

# Anchorman to learn his fate on August 28

● The suspect used fake account to insult ex-MP

● Police later identified the suspect's true identity

● He was given a three-months jail term

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A local anchorman convicted of insulting an MP will learn the fate of his

appeal on August 28, announced the High Appeals Court.

Earlier, a court rejected a proposal to replace the defendant's jail term with social service outside the prison.

The defendant, aged 53, was sentenced to three months in prison for insulting ex MP Mohammed Khalid on his Twitter account.

At the time of registering the case, the true identity of the suspect was not revealed as police found the accounts identify as fake.

However, further investigations revealed the suspect's true identity, which resulted in jailing the anchorman.



The defendant, aged 53, was sentenced to three months in prison for insulting ex MP Mohammed Khalid on his Twitter account

He later confessed to investigators that he himself created the account to attack the MP.

However, the suspect, pleaded before the court to exchange his sentence with a manual work outside the prison which was promptly rejected.

It's worth noting that the 53-year-old defendant was earlier sentenced to two months behind bars for attacking a man in Muharraq with a broken bottle for publishing his image on Instagram and he deemed this act as defamatory.

In this case, however, the judge accepted his request to replace his jail sentence with a manual work.

# Cap helps police arrest rioter

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A cap helped police officers to identify and arrest a suspect who participated in a riot that broke out in Karanah, it was revealed.

According to court files, the cap was worn by the suspect during the riot to conceal his identity.

However, when the suspect tried to flee, the cap fell down which was later retrieved by the police from the crime scene.

The suspect, who is a teenager, according to police, organised the riot along with others to disrupt normal life in the locality.

Two other suspects, also teenagers, were arrested in connection with the case as

confessed by the suspect.

The suspect confessed during interrogations that their plan was to burn tyres on the Budaiya Highway, after meeting near a graveyard in Karanah.

"We used three tyres and tree branches for the purpose. I covered my head with a cap, but it fell down when we tried to flee from the scene," he told prosecutors.

He was arrested two days after the incident.

The trio have been charged with gathering illegally, disturbing public order and possessing firebombs. They are being tried before the High Criminal Court. They appeared yesterday for their first hearing, in which they pleaded not guilty.

# Two months ban on 'Kanaad' fishing



Representative picture

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Bahraini authorities have implemented a ban on butterfly kingfish (Kanaad) fishing, starting today.

The two-month ban, meant to replenish and balance the marine life, will continue until mid-October.

Secretary-General of the Association of Professional Fishermen of Bahrain, AbdulAmeer AlMughni said that the ban does not prohibit fishing using hand lining. However, fishing using spinning and nets are banned.



AlMughni



The fish butterfly kingfish (Kanaad) is a species of Tuna fish. As it is affected by temperature and streams, they migrate from one area to another

The move, he said, helps increase the stocks of Kanaad and achieve a balance within the marine life.

The ban also falls in line with the decision of the Committee on Agricultural Cooperation in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries taken at its 23rd meeting held in Riyadh.

The meeting directed member States to adopt measures including increasing eyeholes in the net, set a size limit so that none of the fish exceeds the size limits can be fished and determine a season to implement the ban.

# It's bigger, It's better

Over 100 countries are expected to participate in the 2018 IMMAF world championship in Bahrain

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Mohammed Zafran

With the participation of around 100 countries from around the globe, Bahrain is all set to host the 2018 IMMAF world championship, one of the biggest competitions to be held in the Kingdom.

"Bahrain is the only country to host the IMMAF world championship apart from the USA," President of the Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Colonel Khalid Abdulaziz Al Khayat confirmed to Tribune.

The event will be held this year in November. Just as last year, this year's edition will also be part of the Brave International Combat Week.

"In last year's edition held in Bahrain, we had 51 countries participating in the last year's edition, which was bigger than what they had when it was held in Las Vegas in the first, second and third editions," stressed Al Khayat.

Highlighting the merger IMMAF had this year, he said: "Eighty to 100 teams will be participating, maybe even more". He added: "The exact figures could be confirmed only after the registration."

One of the main attractions, of course, is the participation of the home team. Bahrain has emerged as a formidable force after its participation in championships in Asia, Europe and Africa winning gold, silver and bronze medals. In the IMMAF championship, Bahrain was ranked 3 by winning 2 gold and 3 bronze medals.

"We thank HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for supporting amateurs. Recently we had a player Hussain Ayyad moving from amateur level to professional level by joining brave," said Al Khayat.

The team currently is preparing for the Asian open that will be held in China from 10th



Colonel Al Khayat

to 15th of September.

"This will be the final competition we will participate before the world championship in 2018."

## @ Khalifa Sport City

IMMAF, in a statement to *The Tribune*, confirmed the return of the event to the Kingdom in November after its success in 2017.

"The International Mixed Martial Arts Federation's World Championships is set to return to Bahrain from 11 to 18 November 2018, and will again take place at Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town," confirmed IMMAF. Hailing the support of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the backing of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, IMMAF said the collaboration in 2017 between IMMAF and the Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Association has laid strong foundations for this year's event.

"The 2017 Championships broke records with close to 250 athletes representing 48 nations, and the 2018 event has potential to double."

Athletes are urged to contact their national federation for event updates.

# Cultivating the future

Capital club hosts farmers in association with Bahrain Development Bank

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Bringing together two of the most important rising industries in Bahrain, agriculture and entrepreneurship, Capital Club hosted a 'thank you' luncheon for local farmers.

The luncheon, using home-grown ingredients, offered a 6-course menu prepared by Capital Club Head Chef, Chef Miklos. Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) officials were present.

Over the recent years, Bahrain's efforts to increase produce locally and encourage local Food and Beverage outlets to use homegrown products have seen the rise of means and facilities such as hydroponic farming, resulting in a wider use of locally grown greens, vegetables, and fruits.

Self-sustaining methods as such have also given rise to large-scale entities such as the



From a group photo session during the event

Farmer's Market in Salmabad and Peninsula Farms located in South of Bahrain (which even offers goat-milk lifestyle products), which offer the finest and freshest local produce all year round - for commercial and domestic use.

Working closely with the Capital Club Bahrain in support of their aim to achieve the United Nations set of Sustainable Development Goals in Bahrain, the lunch was a means to showcase the agricultural potential in Bahrain. "Our goal

is to encourage other Food and Beverage operators and hoteliers walk with us towards sustainable farming", says Capital Club Bahrain General Manager, Sumeet Jhingan, "and grow 'farm to fork' concept in Bahrain." The use of local goods and aiming for 60% menu to be created using Bahraini products would also result in the reduction of dependence on international produce, he adds. Additionally, as the seasons change within the Kingdom, enhancing the menu by incorporating seasonal ingredients would also keep it fresh and add a speciality factor to a dining experience.

One of the first initiatives in Bahrain to encourage sustainable farming on the island, the partnership between farmers and businesses are steps towards a sustainable Bahrain and an opportunity for international business to want to invest in the Kingdom for its rich harvest.