

# 88 stranded Filipinos in Bahrain repatriated

Part of Philippine government's ongoing Repatriation Programme amid pandemic

● Passengers board special chartered Cebu Pacific flight

● DFA and Embassy Team carry out successful mission

● Part of Philippines' COVID-19 response programme

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The Philippine Embassy has successfully brought home 88 stranded Filipinos in Bahrain via a special chartered flight arranged by the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) as part of its ongoing Repatriation Programme.



Filipinos at Bahrain airport before departure

The repatriates from Bahrain boarded the Cebu Pacific aircraft on Sunday evening and joined 280 others from Lebanon and Syria.

Of the 88 repatriates from Bahrain, 56 were female and 32 were male.

The group is composed of

two infants, two minors, 11 pardoned detainees, and 73 other distressed Filipinos, of which 77 are fully vaccinated.

As part of safety procedure during repatriation, the passengers were all tested for the coronavirus (COVID-19) through the funding of the Philippine

Embassy.

The Embassy also provided all passengers with COVID-19 travel kit which included PPE suits, face masks, face shields, gloves and hand sanitisers.

Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver led the Embassy Team at the airport to assist the passengers in boarding the special chartered flight.

DFA-(Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs (OUMWA) and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) coordinated with the concerned agencies in the Philippines to facilitate the quarantine requirements of the repatriates upon their arrival to the Philippines.

The Embassy continues to provide assistance in repatriating stranded Filipinos in Bahrain as part of the Philippine government's COVID-19 response programme.

# An abundance of pure love, respect and admiration

● NMS celebrates International Grandparents' Day virtually

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The students at New Millennium School, Bahrain celebrated the International Grandparents' Day with an abundance of love, respect and admiration through the online platform on Sunday.

The students put up dazzling performances comprising songs, speech, poems, especially dedicated for the grandparents. They drafted loving messages on self-drawn cards, made sweets and milk shakes for their loving grandparents.

The success of the event was evident from the happy and joyful smiles and laughter on the faces of the grandparents as some joined in the online classes and others send their video recorded messages for their grandchildren.

Students spoke about their personal experiences and the role grandparents play in their



Grandchildren honouring their grandparents

lives.

Grandparents praised school management and the teachers and for honouring them and recognising their importance in the lives of grandchildren.

They all were excited and enthusiastic about to speak and share their childhood memories and experiences.

Principal Arun Kumar Sharma sent in his wishes and regards for all the grandparents.

He also added that grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, and the keepers of traditions. It was a memorable event for the grandparents, who left with pleasant memories, plenty of appreciation and blessings for the school, the teachers.

The Chairman, Dr Ravi Pillai, and Managing Director, Geetha Pillai, extended their wishes, appreciated and thanked all the grandparents for making the day memorable for the children with their zealous participation in the activities.

# Admissions still ongoing for new applications

● Royal University for Women provides students with flexibility of learning mode

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As part of its preparations to welcome the students for the new academic year 2021/2022, the Royal University for Women has announced the offering of multiple options for student's learning mode.

They can choose their preferred method for the first semester, in addition to following the Traffic Light System for campus attendance, to ensure the health and safety of students against the coronavirus (COVID-19) and provide them with flexibility and smoothness of the educational process.



RUW President Mouzughli

The President of the Royal University for Women, Prof. Yusra Mouzughli, said: "RUW students are our top priority, and we ensure that we not only hear their voices but also act on their requests. We conducted a survey to understand the preferred learning mode

for the new semester, to meet their needs and achieve their aspirations. The results varied between physical attendance at the university, or online learning, or a combination of both. Based on this, the university is able to fully accommodate their preferred choices, through

pre-coordination with the university."

Prof. Mouzughli pointed out that the admissions are still ongoing at the university for students wishing to enrol.

RUW offers a unique, high-quality and much sought-after degree aligned with market needs.

These include Bachelor of Business in Banking and Finance, Bachelor of Business in Human Resources, Bachelor of Business in Marketing, Bachelor of Business in International Business, Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design, Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design, Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design, Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Design, and Bachelor of Law.

The Bachelor of Law is the only bilingual law programme in the Kingdom of Bahrain where 60% is taught in English and 40% in Arabic.



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# Bahrain has 'lowest risk' of money laundering

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Bahrain ranked first in the Arab region and second in the Middle East, for the second year in a row, on the Basel AML Index is an independent annual ranking that assesses the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing (ML/TF) around the world.

Bahrain, scored 4.5 points according to the report, which is the only independent indicator issued by a non-profit organisation, rating countries worldwide according to the risk of money laundering, said Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) Deputy Governor Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, also Chair of the committee in charge of setting policies to prohibit and combat money laundering and terrorist financing.

In a statement yesterday, the CBB Deputy Governor said that



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Bahrain ranked second, after Israel, among Mideast countries, for combating money laundering.

He praised the support of the Interior Minister, Chairman of the Committee to Combat Extremism, Terrorism, Its Financing and Money Laundering.

He highlighted Bahrain's role and efforts to combat money laundering and drying up terror

financing, which consolidated the Kingdom's standing on the international map.

Head of the Interior Ministry's Financial Investigation Unit, Deputy Chair of committee in charge of setting policies to prohibit and combat money laundering and terrorist financing, Shaikha Mai bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, stressed the department's keenness on bolstering Bahrain's regional and international role in combating money laundering and drying up terror financing.

Published by the Basel Institute on Governance since 2012, the Basel AML Index provides risk scores based on data from 17 publicly available sources such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Transparency International, the World Bank and the World Economic Forum.

# BBS and BSTD sign key agreement to promote entrepreneurs, businesswomen



The agreement-signing ceremony

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Bahrain Businesswomen's Society (BBS) signed a memorandum of understanding with the Bahrain Society for Training and Human Resources Development (BSTD) recently with the aim of achieving joint cooperation and promoting entrepreneurs and businesswomen, in addition to developing

the human capital in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The agreement is an important step in strengthening relations and cooperation between the two sides, due to the presence of many distinguished cadres through which the desired goals of development in general and the development of the role of women in trade, investment and business in par-

ticular can be reached.

The agreement was signed by BBS president Ahlam Janahi and BSTD head Ahmed Attiya. The signing of the agreement was attended by a number of BSTD board members, along with some BBS members.

Janahi said that BBS intends to move forward in order to achieve its goals and programmes to serve the members.