

# Woman gets 3 yrs for embezzlement

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The High Criminal court awarded a three-year jail term to a woman found guilty of embezzling more than BD100,000 from Jidhafs Maternity Hospital by forging documents.

The court ordered the woman to return the BD111,708 she took from the hospital in the Capital Governorate

Chief Prosecutor Hassan Al Muhaiza said the court also ordered her to return BD111,708 she took from the hospital in the Capital Governorate.

The woman, an employee at the hospital, landed in police custody following an investigation into a complaint filed by the Health Ministry officials.



The Jidhafs Maternity Hospital (file)

The ministry, following an audit, found unusual shortages in the institution's revenues.

The Public Prosecution immediately looked into the ministry's claims and found that the records and documents were forged.

Further investigation led to the suspect.

The woman pleaded not guilty. She was convicted by the court of embezzlement and forging official documents.

# Court to announce verdict on EWA case in June



VAT Registration Certificate

شهادة تسجيل ضريبة القيمة المضافة



A copy of the circular issued by EWA by the beginning of this year, imposing VAT on electricity and water supply services

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The Second Supreme Civilian Court of Appeal will announce its decision on an appeal filed by a Bahraini lawyer against the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) on June 25.

The appeal disputes a verdict issued by the High Administrative Court, on February 26 this year, rejecting a lawsuit filed against EWA by Bahraini Lawyer Mohammed Al Thawadi.

The lawsuit claimed that authority's decision to impose Value Added Tax (VAT) on subscribers, by the beginning of this year, is unconstitutional.

The appeal demands to scrap of an EWA decision to impose taxes on subscribers.

The lawyer argued that the decision is unconstitutional, claiming that Articles 15 and 17 of the Constitution of Bahrain stipulate that taxes should only be imposed through legislation.

Al Thawadi accused EWA of not adhering to the Unified

GCC VAT Agreement saying: "Article 29 did not stipulate the imposition of taxes on electricity supply services, but on the contrary, it gave each state the right to exempt some sectors following the local law."

"Additionally, Article 30 expressly stipulated the exemption of government bodies from paying taxes, and therefore it is not permissible for the authority to collect taxes," the lawyer told the court.

EWA was represented by the State Cases Authority, which claimed that it has the right to impose VAT on the services it provides, as it is not a sovereign authority that solely provides them.

The lawyer demanded a clarification from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism to confirm "if commercial establishments are permitted to provide electricity and water supplies in the Kingdom and the conditions required to obtain such a permit."

# Man arrested for tweeting fake news

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Police arrested a Bahraini man yesterday for allegedly posting fake news on Twitter with an intention to 'harm public order'.

The suspect, an attorney by profession, was arrested by the Public Prosecution on charges of spreading "fake and baseless news that may harm public order" through social media networks.

Chief Prosecutor Adnan Mattar explained that the action was taken follow-

ing a complaint filed against the suspect by the Electronic Crime Directorate in the Interior Ministry.

The suspect, Chief Prosecutor said, was accused of posting incorrect information and comments meant to cause confusion and instability in the community.

Mattar said that the man made various tweets questioning authorities and their ability to maintain security and protect society.

The prosecution or-

dered his arrest after he was summoned and interrogated yesterday.

He was accused of publishing fake news while knowing that it may cause harm to the public order, in addition to misusing social media networks.

The Chief Prosecutor warned that misusing social media networks falls outside the purview of the freedom of expression, "especially when used for personal gains without regard to public interest and rights of the community.

# Appeals rejected in police vehicle torching case

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The Court of Cassation yesterday rejected the appeals of two men convicted of burning a police patrol vehicle in Aali in 2017.

The first person was given a seven-year imprisonment, while the other person received a three-year jail term. The attack by a group of 30 occurred on Shaikh Zayed Highway on January 30, 2017.

Court files say, the group hurled Molotov cocktails at a riot police vehicle stationed near Aali roundabout, aka Pottery roundabout, and destroying it completely.

The ensuing investigation led to the arrest of two

suspects, who revealed the identities of the others involved.

Public Prosecution accused the men of arson, endangering people's lives and damaging the vehicle which belonged to Interior Ministry and serving terrorist purposes.

The court also rejected the appeals of two other defendants convicted in the same case recently.

Eight of the suspects, including one of the appellants, were sentenced to seven years imprisonment and ordered to collectively pay BD14,077 in compensation for the damaged car.

A minor was sentenced to three years of imprisonment.



Middle East Medical Group - Segaya, hidd & Salmabad branches celebrated Nurses Day. A function was organised in Salmabad branch in the presence of Dr Thajudeen Habib, Dr Saji C Abraham and Dr Sarun Thomas. A candle-light pledge was taken on the occasion



A helping hand was extended to the Migrant Workers Protection Society by BIS - BHAVANS family. A cheque of BD 300/- was given to the organisation by Director-Ritu Verma and Principal - Saji Jacob. The fund was raised by the students as well as by BIS management. Neelaja Shrotre and Anju Mathur of MWPS (Migrant Workes Protection Society) received the cheque on behalf of the organisation

# Bhavahara selected for Asia Indian Festival



Officials part of 'Bhavahara' during a photocall

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"Bhavahara" a dance drama, presented by the Indian Institute for Performing Arts, has been selected to participate in Asia Indian Festival at Taiwan.

Asia Indian Cultural Festival is an Annual Cultural Exchange Event consecutively for the past 19 years.

"Bhavahara" is an experimental dream project directed by Dr Nidhi S Menon under the banner of Indian Institute

for Performing Arts. "We have been preparing and improving Bhavahara for over two years and many people have worked tirelessly in finalizing the script, music selection, sound recording, property management, choreography etc..." said Ambilikkuttan, Managing Director and Principal - IIPA, in a statement.

Individuals playing important characters in the play will be travelling from Bahrain for the show and the rest performers will be local talents trained at Taiwan.