

Saudi virus tests valid for entry to Bahrain



Shaikh Rashid

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Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa said that to welcome travellers coming to Bahrain through the King Fahd Causeway and to facilitate their procedures, all coronavirus (COVID-19) test certificates accredited by the Saudi Health Ministry—released within 72 hours—are valid for entry to Bahrain.

The Interior Minister said that work is going on with the concerned Saudi authorities to get the results electronically in order to facilitate the entry of visitors.

Woman jailed for embezzlement

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The First High Criminal Court sentenced a Bahraini woman to one year in jail and fined her BD1,000, after finding her guilty of using her mother-in-law's bank card without her consent.

However, the court suspended the execution of the verdict for three years.

As reported on TDT last month, the case was initiated due to a dispute over the ownership rights of an abaya shop between the woman and her late husband's parents.

The woman, who is in her 20s, was accused by her in-laws of using their bank card without their consent.

According to the accused's statements, the shop was bought by her late husband in 2017 and he had registered it under his mother's name.

She clarified that her late husband was a public employee, hence he wasn't allowed to register the shop under his name, while also claiming that it wasn't possible to register it under her name because she was a university student at the time, so the shop was registered under her mother-in-law's name.

Explaining more, she said she was practically managing the shop since it was established, even before her husband's demise.

However, the plaintiff, the father-in-law, accused her of embezzling money from the shop by using its bank card and transferring amounts of up to BD5,000 to her personal account.

The accuser also claimed that he had agreed with his daughter-in-law to allocate BD200 out of the shop's monthly income to her as a salary, while the remaining amounts should be deposited in the bank account registered under the shop's name.

The man alleged that he discovered the matter last January when he received messages from the bank informing him about amounts being transferred from the shop's account to the accused's.

Additionally, he accused his daughter-in-law of embezzling other amounts he is not aware of, as he said he had also discovered that she modified the settings of the card machine at the shop so it would automatically transfer amounts to her account.

The woman told the judges that she had multiple disagreements with her father-in-law, who she claimed repeatedly refused to waive the shop's Commercial Registration and transfer it to her name, and instead demanded to be handed over all of the shop's pages on social media, which have thousands of followers and customers.

Man apprehended for illegal shrimping



The 180kg of shrimp seized

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A man caught shrimping with banned trawling nets, the Ministry of Interior said yesterday.

The ministry stated that the Coast Guard commander reported the apprehension of the man, while the 180kg of shrimp in his possession was seized.

The incident took place along Karana beach.

Legal procedures were taken and the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution.

Royal Command college ceremony held



BDF officers during the opening ceremony

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Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) chief-of-staff Lt-Gen Dhiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi attended yesterday the opening ceremony of the 13th Joint Command and Staff session, held at the Royal Command, Staff and National Defence College.

The college commandant thanked the chief-of-staff for attending the opening ceremony, and stressed the importance of the session in grooming officers to work in various

military posts and boosting their readiness and combat capabilities.

The chief-of-staff also gave a speech in which he expressed happiness about attending the ceremony.

He conveyed the greetings of BDF commander-in-chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and welcomed participants from the armed forces of brotherly countries, and wished them every success.

The ceremony was also attended by BDF senior officers.

A wild, dangerous ride!

Female driver faces legal action, car impounded after viral video shows her on highway with housemaid in half-opened trunk



A screenshot of the video showing the housemaid in the trunk of the moving car

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Legal procedures were taken against a 20-year-old female driver yesterday, less than a day after a video circulated of her recklessly driving on the highway with a woman precariously sitting in the half-opened trunk of her car.

The video went viral online and stirred public outrage, as the car was seen travelling on

the fast lane, allegedly on Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Causeway, commonly known as the Hidd Bridge.

The woman in the trunk was said to be the driver's housemaid. She was seen holding onto a big box while her feet dangled dangerously from her position in the car's boot.

Quoting the General Directorate of Traffic, the Interior Ministry said in a tweet that the



The car of the 20-year-old driver after being impounded

female driver was aged 20.

The traffic directorate affirmed that her vehicle was impounded, and also confirmed that legal procedures have been taken against her.

The ministry shared a picture of the impounded car and said that the matter is being referred to the Public Prosecution.

No other details about the people involved in the case were released.

Online outrage

Members of the public voiced their concern about the driver's treatment of her housemaid and for putting her in such a dangerous position.

Some said that the incident is comparable to abuse and expressed their sympathy for the maid, while criticising the driver and commending the authorities for their swift action.

National disaster committee holds meeting



Al Hassan during the online meeting

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Public Security chief Lt-Gen Tariq Al Hassan chaired the National Disaster Management Committee's online meeting.

The committee members and representatives of ministries and concerned authorities attended.

The chief directed the formation of two committees, with one panel reviewing the needs of shelters and the second holding

ing awareness campaigns for the public.

The two committees are part of the implementation of the directives of Interior Minister and Civil Defence Council chairman General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa.

The chief expressed thanks and appreciation to the efforts of authorities and organisations involved in fighting the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Bahrain's pioneering human rights initiatives stressed



Dr. Bachelet

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A Bahrain delegation, led by the Kingdom's permanent representative to the UN Office and other international organisations in Geneva Ambassador Dr Yusuf Abdulkarim Bachelet, made a statement within the framework of the public debate on the oral update of the High Commissioner for Human Rights report.

In the statement, the permanent representative expressed thanks to high commissioner

Michelle Bachelet for her update and for shedding light on the most important contemporary challenges facing all of humanity, foremost among which is the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The ambassador stressed the need for countries to raise their levels of preparedness for pandemics, and to invest in a healthier and safer future, as well as the importance of adopting policies and measures to confront the challenges resulting from the emerging COVID-19 disease, in line with international standards.

He also affirmed that Bahrain continues its pioneering initiatives in the field of protecting and promoting human rights, and implementing its voluntary commitments in accordance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the recommendations that the Kingdom received during the Universal Periodic Review.