

NBB supports HH Khalid's initiative with 'Smile for Children with Cancer'

● **For Kingdom's social wellbeing through humanitarian efforts**

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His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Athletics Association, commended the distinguished efforts of the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) towards His Highness's initiatives that support the Kingdom's social wellbeing through ongoing humanitarian efforts.

Commenting on the initiative, HH Shaikh Khalid said: "We are

pleased with the National Bank of Bahrain's efforts to support our different initiatives, especially those with a humanitarian and societal focus. Launching the initiative with Smile for Children with Cancer aims to provide the necessary support for children with cancer, which goes beyond our personal endeavours and encompasses our national responsibility as individuals, institutes and organisations towards providing the children with moral and social support to aid them on their journey forward.

"Through this initiative, we will be able to make these children's dreams come true and help their parents throughout this difficult time. Our goal is to put a smile on the children's faces and encourage everyone to become



HH Shaikh Khalid

part of a nation-wide initiative." NBB has announced its support of the KHK Initiative with Smile for Children with Cancer as part of His Highness' initiatives to support the Kingdom's social wellbeing through ongoing humanitarian efforts.



Fawzi Kanoo

The endeavour aims to provide psychosocial support to children with cancer in the Kingdom.

Mr Fawzi Kanoo, Second Deputy Chairman of NBB and Member of the Board's Do-nations &



The Smile Initiative aims to provide support, hope and optimism for the children, and boost morale in their time of need. This humanitarian act brings a momentary reprieve from the situation, offering joy to both parent and child during this difficult time, as children continue on the road to recovery.

Contribution's Committee stated: "We are proud to be a continued supporter of the Kingdom's ongoing community initiatives, which enable us to actualise the children's dreams no matter how big or small, as part of the Bank's sustainability strategy. NBB's support of His Highness Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al Khalifa's initiatives under-

scores the Bank's ongoing responsibility towards uplifting and contributing positively towards the Bahraini community. As the leading local bank, NBB pioneers the implementation of initiatives that support the Kingdom and its needs, and endeavours to provide programmes that contribute to the wellbeing of our society."

Medical, Dental Mission is set

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The Knights of Rizal, a Filipino community organisation in the Kingdom of Bahrain, is inviting all Filipino nationals to its Medical and Dental Mission entitled: "Kapamilya Ko, Kapuso Ko" in coordination with Al Hilal Hospital and Medical Center, Adliya Branch from 18 to 24 February.

The Knights of Rizal, Bahrain Chapter, which is recognised by the Philippine Embassy, has been actively involved in charitable activities assisting distressed overseas Filipinos who need medical and financial assistance.

The services for this mission include Blood Pressure Gauging, Blood Sugar Count, Creatinine (Kidney Screening), Total Cholesterol Counts, and (Liver Screening).

Pouring vibrant, colourful expressions on canvas

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Unlike other painters in the region, Bahraini painter Leena Al Ayoobi exults in pouring bright colours on her canvas, for they signify a special vibe, something totally unconventional and unseen.

Leena is an artist with a difference for all reasons. She has traversed the ways that are unusual for many artists. She would leave the hat of a corporate banker behind to wear the feathers of an artist.

Her journey began as a digital artist, before exceptionally wearing the robes of a traditional artist who blends creativity and technical advancements.

"I can't give you a specific answer if you ask me as to when I started my artistic journey," she told The Daily Tribune. "As a child I loved cartoons, especially the Japanese ones as they had detailed faces and figures. I

would attempt recreating them, igniting my odyssey as a painter."

"A canvas doesn't have any man-made boundaries. It is the perfect platform for any artist to express her/his own self," Leena said, adding that an art form is in its best form when it carries and conveys the true essence of the artist's expressions.

Leena's work centres around unearthing the role of women in the ancient times, especially during the pearling era.

"Beginning from ancient to contemporary times, women have played a major role in any society's growth, which is generally subjected to a myopic view. My works focus on highlighting this aspect, which is quintessential to all societies."

Embracing the latest technologies and going digital are vital to this artist. She is among the world's top 50 artists, who have signed with Prism, an eco-friendly NFT market place.



Artist Leena Al Ayoobi at her Studio in Saar with her mural titled 'The Untitled' in the backdrop

Among them is renowned guitarist George Benson.

A non-fungible token (NFT) is a non-interchangeable unit of data stored on a blockchain, a form of digital ledger that can be

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Leena will be presenting her artworks at the upcoming NFT MENA EXHIBIT 2022, a state-of-the-art exhibition that will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Manama from 16th to 18th of March during the F1 weekend in Bahrain.

To emerging artists, her advice is simple: "Focus on yourself as an artist. There is no harm in seeking commercial success, but the top priority must be the unrelenting enthusiasm to express yourself irrespective of whether you are considering art as a hobby or a profession." She said the contemporary times demand technical skills, flexibility and adaptability as prerequisites for artists to win the world.

From clothing to furniture, notebooks to accessories, there are hundreds of products that bear Leena's signature. Her clients include GE Aviation, Starbucks, Stanchart Bank, Mont Blanc apart from many regional brands.

Gulf Air boosts Bahrain Pavilion at EXPO 2020

● **Series of videos and interactive elements highlights hub of airline**

Dubai

Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, in coordination with Bahrain Authority of Culture and Antiquities (BACA) and Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority (BTEA), yesterday announced the airline's presence in the Bahrain Pavilion at EXPO 2020 held in Dubai.

Beginning yesterday and until the end of the major global event on March 31, the airline has created a space for visitors to Explore Bahrain and Explore Gulf Air with a series of videos and interactive elements to highlight the hub of the airline.

Commenting at the airline's participation at EXPO 2020, Gulf Air's Acting Chief Executive Officer Captain Waleed AlAlawi



The Bahrain Pavilion

commented: "We are delighted to collaborate with the Bahrain Authority of Culture and Antiquities and the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority to showcase our beautiful Kingdom and its national carrier at the Bahrain Pavilion. Visitors of EXPO 2020 in the United Arab Emirates are encouraged to connect with our brand, learn more about what we have to offer, and be guided on booking a trip to the Kingdom of Bahrain through gulfair.com."

Visitors are introduced to Gulf Air's products and services along with a glimpse of the experience of flying on the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, as well as being able to interact with the brand by scanning codes within the space.

Additionally, content of Bahrain along with codes that can be scanned by visitors to introduce them to touristic and cultural activities of Bahrain are on display, alongside exclusive footage of the Kingdom provided

by BACA, BTEA and the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB).

The Bahrain Stopover, relaunched in December 2021 in collaboration with BTEA, gives eligible Gulf Air's passengers the opportunity to stop in Bahrain, obtain hotel reservations, and use tourist facilities through various tailored packages and offers, before continuing on to their final destinations, including no visa fees and no PCR test on arrival fee.

In addition, the airline announced the return of its exclusive Formula One Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix packages on gulfair.com for passengers visiting Bahrain in coordination with Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority and the Bahrain International Circuit.

This would allow eligible visitors to book a flight, accommodation, a three-day race pass along with transport to and from Bahrain International Circuit, more information is available on gulfair.com/f1.

NMS highlights Kingdom's democratic achievements and steady development



Children show unwavering patriotism and love for the nation

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The New Millennium School, Bahrain celebrated the National Action Charter's 21st Anniversary yesterday with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Several activities, centered around celebrating the democratic achievements and steady integrated development in the Kingdom, were organised by the school.

The saga of the Charter was briefly highlighted in the form of a speech, delivered through the school's PA system. Online quizzes, slogans writing, drawing, bulletin board decoration and poem writing were some of the highlights of the day.

The entire day was dedicated to reiterating the glory of the Kingdom and to reaffirm the unwavering patriotism and love for the nation.