

Ex-employee ordered to pay Education Ministry BD6,240

Bahraini woman failed to meet agreement terms after joining BTI

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● The ministry suffered losses as the woman resigned from her job.

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The High Administrative Court has ordered a Bahraini woman to pay BD6,240 after failing to fulfil an agreement she struck with the Ministry of Education to enrol for an academic course at Bahrain Training Institute (BTI). The Bahraini woman was serving in the Ministry of Education,

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which sponsored her study at BTI. However, she didn't complete the course and she resigned from

the ministry, causing it significant losses as the agreement stipulates her to work in the ministry for the same period she takes to complete the course.

She neither served the ministry the required years nor she successfully finished the course, according to prosecutors.

Therefore, she was taken to court to settle the amount the ministry had paid to BTI for her course.

In its ruling, the High Administrative Court confirmed that the

employee didn't meet the agreement terms, therefore she has to compensate the Ministry of Education.

The latter had urged, in its complaint, the court to seize the woman's bank account in order to settle the amount.

However, the Court declined such a request, explaining that there was no concern over the woman leaving the country or spending the money without paying the compensation amount.

UNESCO co-operation discussed

Paris

Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi held a meeting with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Assistant Director General for Education Stefania Gianini and Higher Education Section Chief Dr Peter Wells and discussed joint co-operation.

The meeting was on the sidelines of the presentation of the UNESCO-King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of ICT in Education to the winners at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France.

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The Education Ministry needs the UNESCO expertise to promote world-standard academic programmes.

DR AL NUAIMI

Success saga of Bahraini women stressed at forum



A segment of the audience.



Ms Al Ansari speaks at the forum.

Washington

Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), Hala Al Ansari, has highlighted Bahrain's strides in women advancement during an open meeting, organised by US-based Women's Foreign Policy Group at the National Museum of Women in the Arts here.

Addressing the meeting, attended by HH Shaikha Nayla bint Hamad bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Ambassador to US, Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa and officials from the two countries, Ms Al Ansari affirmed that the Kingdom has made giant qualitative leaps in consolidating women's presence and participation in various fields over the past two decades, under the Reform Project spearheaded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The royal Reform Project has placed Bahrain among the developed countries in the fields of constitutional democracy and human rights respect, increased

growth rates and activated the potentials of all social segments, including youth and women, she said.

Ms Al Ansari pointed out that the women advancement efforts exerted over the past two decades have yielded fruitful results, as proved by many international indicators and the success of a Bahraini woman to become a Speaker of the Council of Representatives through direct vote, thus becoming the first woman to attain this exploit which reflects the Bahraini society's civilisation and openness.

The multiple Bahraini women's landmark achievements are the fruitful outcome of the Kingdom's civilisational progress for thousands of years in which women played a major role. She noted that Bahraini women's educational process began as early as 1899, and then the first government's school for girls was established in 1928, and women were granted the right to vote in 1924. In the 1930s, women began studying abroad, and in

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the 1950s, they started establishing their own NGOs. After that, women proved their distinction in many fields, such as medicine, engineering, military work and many others.

She also highlighted the SCW's effective participation in drafting the National Action Charter and the 2002 Constitution which, she said, guaranteed equality among the citizens, protected freedoms, granted women the right to run as candidates in elections, determined the role of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches and consolidated the cultures of

human rights, dialogue, co-existence, tolerance and acceptance of the other.

While reviewing the march of SCW, Ms Al Ansari said that it was established as per a Royal Decree in 2001, as a consultative council which is affiliated with HM the King and presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King, noting that the Royal Decree also stipulated the appointment of a SCW's secretary-general with a ministerial rank, thus becoming the first woman minister in the Arabian Gulf region.

She stressed that Bahrain's milestone achievements in the field of women advancement is a source of pride not only for the Kingdom, but also for its brotherly, friendly and allied countries.

During the open-meeting, moderated by retiring general and the first US Assistant Secretary of Defence, Mary Beth Long, Ms Al Ansari answered questions about Bahrain's experience in supporting women.

A documentary film on Bahrain and the SCW's experience, including the main indicators of women's advancement in the Kingdom, was also screened.

The attendees expressed admiration for Bahrain's experience in all fields of women advancement, praising the Bahraini women's pioneering achievements, and the key role played by the SCW in this regard.

Detention renewed in court staff bribe case

● Tribune reported earlier that the defendants allegedly received the bribe to facilitate a convict's release from jail.

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The Lower Criminal Court yesterday ordered to renew the detention of a court employee and his sister (a

lawyer), who are accused of accepting BD50,000 in bribe, for 15 days pending further investigations.

The court's order came as per the request submitted by the Public Prosecution in the presence of both defendants during their trial yesterday.

Tribune reported earlier that the defendants allegedly received the bribe to facilitate a convict's release from jail.

Their arrest came after a tip-off was received by the Anti-corruption and Economic and Electronic Security Directorate

in Interior Ministry, which confirmed that both defendants were caught redhanded while receiving an advance payment of the bribe.

Sources also confirmed that the employee at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments had been recently promoted to the post of an acting supervisor at the Civil Court and that he oddly disappeared on the day of his arrest.

Number element 50,000 Bahraini dinars were allegedly received by the court staff in bribe.

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