Call for public support

The LMRA urged members of the public to assist in tackling illegal labour practices by reporting suspected violations through its website, call centre on 17506055, or the government's Tawasul platform.

The authority confirmed that inspections will continue in all governorates as part of ongoing efforts to ensure compliance with labour and residency laws.



Bahrain's LMRA carries out regular inspections every two weeks, but the scale and shop focus of this week's campaign was among the largest in recent months.