

Education Ministry's summer programme inaugurated

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Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi inaugurated yesterday the ministry's summer programme, which will be implemented for the first time remotely by using digital technology, and which will benefit many students from public and private schools at various levels of education.

Registration for the programme, which will be held from July 21 to August 19, is now open until Saturday on the e-government website.

In a visual presentation, the Education Ministry's Educational Services and Student Activities assistant undersecretary Dr Shaikha Al Jeeb said that this year's programme is being held with the theme "Summer of Creativity and Innovation".

The various activities that it



The Education Ministry's summer programme this year is being held with digital technology, with the theme "Summer of Creativity and Innovation". Its various activities are in the fields of science, art, culture, sports, psychology, social and academic counseling, and personal development

includes are in the scientific, artistic, cultural, and sports fields, in addition to psychology, social and academic counseling, and personal development. These are all to be supervised by a group of specialists in the Education Ministry.

The Education Minister praised the efforts made to prepare the summer programme, which he said the ministry is

very keen to deliver annually.

He expressed his confidence in the use of digital technology, taking into account the current health conditions being faced globally due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Minister said it reflects the practices employed in distance learning during the second semester of the past academic year, and stressed that it comes

within the framework of the Ministry's great interest in encouraging students to invest in their holidays in a positive, beneficial, and entertaining manner. At the same time, the programme will help develop their talents and creativity.

The summer programme is set to be supervised by specialists from the Ministry's various departments including student services, public libraries, physical education, scouting and guides, and centre for gifted students.

The kinds of activities that will be held include creative writing, academic specialisations, the art of leadership, various skills in sports, culture and health competitions, storytelling, puppet plays, teaching sign language, science and environment programmes, scientific research, photography, chess, and many others.

Three men arrested for robbery

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Three men have been arrested for stealing money and items from shops in the Capital Governorate, the Ministry of Interior has announced.

The ministry said that the Capital Governorate Police director-general reported the apprehension of the trio, who were all between the ages of 25 and 29.

He said that the directorate received a complaint from a cold store after three individuals who were wearing female abayas robbed it.

They broke into the shop by damaging the door with a metal tool and then stole money and goods, the director-general said.

An investigation into the theft led to identifying and arresting the suspects within 12 hours of the case being reported.

The probe also revealed their involvement in robberies of other shops which took place on the same day of a reported case of a stolen car.

Legal proceedings have been taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

Four shrimping ban violators arrested

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Four men have been detained in separate cases of shrimping ban violations, the Ministry of Interior has announced.

The ministry said that the

Coast Guard Commander reported the arrests of the men, who had varying quantities of shrimp.

Legal proceedings were taken and the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution.

Commitment reiterated to enforcing virus-related measures

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Southern Governorate Police will continue to enforce coronavirus-related laws and precautionary measures, such as social distancing and wearing masks.

This was stressed by director-general Brigadier Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalid Al Khalifa in a meeting with the Interior Ministry's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Combatting Taskforce head Dr Khalid Abdulwahid Omar.

The director-general hailed the directives of Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa for the formation of the taskforce in cooperation with Team Bahrain.

He noted that the meeting was an opportunity to learn about procedures and steps being undertaken to fight the spread of the virus and enhance the efforts of the directorate in



The director-general at the meeting

cooperation with the Southern Governorate.

The taskforce's head praised the directorate's efforts which have contributed to the success of the team's missions. The meeting was also attended by taskforce member Lt-Col. Tariq Bin Daina.

Two women drown in Juffair building pool

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Two European women died yesterday after drowning in a swimming pool in a residential building in Juffair, the Ministry of Interior reported.

The ministry said on social media that the deceased individuals were aged 32 and 43.

Relevant procedures were being taken.

No other details were made available.



Authorities at the scene



An image of the residential building where the incident took place

Health Ministry launches COVID-19 chat service

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The Ministry of Health has announced that members of the public may now communicate directly with it through WhatsApp, on all issues related to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The free, round-the-clock service is available in both English and Arabic, and it delivers up-to-date information on the latest developments and decisions on the response to the pandemic by Team Bahrain, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

One of the ways to avail of the service is by adding the number 32002001 to the user's WhatsApp contact list and then sending a message "Hi" to receive an immediate reply.

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The Ministry of Health's WhatsApp auto-reply service (Chatbot)

The service delivers up-to-date information to the population on the spread of COVID-19 and Team Bahrain's response to the global pandemic - led by HRH the Crown Prince

The chat services are free to use and available around the clock through:

- Adding contact number +973 32002001
- To the user's contact list on "Whatsapp" and sending the word "Hi" for an immediate reply.
- Scanning the QR code

Virtual lecture held on dealing with mass media

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The Information Affairs Ministry held a virtual lecture on dealing with mass media for non-media workers.

Delivered by ministry advisor Dr Lulwa Bu Dulama, the lecture attracted participants from the public and private sectors, in addition to school and university students.

Dr Bu Dulama emphasised the importance of modern digital technologies in overcoming all barriers, achieving the continuity of life and production, and enhancing communication for the exchange of information and experiences.

The lecture dealt with the concept of mass media, and their role in building the mental image of institutions for those who deal with them.

Dr Bu Dulama highlighted the principles and methods of dealing with the media, in addition to ways



Dr Bu Dulama during the virtual lecture

of achieving a positive image about institutions through the best selection of messages and the level of their guidance.

She stressed the importance of interconnectedness between body language skills and the language of discourse in causing the desired effect.

She also highlighted the skills required for persons who appear on the media, and provided many guidelines for the success of media interviews.