

BCCI appoints committee chairpersons



Officials during a meeting

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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) has announced the appointments of the chairpersons for its various committees, who will serve for the remainder of its 29th session.

This follows the approval of the BCCI board of directors.

The appointments include Dr Waheeb Ahmad Al Khaja as Education Committee chairman, Dr Ibtisam Al Dalal as Health Committee chairman, Youssef Salah El Din as Commercial Markets Committee chairman, Khaled Ali Al Amin as Food Wealth Committee chairman, Osama Taqi Al Ba-

harna as Technology Committee chairman, Farid Badr as Industry and Energy Committee chairman, Khaled Ali Turk as Transport and Logistics Committee chairman, Sawsan Abu Al Hassan Muhammad as Finance, Insurance and Tax Committee chairwoman, Jihad Ibrahim Amin as Hospitality and Tourism Committee chairman, and Raed Ahmed Omar as Real Estate and Construction Committee chairman.

The BCCI board of directors also appointed Abdul Hakim Ibrahim Al Shammari, Dr Abdul Majeed Ali Al Awadi, Hamid Rashid Al Zayani and Ahmed Al Naima as advisors in the coordination group.

BDF chief receives Indian, Jordanian military attachés

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Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received the newly appointed military attachés of India and Jordan in separate meetings.

Indian Military Attaché Colonel Naushad Ali Khan and Jordanian Military Attaché Brigadier General Pilot Mohammad Ali Al Samadi both met with Shaikh Khalifa, in the presence of Defence Affairs Minister Lieutenant-General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi and Chief-of-Staff Lt Gen Dheyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi.

The BDF Commander-in-Chief praised the strong relations between Bahrain and both India and Jordan.

He wished both military attachés success in their new posts, while also discussing topics of common interest.



The BDF Commander-in-Chief receives the Indian Military Attaché



Shaikh Khalifa with the Jordanian Military Attaché

Teenage police attacker gets jail term slashed

Punishment of a 17-year-old girl convicted of assault, damaging property halved by Supreme Court of Appeal

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The Supreme Court of Appeal recently reduced the punishment of a 17-year-old girl convicted of assault from one year to six months in jail.

The girl was imprisoned last November after being convicted in a case in which she physically and verbally assaulted a policewoman, spat on the officer and damaged computers at the police station while resisting arrest.

The court reduced her punishment as per the provisions of Article 72 in the Kingdom's Penal Code, which mentions: "If an offence is committed under extenuating circumstances and the judge feels the need for clemency, the penalty shall be reduced."

"If the prescribed penalty



Appellant insulted, kicked, and spat on a policewoman while also vandalising the computers at the police station before being handcuffed and controlled by several officers

is a death sentence, it may be reduced to life or term imprisonment. Further, if the penalty is life imprisonment, it may be reduced to term imprisonment or a jail sentence for a period of less than six months.

"Where the penalty is a term imprisonment, the judge shall not inflict the maximum penalty but may reduce it to impris-

onment for no less than three months."

The details of the case show that the girl was first brought to Northern Hamad Town Police Station, along with her female cousin, as they were reportedly involved in a different case. There, their testimonies were taken and only the other girl was released, while the appellant was not because the system

showed that she was wanted in another case.

According to the policewoman's statements, the appellant broke down and started crying before her behaviour quickly changed and she became violent.

The policewoman said the girl insulted her, kicked her, spat on her and vandalised the computers in the office.

The girl was finally handcuffed after she was pepper-sprayed and controlled by several policewomen.

On November 27 last year, the girl was charged by the Public Prosecution with assault of an on-duty public employee and for damaging the property of the Interior Ministry. She was sentenced by a first degree court to one year in jail and fined BD42 in compensation of the damaged devices.

Sitra Bridge lane to be closed for road works



An image released by the ministry of the closed lanes

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, in coordination with the General Directorate of Traffic at the Ministry of Interior, has announced that maintenance work on the Sitra Bridge requires

the closure of the right lane of traffic heading south.

The ministry said that the work will start at 11pm tonight and will continue until Sunday at 5am.

The Works Ministry called on citizens and residents to abide by traffic rules for the safety of all.

Abandoned vehicles removed, warnings issued

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The Northern Area Municipality announced yesterday that it had removed a total of 113 abandoned vehicles from different locations during the first half of 2020.

The Municipality explained in a press statement that the move comes in accordance with Law 10 of 2019 with respect to public cleanliness, adding that it had sent warning letters to the owners of 1,000 abandoned vehicles.

The removals came as a result of conducting 17 scheduled inspection campaigns, which included different areas within the Northern Governorate.

The municipality underlined that "the responsibility to protect the environment and traffic flow is a shared responsibility", adding: "Abandoning cars on the roads causes a lot of environ-



An abandoned car being towed away

mental damage, as well as confusion and disturbance to the traffic movement.

"Some of these parked cars also disturb the security situation and generally harm the civilised view of the area."

Stressing its keenness to combat this phenomenon, the municipality confirmed that it is intensifying its inspec-



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tion campaigns and will continue notifying the owners of abandoned vehicles so they can remove them and avoid confiscation, especially in residential and industrial areas.

Southern Governorate keeps up accommodations checks

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The Southern Governorate continued its inspection of shared labour accommodations, as part of efforts to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) disease.

This is in follow-up to the directives of Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

A team headed by the governorate's Engineering Services and Investment Department director Eng Khalid Abdullatif Haji conducted field visits in Isa Town, in cooperation with the Southern Governorate Police Directorate, the Southern Area Municipality and the Electricity and Water Authority, to check on the conditions of a number shared accommodations.

Haji stated that they had inspected 16 units and took legal



Team members check on the safety of electricity connections at one of the shared accommodations

measures against any violators, especially in crowded housing.

He stressed on the importance of following all guidelines required for such shared accommodations, for the safety of all.

The joint team praised the efforts of the Southern Governorate in achieving the highest levels of awareness and precautions in its COVID-19 fight, in cooperation and coordination with the relevant agencies.