

Cooperation stressed



Education Ministry Undersecretary for Resources and Services Dr Mohammed Mubarak Juma'a yesterday received Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) Culture and Arts Director General Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa and discussed with her cooperation between the Education Ministry and BACA. The Education Ministry Undersecretary informed Shaikha Hala about the ministry's main development programmes and the efforts to broaden the scope of student-oriented artistic and cultural activities.

Drug lord ran smuggling network from prison cell

Six members of the racket on trial at High Criminal Court

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Experiences generally refine humans, but this wasn't the case with a drug lord serving a 10 year imprisonment for running a drug smuggling racket.

Court details say he continued to operate the racket from behind bars after being

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sentenced for the same crime.

The Bahraini man was earlier found guilty of selling drugs in the Kingdom and inside the prison he led the network smuggling shabu using a mobile phone that was smuggled into the jail, the court documents say.

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During questioning, he turned on his accomplices, and police officers were shocked to learn that the network was managed by the drug lord through a phone that was smuggled inside the prison.

“We received communication that the drug lord was operating a smuggling racket. We immediately tried to validate that information. We learned that he was coordinating with some men from Nigeria,” a police officer involved in dismantling the network revealed to prosecutors.

“We were alerted that one of the Nigerians would arrive in the Kingdom on April 19, 2018. We made special arrangements to arrest him. He was arrested carrying more than three kilograms of shabu and 177 grams of marijuana hidden inside his bag,” he added.

The Nigerian man revealed to police officers that he was supposed to deliver the illegal drugs to a Bahraini man, and he offered to cooperate to arrest other members of the racket.

“We released him purposefully to hand-

over the drugs to the Bahraini man. As he took drugs from the Nigerian man, we pounced on him. Subsequently, all other members of the racket were arrested,” the police officer said.

The Bahraini man, who was a part of the network, told prosecutors that the drug lord was working with him in the same company in 2007 before they began smuggling drugs.

The six men are on trial at the High Criminal Court for running a drug smuggling network. Their first hearing is scheduled to be on September 9.



3 kilograms of shabu were seized from the Nigerian man.

I will behead you, IS man tells cops

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An alleged member of the Islamic State (IS) has lost his appeal against a month's imprisonment for threatening police officers.

The defendant was put on trial in a separate case other than being an IS member after he pledged to behead officers who went to arrest him.

He was charged with threatening the Ministry of Interior's employees while trying to carry out their duties.

The defendant was among 24 men who were convicted of joining IS in Bahrain.

The defendants received jail terms between 10 and 15 years and all of them had their Bahraini nationality revoked.

Glimpse of hope for 'stateless family'

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Hope has been restored for a five-member stateless family that has been living in the Kingdom without any legal documents for more than 30 years.

This comes as the Indian Embassy here informed the family yesterday that their matter is being processed with top prominence at the External Affairs Ministry in New Delhi.

Born to an Indian father and Sri Lankan mother, the four siblings (three sisters and one brother) have been living in difficult conditions as they have no identity proof except for birth certificates they obtained from the Health Ministry here.

The second eldest daughter Yariah, 30, told Tribune yesterday that she had visited the embassy yesterday to follow up on her request to issue passports for her and her siblings.

As reported yesterday by Tribune, Ms Yariah handed over a written plea to India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj while she inaugurated the new Indian Embassy complex in Seef District on Saturday.

The woman told that conveying her plea to the



A screenshot of the video showing Ms Yariah speaking to Ms Swaraj.

minister was her last resort, claiming that her repeated requests to the Indian Embassy as well as the Sri Lankan embassy were denied due to lack of identity verification and other supportive documents.

However, she told the minister promised her that their matter will be looked into and hopefully solved.

“I was told by an embassy staff there that our matter has been referred to the concerned department in the External Affairs Ministry in Delhi. He told me not to worry and to wait for the embassy's call. I have waited for three long and difficult decades without a passport. I would wait another year if I have to. I'm happy that

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our status is finally looked into by the Indian authorities,” Ms Yariah told.

As reported yesterday, Ms Yariah, her three siblings and their mother are living in a miserable condition and merely surviving on donations and whatever she and her younger sister earn from working as part-time housemaids.

Adding to the suffering, their mother was diagnosed with kidney failure a few years ago and undergoes dialysis three times a week, a process that costs BD225 a week.

The stateless siblings weren't able to enroll in a school or receive proper medical attention. It was until recently that the Central Informatics Organisation (CIO) issued exceptional temporary identity cards for them, on humanitarian grounds.

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