

Ten convicted over narcotics offences



Life term for first defendant

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Ten defendants were convicted by the High Criminal Court yesterday for offences involving narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

The first defendant received life imprisonment and a BD5,000 fine.

The remaining nine were each jailed for a year and fined BD1,000. The court ordered the seized items confiscated.

According to the Narcotics Crimes Prosecution, the case began with information passed

to the Anti-Narcotics Directorate and later borne out by its inquiries.

The first defendant was said to have kept drugs for sale, turned her home into a place for users to take them, and sold from the balcony of the property.

Warrant

Acting under a warrant from the Public Prosecution, officers arrested her at the residence alongside nine others.

Prosecutors questioned the group and set out the seized items and other evidence during the inquiry.

Once the investigation was complete, the file went to the High Criminal Court, which issued its ruling yesterday.

Public health at risk

Fake dermatologist on trial after being caught running unlicensed botox clinic

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The Second Minor Criminal Court has opened hearings in the case of a foreign woman accused of practicing medicine without a license and possessing unregistered medical drugs.

During yesterday's session, the defendant denied the charges.

The court adjourned proceedings to September 29 to allow her defense.

According to case details, the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) reported the woman after she promoted herself on social media as a dermatologist and cosmetic specialist, offering unlicensed medical ser-



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vices from her apartment.

Sting operation

In coordination with the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Evidence, authorities conducted a sting operation, catching the

suspect in the act of injecting clients with Botox in exchange for money.

She was using unauthorized medicines imported from outside Bahrain. A quantity of unlicensed drugs was also seized.

The Public Prosecution stated

that the defendant had initially admitted to the charges during questioning.

She was remanded in custody pending trial, while the confiscated items were secured as evidence.

Violations

Police investigations confirmed the violations, leading to her referral to court.

A senior prosecutor underscored the importance of adhering to strict medical regulations aimed at safeguarding patients, warning that unlicensed practices pose serious risks to public health.

He urged full compliance with the guidelines set by the NHRA.

Creativity meets empowerment

Women's workshop by Milk Chic and Wild About Art, backed by XwhyZ

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A wave of color, creativity, and empowerment filled Wild About Art Studio in Juffair as Milk Chic, supported by its parent company XwhyZ, hosted a Women's Empowerment Workshop designed to inspire self-expression and community connection.

The initiative, carried out in partnership with Wild About Art Studio, invited women to explore new painting techniques, design personalized tote bags, and share their voices in an inclusive, creative environment.

Darunee, Founder of Milk Chic, highlighted the vision behind the event: "Milk Chic is about more than fashion—it's about giving women the confidence to express their strength and style. This workshop shows how creativity can be a powerful



Participants show their personalized tote bags

path to empowerment."

The event was guided by the leadership of Georgi Jose, CEO of XwhyZ, and the program was guided by the leadership of Milk

Chic and XwhyZ, with advisory support from Roshan George, ensuring the program carried both cultural depth and strategic vision.

"XwhyZ is an AI-first technology company, but our mission extends to shaping futures where innovation and inclusion coexist.

Supporting women through creativity is one way we connect technology's promise with real social impact," said Georgi Jose.

Wild About Art, known for its nurturing creative spaces, provided the perfect setting for women to pause, recharge, and connect.

Many participants expressed how meaningful it was to walk away not only with a custom tote but with a renewed sense of confidence and sisterhood.

The collaboration underscored a shared commitment: to champion women's empowerment in Bahrain and beyond by blending creativity, technology, and community into lasting impact.

Safety inspection



The Southern Municipality, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Civil Defence, the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), and the Ministry of Works, has conducted a comprehensive field inspection campaign at Isa Town's popular market, covering 582 shops. The initiative aimed to ensure compliance with Civil Defence safety standards and to verify the safety of electrical connections and fire systems. As part of the campaign, Civil Defence teams inspected fire extinguishers to confirm their validity, placement, and accessibility, while also checking the operation of early warning systems. Specialists from the EWA examined electrical connections and extensions in shops and kiosks to ensure they met technical specifications and to identify any random or hazardous wiring.

Seminar organised on Christian archaeological sites in Eastern Arabia

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The Bahrain National Museum hosted a two-day seminar on Saturday and Sunday, 13-14 September 2025, titled "Christian Archaeological Sites in Eastern Arabia: Towards A Shared Heritage".

It was organised in cooperation with the King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance.

The event was attended by Dr. Salman Al Mahari, Director General of Archaeology at the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Abdulla Isa Al Mannai, Executive Director of the King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance, along with a number of officials and archaeology specialists, as well as a group of



Distinguished guests speak at the event

academics, researchers, and experts from Bahrain and abroad.

E Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of BACA, affirmed that the continued discovery of Christian archaeological sites in Eastern Arabia reflects the region's rich cultural diversity, which stands as a positive force in its historical heritage

He noted that these sites

shed light on the civilisational richness of Bahrain across the ages, making it a meeting point for civilisations and religions, while the Nestorian Christian heritage represents an added value to the cultural diversity of the region.

The first day of the seminar provided a general historical overview of Nestorian Christian heritage in Eastern Arabia.

Promoting youth participation actively

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The Ministry of Youth Affairs is committed to supporting purposeful youth initiatives and strengthening the role of youth organisations and associations in promoting national identity and expanding avenues for active participation in cultural and social affairs.

This was emphasised by Her Excellency Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs as she noted that this reflects the national approach to empowering young people and reinforcing their role as partners in sustainable development.

The Minister highlighted Ministerial Decision (33) of 2025 concerning the registration of the Articles of Association of the Beyt Al Oud Society on the register of youth associations under the supervision of

“the society aims to instil loyalty and national belonging, and to promote Bahraini identity through educational and interactive programmes that raise awareness and reinforce responsible citizenship, discipline, and community participation.”
- H.E. RAWAN BINT NAJEEB TAWFIQI, MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS

the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

She emphasised that the decision comes as part of the ministry's efforts to continue supporting initiatives aimed

at safeguarding cultural heritage and instilling values of belonging and citizenship among young people.

Tawfiqi added that the Beyt Al Oud Society will represent a significant addition to youth activity in the Kingdom through its programmes and initiatives that promote Bahraini identity and contribute to building an aware and creative generation.

The Minister highlighted that the establishment of the Beyt Al Oud Society aligns with the ministry's strategy to support cultural and social activities and create national platforms for young people's talents and energy.

She noted that the society will promote national values, increase youth participation in cultural and community events, and support the Kingdom's efforts to strengthen social cohesion and unity.