

BD441,000 fine for 20 convicted of trading in work permits

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) declared the issuance of judicial convictions against 20 defendants in cases related to the issuance of work permits for expatriate workers without need for them and trading in work permits.

The total fines amounted to BD441,000, while the investi-

gation is still ongoing across a range of other cases based on the Authority's commitment to implement the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to address illegal practices that would affect the competitiveness, fairness, and flexibility of the Bahraini labour market.

The LMRA confirmed that these

convictions were achieved by the efforts of the concerned parties in the Authority, in cooperation with the relevant government agencies in the Ministry of Interior and the General Directorate of Investigations and Criminal Evidence, in addition to the Public Prosecution and the judiciary.

LMRA Chief Executive Officer Nouf Abdulrahman Jamsheer stressed the importance of in-

terdepartmental cooperation with various government agencies to address such practices, which have repercussions on the individual and society; and to reinforce strict regulations in authorising the issuance of commercial registrations in the name of quick profits, which will later reflect negatively on the business owners and ultimately on the Bahraini society.

LMRA calls on all expatriate workers to verify legal status

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must obtain an official work permit from an employer in the Kingdom before arrival.

It stressed that the law prohibits an expatriate from illegally engaging in employment on a visit visa, and violators will be prosecuted through fines and deportation.

The Authority affirmed that the Kingdom has worked to develop the legal tools and legislative structures to guarantee labour rights, especially those of expatriate workers.

It stressed the need for workers to observe all applicable laws and regulations in the Kingdom, including the LMRA and Residency Laws.

The LMRA highlighted that based on the regulatory processes adopted in the Kingdom, an expatriate worker

must complete all legal procedures related to the work permit, including providing the Authority with biometric data within one month upon entering the Kingdom for the first time.

It also noted the need for expatriates with working permits to work at places indicated in the permit, or in other branches of the same employer that engage in the same activity.

Action vow after university 'indecent image' goes viral

UoB officials will carry out thorough investigation into 'culprits'

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The University of Bahrain (UoB) officials have pledged a thorough probe and subsequent strict action against the students after "an indecent image" apparently shot within the university premises went viral across all social media platforms.

The university said in a statement issued that, "there are legal tools that enable it to hold any students who deviate from the rules and regulations in force on the university premises."

"The university will not tolerate any abuses or behaviour that endangers the public or the rule of law in the Kingdom."

"Any department that violates university and community values and morals will be investigated and held accountable."

The UoB has strict codes pertaining to behaviour and dressing within the campus premises. "The appearance and dressing of students should be in harmony with the Bahraini society customs, traditions, religious, social and moral values."

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The University of Bahrain campus



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freedom and diversity in their social and educational backgrounds."

"Bahrain is built on generations of Islamic traditions which are rooted firmly in its culture and tribal heritage. These traditions have been passed down from generation to generation and form the cornerstone of everyday life for Bahraini families," a university source said.

"Bahrainis are friendly people who show tolerance and an open-minded approach to visitors and the residents in their country; but Bahraini culture and values should always be respected."

"The culture and laws in Bahrain are designed to ensure that everyone is respectful of each other regardless of their faith and nationality."

"Holding hands for married couples is tolerated but any public indecency is considered an offence. Open displays of affection are generally not tolerated."

"Bahrainis and residents alike should avoid conduct and behaviour which might be perceived as breaching these norms as it may lead to the authority to take actions against such act," the source added.

NMS Bahrain celebrates World Mental Health Day



The students take part in activities promoting sound mental health

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Event on Gandhian values set

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An event to highlight the values and principles of renowned Indian peace activist Mahatma Gandhi will be held tomorrow at Kerala Catholic Association auditorium at 7:30 pm.

The event will be inaugurated by Dr N Radhakrishnan, a distinguished Gandhian, well-known orator and author of more than 40 books. Dr Radhakrishnan has received many national and international awards. He is presently the chairman of the Indian Council for Gandhian Studies.

A competition on patriotic songs will be held at the event, which will also see the honoring of K G Baburajan, Chairman of BKG Holdings, Pambavasan Nair, Managing Director of Amad Group, eminent physicians Dr P V Cherian and Dr Babu Ramachandran.

Stage set for inter-school quiz competition

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Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) has teamed up with Laurels Centre for Global Education to conduct an Inter-School General Quiz on October 28 at BKS Diamond Jubilee Hall.

The event will be held under the auspices of BKS Science Forum and aims to help students test their knowledge against their peers and emerge as quiz champions.

Titled "BKS - Laurels Master Mind 2022", the event is open to all interested students from the leading schools in Bahrain. Students can register as a team of two members from the same school.

The winners will be awarded with a cash prize of \$1,000 and the audience will also get a chance to win attractive prizes.

The quizzer Terry O'Brien is an academician turned full-time writer, a freelance media consultant and public broadcaster, a quiz master, and a passionate motivational trainer. He is a man of many parts, a language expert, a versatile writer on a plethora of topics and a trainer's trainer.

O'Brien has published more than 150 books and is still churning out books that help create new talent in the world of creativity. He has over three decades of experience in teaching and training people in communication skills and language in India and abroad.



For more information about registration and sponsorship, interested parties can contact 66911311 or 39918997.

The New Millennium School, Bahrain marked its solidarity to address the covert issue of mental health by celebrating the World Mental Health Day on 10 October.

A special assembly, organised on this occasion, inclusive of skit, quiz and speeches, emphasised the significance of mental wellbeing in this contemporary world and the necessity to spread awareness about the same.

The school Principal, Mr Arun Kumar Sharma, while addressing the students acknowledged the importance of sound mental health for achieving a sustainable future.

He further added that the bizarre conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic and its interdisciplinary implications have led to an exponential decline in mental health, which needs immediate attention.



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Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Mrs Geetha Pillai appreciated the whole-hearted efforts of the students and their teachers in taking part in such enlightening campaigns.