

Economy surging ahead

Kingdom records 4.6 per cent growth in fourth quarter of last year

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The Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) yesterday issued a report of the national accounts provisional results for the fourth quarter of 2018, which indicated that the economy records a real growth of 4.6 per cent and 6.5pc in current prices compared to the same period of the previous year.

According to the report, the GCC Development Programme has been significantly reflected in Bahrain's economic infrastructure projects, with initial estimates of the economy during the fourth quarter of 2018, recording a real growth of 4.6 per cent and 6.5pc in current prices compared to the same period of

the previous year.

It contributed to the expansion of the construction sector, the increasing performance of which has not only strengthened itself but has also given a motivation to other non-oil activities such as real-estates, financial and trade sectors, the report said.

The non-oil sector registered a real growth of 3.2pc when compared to the same quarter of the previous year and the oil sector growing at a rate of 11.3pc in real terms due to increase in the quantities produced.

The report demonstrated that the growing results - compared to the fourth quarter of 2017 rates in the oil sector have increased by nearly 24.7pc at current prices and 11.3pc at constant prices.

The non-oil GDP grew by 3.2pc in real terms and had a comparable growth rate of 4pc, at current prices. Meanwhile, the financial corporations witnessed an increase of nearly 2.7pc in constant prices and 2.1pc in current prices.

The report also indicated that the manufacturing industry has grown by 1pc at constant prices and 1pc in current prices. Construction sector grew by 4pc at constant prices and 8.5pc at current prices.

Real-estate and business ac-

tivities grew by 1.5pc at constant prices and by 2.8pc at current prices. While the transportation and communications sector increased by 0.3pc at constant prices and by 2.2pc at current prices.

The report indicated that social and personal services decreased by 0.7pc at constant prices and had grown by 0.2pc at current prices.

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per cent was the growth of the construction sector during the fourth quarter of last year.

private educational services rose by 4pc at constant prices and 5pc at

current prices, while health private services increased by 2.5pc at constant prices and 4.8pc at current prices.

When comparing the 4th quarter with the 3rd of 2018, the economic growth seems to be slightly grown which resulted from the relative decline in the oil produced quantities accompanied by reduction in crude oil prices that has resulted in also reducing the oil GDP by 3.4pc and 11.3pc at constant and current prices, respectively.

The real non-oil GDP recorded a positive growth by 2.3pc while achieving a growth of 2.5pc in current prices.

The report also indicated that the financial corporations witnessed a slight increase of nearly 0.7pc in constant prices and 0.4pc in current prices.

The construction sector grew by 0.8pc at constant prices and 2.5pc at current prices; real-estate and business service sectors demonstrated that these sectors had improved by 0.4pc at constant prices and decreased by 0.02pc at current prices.

Results display transportations and communications sectors to have slightly increased by 0.2pc growth in constant prices and 0.1pc in current prices.

According to the report, manufacturing industry achieved growth of 0.2pc in constant prices and decreased by 0.7pc in current prices.

Government services increased by 12.7pc at constant prices and 16pc at current prices while other social and personal services increased by 0.3pc at constant prices and 0.6pc at current prices.

Additionally, electricity and water activities witnessed a decrease of 5.4pc in constant prices and 5.3pc in current prices, the report said.

Lawyer, client get six months jail for forgery

● **The forgery was exposed by the Labour Court that previously reviewed the case.**

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A lawyer and his client were sentenced to six months of imprisonment as they were found guilty of presenting fake documents before the court.

This comes after both defendants were acquitted in October last year.

The details of the case indicat-

ed that the first defendant, the client, approached the second defendant, the lawyer, to file a lawsuit against his employer, an American non-profit hospital, for not paying his children's school fees, claiming that it breaches the work contract signed between them.

The first defendant forged a document issued by a UK-based school and presented it to the court as if it was issued by one of the private schools here.

The document, an invoice, was forged by the first defendant when he translated it to Arabic through a translation office he owned.

The forgery was exposed by

the Labour Court that previously reviewed the case, but both defendants were acquitted as no direct proof was available.

The Public Prosecution appealed against the previous verdict, demanding to reconsider the defendants claims of being unaware of the faked translated document, as the first defendant owned the translation office.

The Prosecution requested that Articles 271 and 276 of the Kingdom's Penal Code be charged on the defendants.

Subsequently, the court sentenced them to six months in jail for forging documents.

Asian sentenced for using 'free call device'

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An Asian caused BD65,000 in losses to a telecommunication company in the Kingdom in a space of seven hours after he used a special device to make free calls.

This was unveiled in the court yesterday, as the case was reviewed by the Eighth Minor Criminal Court.

The defendant was earlier accused by the Public Prosecution of using fraudulent means, with the assistance of another unknown accomplice, to avoid paying the commissions paid by other telecommunications companies to the service provider here (the plaintiff), as part of international telecommunication protocol agreements.

According to court files, the

50,000
Bahraini dinars in fine was imposed by the Eighth Minor Criminal Court on the convict.

defendant used a "Boxing SIM" device and seven postpaid SIM cards of the company to divert incoming and outgoing international calls made through the company's network in seven hours.

The defendant's accomplice assisted him in the purchasing the seven SIM cards, according to Prosecutors.

The court reviewed an ex-

pert's report that included an estimation of the company's losses caused by the man's unlawful action.

The report mentioned that the company lost around BD65,000 in seven hours because of the man's fraudulent operation.

The Eighth Minor Criminal Court found the man guilty of and sentenced him in absentia to pay a BD50,000 fine.

The Telecommunications Law in the Kingdom imposes a fine of no more than BD100,000 on "any person who obtains a service provided by a licensed operator using fraudulent means in order to avoid payment of any prescribed tariff for such service, and any person who has anything that can be used to obtain or avoid payment of the service".

Kingdom of Bahrain
Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA)
Directorate of Finance & Administration

هيئة تنظيم الاتصالات
TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY
مملكة البحرين - Kingdom of Bahrain

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority invites Proposal for the following tender:

Tender Title	Tender No.	Initial Bond	Tender Fees	Closing Date		
				Day	Date	Time
Appointing a PR Agency to Plan, Develop and Execute a Marketing Campaign for Domain NameLaunch	TRA/INTERNAL/RFP/2019/002	BD 500/- or 1% of the contract value whichever is lower	BD 15	Monday	29th April 2019	13:30 local time

- Those who are Capable and want to participate in the above tender/ has to call the Directorate of Finance at the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority during the working hours from 9 A.M. till 12 P.M. on 17520000 and Collect the appropriate tender documents after paying non-refundable fees, specified above starting on Monday, 15th of April 2019 and to Enclose with his offer the Initial Bond for the amount specified above, provided that no initial bonds value shall be less than BD 100/-.
- The initial bond should be in the form of a Certified Cheque, Bank Guarantee, cash or Insurance Policy valid for the duration specified in the tender documents. It shall have a value of BD500/- or 1% of the contract value whichever is lower.
- Offers should be deposited in the tender box provided at Telecommunications Regulatory Authority Reception, Building 852, 5th floor, Road 3618, Block 436 Seef District, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, at Seef Area
- **This tender/Auction should comply to the provisions of the General Tenders Regulations, no. (36) for the year 2002, and it's executive Regulations No. (37) for the year 2002.**
- In addition these conditions has to be considered:
 1. Enclose copy of the Commercial Registration Bill, for the current year, and has to be included/matched with the tender subjects.
 2. Authority Form is to be filled completely, mentioning the Total Tender Value and Unit Price (accordingly).
 3. Enclose a certificate of compliance with the employment percentages for Bahraini manpower issued by the Ministry of Labour.
 4. All tender documents (Original / Copy) which has been submitted with the offers should be stamped with the company's Stamp.
- This advertisement is considered to be a supplementary to the tender Documents.