

## Centrepoint and Max Make Grand Return to Muharraq at Marassi Galleria



Al Rashid Group (ARG) has announced the grand opening of new Centrepoint and Max stores at Marassi Galleria, marking the highly anticipated return of these beloved brands to Muharraq. The launch was attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, including Shaikh Hamad Bin Salman Al-Khalifa and Ms. Entesar Al Asfoor, underscoring confidence in Bahrain's retail growth. The new Centrepoint serves as the brand's fifth location in Bahrain, offering a premium family shopping experience. Meanwhile, Max opened its eighth store in the Kingdom, providing trend-forward fashion for the style-conscious community. Sandeep Narain, Country Head at Al Rashid Group, emphasized that this return is a direct response to deep-rooted community loyalty. He noted that the reimagined stores reflect ARG's commitment to innovation and customer connection.

## Bahrain-based Philanthropist K.G. Baburajan Meets Dalai Lama



Bahrain-based businessman and philanthropist K.G. Baburajan, alongside Chandy Oommen MLA of Kerala, and Biju Bhaskar, held a high-profile meeting with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama in Karnataka. The visit focused on the upcoming World Parliament of Religions, organized by Sivagiri Mutt and scheduled for June 2026 in Dharamshala. The initiative commemorates the centenary of the Aluva Universal Religious Conference, a milestone in interfaith harmony. K.G. Baburajan, a prominent figure in the Bahraini business community, played a key role in discussing the global summit's goals of peace and unity. During the audience, the delegation presented the spiritual leader with Sri Narayana Guru's Daiva Dasakam and a Tibetan-language poetry book authored by Dr. Lakshmidasan.

## Oman Ambassador Opens 'Colors of the East International Art Exhibition 2026'



H.E. Faisal bin Harib Al Busaidi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Bahrain, inaugurated the Colors of the East International Art Exhibition 2026 at Seef Mall - Muharraq. Held on Bahrain's Diplomatic Day, the event features artists from over 30 countries. As the Guest of Honor, Oman's participation reflects the deep diplomatic and cultural ties between the two nations. The Ambassador praised the Omani Art Ambassadors team for their contemporary works and lauded the gallery's efforts in building artistic bridges. The exhibition marked the launch of the "Ports Exhibitions" series, starting from the historic Port of Dilmun in Bahrain. Organizer Engineer Mahdi Al-Jalawi stated that the event serves as a global platform for diverse visual experiences.

## Midal Cables Sets Strategic Roadmap for 2026 at Annual Management Review



Midal Cables recently concluded its annual group-wide management review, bringing together global executive and senior leaders under the theme "We reflect. We adapt. We move forward." Chaired by Group CEO Mr. Khaled Abdul Latif, the meeting focused on aligning the group's 2025 performance with its 2026 strategic goals. Key priorities for the upcoming year include leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance operational efficiency, strengthening safety culture, and advancing workforce skill development. Mr. Abdul Latif highlighted that these sessions are vital for aligning leadership with the vision of Chairman Mr. Hamed Al Zayani and Managing Director Mr. Rashid Hamed Al Zayani. The review underscored Midal Cables' commitment to high governance standards and financial discipline.

## World Hindi Day Celebrated at New Horizon School



New Horizon School marked World Hindi Day with a vibrant cultural program involving students from the Zinj and Segaya campuses. The event, held in the presence of Chairman Mr. Joy Mathews and Principal Mrs. Vandana Satheesh, was led by the Head of the Hindi Department, Mrs. Sindhu Mohanlal. The celebration showcased India's cultural diversity through songs, dances, speeches, and traditional games. A notable highlight was the 'Nukkad Natak' (street play) performed by students. The ceremony also honored renowned Hindi literary figures and recognized student achievements, with Principal Satheesh distributing prizes to competition winners.

## Asian School Students Donate Relief Kits to ICRF Bahrain



The Asian School Community Outreach Team has successfully gathered and donated dry ration kits to the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICRF Bahrain) to support underprivileged individuals. The student-led initiative was headed by Soham Pandit, Diya Mittaj, Merin Jibi, Sravya Takkellapati, and Tanish Mukherjee. Their efforts underscore a strong sense of social responsibility and compassion toward the community. ICRF officials commended the team for their dedication to humanitarian service and their commitment to helping those in need. This contribution aims to provide essential food security to vulnerable residents across the Kingdom. Those requiring assistance or wishing to support this ongoing charitable cause can reach the ICRF helplines at 35990990 or 38415171.