

Israeli delegation cancels visit amid opposition by lawmakers

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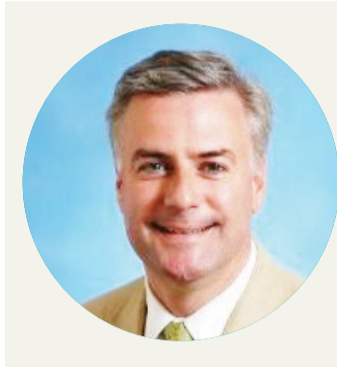
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An Israeli delegation that was supposed to take part in a business event in the Kingdom has cancelled its trip amidst controversy, it was revealed.

The development comes after Bahraini parliamentarians put up an extensive campaign against Israeli participation at the event.

The delegation stated that it pulled out due to "security concerns".

Thirty Israeli business executives and government officials were scheduled to participate in



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the 11th Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC) 2019 organised by the US-based Global Entrepreneurship Network.

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welcomed, they decided this morning not to come due to security concerns and a wish not to cause disruption to other 180 nations participating,” Jonathan Ortman, GEN president, said in



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a statement.

Bahrain government had previously denied that it invited the delegation, stating that the invitation to the Israeli delegation was a sole initiative of the Global Entrepreneurship Network.

The GEC brings together thousands of delegates from more

than 170 countries to discuss economic and policy challenges around growing entrepreneurial ecosystems.

The annual event is hosted by a new entrepreneurial city each year. Celebrating its 11th year, this year's GEC is being held in the Kingdom from today until Thursday.



Previous host cities of the event were Kansas City (2009), Dubai (2010), Shanghai (2011), Liverpool (2012), Rio de Janeiro (2013), Moscow (2014), Milan (2015), Medellin (2016), Johannesburg (2017) and Istanbul (2018).

Man who grew marijuana at home loses plea

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The High Court of Appeals yesterday upheld the three-year jail sentence issued against a retired air crew member, who was found guilty of planting marijuana at his house and possessing firearm and ammunition.

The court also ordered the man to pay a fine of BD1,500.

Investigations showed that the defendant had been consuming marijuana for a long period.

When the Anti-Narcotics Department within the Interior Ministry raided his house, 28 pots of marijuana plants, four pieces of hashish, a scale and a fire arm were detected and confiscated.

The man was referred to the Public Prosecution on charges of possessing, abusing and peddling drugs, in addition to possessing a firearm without a permit.

During the interrogation, he confessed that he had been consuming drugs for the past 15 years.

He said he purchased marijuana seeds from abroad, as he was travelling frequently outside the country as an air crew member.

The defendant also told the interrogators that he had learnt how to grow them through Internet and with the help of a British friend.

Boy saved after walnut gets trapped in lung

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A medical team from the Salmaniya Medical Complex saved a four-year-old boy after he consumed a walnut, which got trapped in his lung.

“A surgery was conducted to extract pieces of nuts from the child's lungs. Co-ordination from various departments was required to make the operation a big success,” a health ministry official said.

The success was due to the hard-work and coordination of various departments including Ear, Nose and Throat

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(ENT) and the chest unit at SMC, the official added.

Doctors and surgeons involved in the operation included Dr Osa-

ma Abdul Karim, Dr Dina Shabib, Dr Ramzi, Dr Hussein and Dr Hala Radhi.

The doctors advised parents to

exercise care while feeding kids, adding emergency medical care is needed in cases of pulmonary aspiration.

Bahrain's support to Sudan affirmed

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa affirmed Bahrain's solidarity with Sudan and expressed his appreciation to the tremendous efforts exerted by Lt-General Abdulfattah Al Burhan, Chairman of the Military Transitional Council, to boost the security, peace and prosper-

ity of the Sudanese people.

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His Majesty King Hamad, the Supreme Commander, expressed during a visit to the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF)'s General Command, appreciation of the Sudanese Armed Forces and their participation in the Arab Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen, wishing Sudan steady progress within the tolerance and fraternity prevailing among the components of its people.

Bahrain attends Arab Labour Conference

Cairo

The 46th Arab Labour Conference opened yesterday in Cairo under the patronage of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi.

Labour and Social Devel-

opment Minister Jameel Humaidan led Bahrain's delegation to the pan-Arab conference, which will run until April 21.

The delegation included ministry's officials, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) board member Shaikha

Hind bint Salman Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Free Labour Unions Federation (Al Hurr) Executive President Yaqoub Yousef Mohammed and General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions Deputy Secretary-General Abdul Qader Al Shehabi.

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