

NBB Delegation Visits Youth City 2030

As Part of the Bank's Platinum Sponsorship



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A delegation from the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) recently visited the 2026 edition of Youth City 2030, as part of the Bank's platinum sponsorship of the initiative organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

During a guided tour, NBB representatives explored the various activities, learning stations, and specialised programmes available to participants. They also visited the classroom named after the Bank, reflecting its presence within an integrated environment designed to encourage learning, innovation, leadership, and active participation among young people.

Through its platinum sponsorship, NBB is supporting the effective delivery and continued advancement of the initiative's training and development offering. The Bank remains committed to national programmes that nurture the capabilities of the youth and empower them to contribute meaningfully to the Kingdom's progress.

As part of the commitment to supporting national initiatives and youth empowerment:

A partnership between “Bahrainouna” and Al Baraka Islamic Bank to Support the activities of “Youth City 2030”



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Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced its collaboration with the Executive Office of the National Plan to Promote the Spirit of Belonging to the Nation and Reinforce the Values of Citizenship, “Bahrainouna”, to support the activities of Youth City 2030. The collaboration reflects the Bank's continued commitment to contributing to national initiatives aimed at empowering the youth, enhancing their community participation, and reinforcing the values of belonging and citizenship.

This collaboration reaffirms Al Baraka Islamic Bank's established approach to social responsibility and sustainability, as well as its commitment to supporting national initiatives that generate a positive and lasting impact on society. It is also aligned with the Bank's ESG priorities and its role



as an active partner in supporting programmed that develop young people's capabilities and provide them with meaningful educational and interactive experiences.

Through this partnership, Al Baraka Islamic Bank is engaging with the “Bahrainouna” pavilion at Youth City 2030, which aims to deliver an interactive experience that transforms the values and objectives of the National Plan into practical and engaging activities for young people. The experience combines interaction, challenge, discovery and teamwork. The Bank will also support a number of accompanying activities and

events, in addition to providing Al Barakat Account prizes to winners during the programme, which runs from July 12 to August 20, 2026.

The partnership includes an interactive pavilion within Youth City 2030, offering an interactive experience that reinforces our national values and principles and achieves the objectives of the National Plan for Enhancing National Belonging and Instilling Citizenship Values through practical and interactive stations experienced by young people, combining interaction, challenge, discovery, and teamwork. It also



Husain Yusuf Ateyah, Acting Chief Executive Officer of Al Baraka Islamic Bank

includes support for a number of accompanying activities and events, in addition to providing Al Barakat Account prizes for winners of the events held during the program period extending from July 12 to August 20, 2026.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr Husain Yusuf Ateyah, Acting Chief Executive Officer of Al Baraka Islamic Bank, said: “At Al Baraka Islamic Bank, we believe that supporting national initiatives

that invest in the potential of young people is an essential part of our social responsibility. Empowering future generations and strengthening their connection to the values of citizenship and national belonging contribute to building a more aware and cohesive society.”

He added: “Our partnership with ‘Bahrainouna’ at Youth City 2030 builds on Al Baraka Islamic Bank's commitment to adopting initiatives that create a sustainable impact and align with our vision for sustainability and social responsibility. We continuously seek to collaborate with national entities to deliver experiences that enrich young people and support their future aspirations.”

On her part, Ms Hala Ahmed Sulaiman, Director of the Executive Office of the National Plan “Bahrainouna”, expressed her appreciation for this partnership and its role in working to implement and ensure the success of joint programs that serve the National Plan to Enhance National Belonging

and consolidate the values of citizenship ‘Bahrainouna’ as part of the activities of Youth City 2030. Highlighting that represent an important element in achieving the plan's objectives and enhancing the participation of various national institutions.”

She added that, through the ‘Bahrainouna’ pavilion, the Executive Office seeks to provide an interactive experience that translates national values into practical applications and gives young people the opportunity to learn, engage and acquire knowledge through innovative activities that combine enjoyment with meaningful benefits. She praised the support of Al Baraka Islamic Bank for this initiative, which reflects its role as a supportive partner for national and community programs.”

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Tourism Push Gains Summer Momentum

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Bahrain is reinforcing its position as a regional events hub with a packed summer calendar of entertainment and cultural activities, Tourism Minister H.E. Fatima bint Jaffar Al Sayegh said during a media tour of the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre (BIEC). She highlighted the variety of attractions available for families, visitors and residents, reflecting the Kingdom's growing tourism offering.

The minister highlighted the Bahrain Summer Gaming Festival, organised in collaboration with Pion Al Dana Theatre, as one of the season's key family attractions. She said the festival's



continued success stems from its evolving content and its ability to provide engaging experiences for visitors of all ages, alongside other major shows such as The Haunted House and the Fanzone sporting experience.

During the tour with local media representatives, Al Sayegh also visited Youth City 2030, which features a dedicated hall hosting Summer

business activities. The minister said the diverse programme of events is contributing to growth across Bahrain's hospitality, retail, dining and transport sectors. She added that such initiatives strengthen the Kingdom's tourism ecosystem and enhance its reputation as a leading regional destination for major events.



Court Orders Psychiatric Evaluation for Woman Convicted in Drug Case

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The Fifth High Criminal Court of Appeal has ordered a 46-year-old Bahraini woman convicted in a drug case to be admitted to a psychiatric hospital to determine whether she was legally responsible for her actions at the time of the offences.

The decision followed a request by her lawyer, Dalal Al Thawadi, after an initial medical report found that the woman suffers from bipolar disorder and recommended further psychiatric evaluation. She had previously



been sentenced to 10 years in prison, fined BD5,000 and ordered to forfeit the seized drugs after being convicted of importing marijuana for trafficking and possessing hashish for personal use.

According to court records, customs officers intercepted a parcel from a European country addressed to the woman, discovering around 194 grams of marijuana concealed inside food items.

Investigators later found suspected hashish, rolling papers and a digital scale during a search of her home, while a drug-filled cigarette was recovered from her car.

Prosecutors said the woman admitted collecting the package on behalf of an Asian man in exchange for 30 grams of hashish for personal use and also confessed to using and purchasing the drug from the same individual. Laboratory tests confirmed the seized substances were marijuana and hashish, while her urine sample tested positive for cannabis.

The appeal court will consider the psychiatric report before proceeding further with the case.

Halal Expo opens new doors for Bahrain-Thailand cooperation

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Bahrain's delegation continued its official visit to Thailand by participating in the opening of the International Halal Expo, which aims to strengthen cooperation in the halal economy, food industries, food security, investment and supply chains. The delegation was led by Khalid Ali Al Ameen, Chairman of the Food Committee at the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The delegation toured the exhibition, reviewed the latest halal products and technologies, and held meetings with officials and international companies to discuss



partnerships in food manufacturing, logistics, halal certification and innovation. The visit followed a tour of the Halal Science Center at Chulalongkorn University to learn about Thailand's advanced halal ecosystem.

Al Ameen said closer Bahrain-Thailand cooperation could cre-

ate new investment opportunities, enhance food security and support the growth of the halal sector. He added that the visit reflects the Bahrain Chamber's commitment to helping Bahraini businesses expand into Asian markets and build stronger international partnerships.