

Prestigious entrepreneurship award unveiled

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An award to encourage young entrepreneurs and motivate them to compete and accordingly unleash their creativity has been announced.

Bahrain International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW) held a virtual press conference to unveil "Bahrain's Entrepreneurs Award", to be presented in November.

The award highlights BPW's belief in the important role of youth in steering the economic wheel of the labour market through their innovative approach in various fields.

BPW has focused on investing in young entrepreneurs by encouraging, training, and prepar-



BPW officials during the press conference

ing them for the labour market, to ensure their capabilities in contributing to the Kingdom's national development, in line

with Bahrain's 2030 vision.

The award will honour outstanding entrepreneurs, will highlight their work and busi-

ness ideas, as well as their contributions to the growth of the private sector.

The \$10,000 award will be

divided into two categories: \$5,000 for entrepreneur in the commercial sector (business owner), and \$5,000 for distinguished entrepreneur in the professions sector (craftsmen).



A \$10,000 prize will go with "Bahrain's Entrepreneurs Award", to be divided between two winners in the commercial sector (business owner) and professions sector (craftsmen) categories

Guidelines issued for entering Bahrain through causeway



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Travellers entering Bahrain via King Fahd Causeway have to undergo coronavirus (COVID-19) tests and pay BD60 each.

They are also required to download and register on the BeAware app, in compliance with the man-

datory precautionary measures for combatting the pandemic.

These measures do not apply to incoming travellers who show evidence, via the BeAware app, that they have tested negative after undergoing a PCR test before leaving for Bahrain. PCR results are valid for 72 hours after undergoing the test.

Incoming travellers are urged to comply with mandatory precautionary measures and must adhere to all health protocols enforced by authorities.

They are required to self-isolate until their test result comes out negative. In case the test is positive, they will be contacted by health authorities, must observe quarantine protocols, and abide by the instructions given to them.

Bahrain's authorities have made it mandatory to adhere to social distancing, wearing face masks, and avoiding gatherings.

Those who show suspected COVID-19 symptoms (headache, coughing, loss of sense of smell or taste, and separate pains in the body with high temperatures) are required to isolate immediately, call 444 and follow the instructions given.

Verdicts for terrorist cell issued

Prison sentences vary from three months to life for 39-member group

● Three get life imprisonment, six sentenced to 10 years, while others get seven years' jail or fewer

● Cell members intended to plant explosive devices at banks, schools, post offices and sports clubs during Kingdom's national celebrations



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charged by the Public Prosecution back in 2018 of joining a terrorist group, recruiting members to serve terrorist purposes, and training to use explosives and how to detonate them using mobile phones.

The charges also included the illegal possession of explosives and other relative devices serving terrorist purposes, receiving and transporting funds that are allocated for terrorist activities, arson, and risking people's lives and property.

Investigations showed that three of the defendants, who remain at large abroad, were responsible for the recruitment of the gang members and assembling them here in the Kingdom.

The members received instructions to monitor a number of vital institutions in Bahrain, such as banks, schools, post offices and sports clubs, in order to plant explosive devices in them during national celebrations of the Kingdom.

to 10 years in jail, and six other members to seven years.

Furthermore, three of the defendants were sentenced to five years in prison, while six of them got a one-year sentence.

As for the remaining 15 defendants, 11 of them were sentenced to six months behind bars and four were sentenced to three months.

The 39 defendants were

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The First High Criminal Court yesterday issued its final verdict in a case involving a 39-member terrorist cell, who plotted to carry out acts of terror in the Kingdom.

The court sentenced three members to life in prison, six

Indian Embassy marks Hindi Day

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The Indian Embassy organised a number of competitions in which embassy staff members participated.

They were held as part of annual celebrations marking Hindi Day, which is observed every September 14 to commemorate the adoption of Hindi as one of the official languages of India.

Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava took part in the events.



Ambassador Srivastava, sixth from left, with embassy staff members during the celebrations

Two arrested for forced robbery

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Two men have been arrested for forced robbery.

The Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science director-general said that the pair, aged 21 and 30, stole a bag from a woman while she was walking in Seef.

He said that an investigation into the case led to identifying and arresting the suspects and the bag was confiscated from them within a half-hour of the case being reported.

Legal proceedings are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

CBB warns consumers on fraud

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The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) has called on consumers to be cautious and vigilant when dealing with their personal and banking information.

This warning comes as a result of increased cyber-attacks and fraud globally during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The CBB urged consumers to check SMS alerts in order to keep track of banking transactions. Consumers shall not respond to any calls received through smartphone apps (such as Viber, etc) claiming to be their bank service provider and requesting personal and banking information. Banks

would never use a smartphone app to request sensitive information, the statement said.

The CBB called to not enter sensitive information in any pop-up windows whilst browsing, and to always change the PIN and password assigned by the bank while accessing online banking services for the first time and remember to change it periodically.

Consumers must be alert about any fake websites, e-mails, telephone calls, and text messages which are possibly linked to fraudulent organisations specialised in embezzlement. They should not reveal banking information to any third party and ensure that it is kept confidential.

Bahrain-Switzerland renewable energy cooperation highlighted



Dr Mirza with Buemi

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Sustainable Energy Authority (SEA) president Dr Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza received yesterday Swiss Consul-General Humbert Vincent Buemi.

The SEA chief praised bilateral relations and growing cooperation with Switzerland in various fields. He also lauded

the unlimited support given to SEA by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Dr Mirza gave a visual presentation on renewable energy initiatives and the energy competence included in the national plan for renewable energy and energy competence.

He also briefed the Swiss Consul-General on main de-

velopments in Bahrain in this respect in the public and private sectors.

He discussed Swiss experiences in generating wind energy and floating solar energy projects, and shed light on investment opportunities in both countries, given the large experience of Swiss companies in these areas.