

Hotels honoured for supporting successful tourism season



The Tourism Minister with representatives of hotels

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Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaafer Al-Sairafi, Minister of Tourism and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, affirmed that the hotel sector remains a cornerstone in developing and promoting tourism in the Kingdom. She highlighted the active role of participating hotels and the high-quality initiatives and services they provided, which contributed to the success of

the "Bahrain Holidays" season, enhanced the visitor experience, and raised the level of tourism readiness across the Kingdom. The recognition ceremony honoured hotels that played a pivotal role in the season.

Collaboration

H.E. Al-Sairafi explained that the strong collaboration with these hotels allowed for the creation of flexible and diverse accommodation and tourism packages tailored to the needs of different categories of visitors. These packages were integrat-

ed with events and programs boosting hotel occupancy rates, accompanying the "Bahrain Holidays" season, enhancing the Kingdom's appeal as a comprehensive tourist destination,

— H.E. FATIMA BINT JAAFER AL-SAIRAFI, TOURISM MINISTER

and stimulating overall tourism activity. She emphasised that such

lic and private sectors serve as a successful model of integration, supporting national efforts to diversify tourism offerings, enrich seasonal activities, and organise

attractive events throughout the year.

Gratitude

The Minister expressed her gratitude to all participating hotels for their support and tangible contributions, stressing the importance of continuing to strengthen and expand strategic partnerships.

She highlighted that these efforts align with the broader aspirations of Bahrain's tourism sector and reinforce the Kingdom's position on the regional and international tourism map.

Agricultural waste burning risks lives, health and crops

● Interior Ministry issues health, safety warning

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Personnel were deployed to 864 areas by the General Directorate of Civil Defence to extinguish fires caused by the burning of agricultural waste.

Speaking on the Interior Ministry's Al Aman social media programme, Hidd Police Station Head Colonel Dr. Osama Bahar highlighted the environmental, health and safety risks linked to the practice.

Col. Dr. Bahar said many people had previously believed that burning agricultural waste in Bahrain and elsewhere supported agricultural development.

Studies

However, he explained that studies had proven otherwise, noting that the practice reduced soil quality by up to 25 per cent, forcing farmers to spend additional funds on fertilisers and vitamins to restore land fertility and support healthy plant growth.

Seven million people worldwide have been affected by severe illnesses and deaths caused by exposure to microscopic particles known as



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— COLONEL DR. OSAMA BAHAR, HIDD POLICE STATION HEAD

PM2.5, released through the burning of agricultural waste, Col. Dr. Osama Bahar warned, adding that the process emitted black carbon that posed serious health risks.

He further stressed that fires caused by agricultural waste burning were not confined to waste alone, but often spread to crops farmers were trying to protect.

In some cases, the flames extended to outbuildings and even residential houses located on farms.

Fires

He noted that while farmers may have intended to manage waste responsibly, the fires frequently became uncontrollable, resulting in the loss of crops and essential structures.

Col. Dr. Bahar concluded by urging farmers to adopt safer alternatives, emphasising that recycling agricultural waste was a more secure solution than risking the loss of crops or homes.

"The use and recycling of agricultural waste is a safer solution, instead of risking the loss of crops or homes," he said.



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Digital theft

Nurse accused of taking BD25,000 from disabled man using phone

Mohammed Darwish
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A nurse accused of draining BD25,000.750 from the bank account of a disabled Bahraini man by using his mobile phone has appeared before the High Criminal Court.

The court heard she allegedly moved the cash from his account to her own phone, then sent it on to an account in her Asian home country.

Prosecutors said BD3,500 was later paid back after the transfers were spotted, leaving the rest unpaid.

Hearing

High Criminal Court adjourned hearing the case to 20 January so the defendant can be brought from custody and her lawyer can present a defence.

The Public Prosecution claims the defendant used the



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The defendant used the victim's electronic signature, a verification code tied to the money transfer service linked to his bank account, to carry out the transfers.

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She is also accused of access-

ing his money transfer app account without legal right and entering authentication details to his bank account, to carry out the transfers.

The case came to light after the victim's son checked his fa-

ther's bank activity and found large transfers made between September and October 2025, the court was told.

Money

The money, totalling BD25,000.750, went to the account of the worker employed as his father's nurse.

Prosecutors said the defendant admitted taking the man's phone without his knowledge, sending the money in instalments to her account in Bahrain and then transferring the full amount abroad.

A report from the transfer service, submitted to the court, said the transactions were carried out using the victim's phone, that the device linked to the transfers belonged to the defendant, and that the one-time codes needed to finish the transfers were sent to her own number.

Man jailed after using stolen cards to buy luxury car

Rehab Mohammad
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The High Criminal Court has sentenced an Arab national to three years in prison and fined him BD3,000 after convicting him of using stolen foreign-issued bank cards.

The court also ordered his permanent deportation following the conviction, which stemmed from an attempt to purchase a luxury vehicle from a car dealership in the kingdom.

The defendant attempted to complete part of the vehicle's payment using stolen bank cards through an electronic payment link.

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