

Court jails three over terror offences, revokes citizenship

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Two suspects, accused of joining a terrorist group, have been sentenced to 10 years each in jail by the fourth High Criminal Court yesterday.

They were also fined BD 600 and BD 500 respectively, Acting Head of the Terror Crime Prosecution, Chief Prosecutor Hamad Shaheen said.

The court also handed down a seven-year jail term to another defendant (the second), as well as revoked the citizenship of all of them.

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Court files say the first suspect contacted the terrorist elements in Bahrain and abroad and travelled to Iraq in 2017, where he received military training on making and using explosives and firearms by the Sariyya al-Muqawama al-Sha'bia (Popular Resistance Brigades)-affiliated second suspect.

The latter recruited the first to that terrorist group in order to prepare him to carry out terrorist acts in Bahrain.

The first defendant was also trained on making and using explosives by the third suspect outside Bahrain.

The first suspect was also found guilty of transporting materials for making explosives from Bani Jamra to Hamad

Town, as well as monitoring and following the movement of an Interior Ministry's officer to target him.

The Public Prosecution relied on technical and verbal evidence, including the testimonies of the prosecution witnesses and the confession of the suspects.

The accused were referred to the High Criminal Court which heard the case and provided them with all legal guarantees and issued its afore-mentioned verdict.

The suspects have the right to challenge the ruling before the Court of Appeal and, then at the Court of Cassation as guaranteed by the Bahraini Constitution.

National Bureau for Taxation holds VAT awareness meet



Officials and participants during the workshop

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The National Bureau for Taxation (NBT) held an awareness workshop yesterday for government entities on VAT treatment and policies.

The workshop, which attracted representatives from around 30 government entities, focused on core VAT concepts in addition to reviewing the VAT treatment and policies.

As per a Cabinet decision, 1,400 public services are not subject to 5 per cent VAT. The move also falls in line with the Royal Directives of HM the

King to review the VAT application process during its trial period.

The NBT statement said it will continue to hold an extensive series of workshops to facilitate the exchange of technical expertise and assure the correct application of the VAT.

For VAT related queries contact NBT call-centre on 80008001 or vat@mof.gov.bh for general and technical inquiries. Also, log on to NBT's website (www.nbt.gov.bh) or Instagram and Twitter (@BahrainNBT) for more VAT related information.

School Mini Olympics preparations underway

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Preparations for the sixth edition of the School Mini Olympics, organised by the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), is now underway.

The event brought up in cooperation with the Ministry of Education will see schools from all over the nation in the fray. 22 team and individual sporting events were confirmed with initial registration starting on 17. Deadline for accepting entries is February 7.

Not any player will be allowed to register after the specified period.

A technical meeting will be held on February 17, it was announced.

12 players are eligible to represent each of the teams in the football championship, includ-



The Projects Directorate meeting with the Ministry of Education

ing eight on the field.

Events part of the Mini Olympics will be held at Isa Sports City, Khalifa Sports City, Umm Al Hassam, Bahrain International Circuit (cars and bicycles) and the Polytechnic University tennis court.

During a meeting of BOC Pro-

ject Directorate, Mariam Abdul Jabbar from the IT directorate gave a detailed report on how to use the electronic registration method.

The meeting was attended by projects manager Lounes Madene, senior management specialist Mamoon Al-Khateeb,

specialist Jawahar Abdullah, Maryam Abdul Jabbar of the Information Technology Directorate, in addition to Ministry of Education's physical education head Dr Nader Jamali, Hani Hussain Ali and Fatima Hassan from the Physical Education department.

Air-India Express unveils promotional rates to India

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AIR-INDIA Express announced introducing all inclusive promotional fares for its services from Bahrain to sectors including Kozhikode, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangalore.

The promotional fares are applicable for tickets booked between 17 and 23 Jan 2019 with travel date between 17 Jan and 30 March 2019.

Fares from Bahrain to Kochi flights will be starting from BD47, Bahrain to Thiruvananthapuram from BD52 and Bahrain to Mangalore will be

from BD62. The statement further said AIR-INDIA Express, a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India, offers 30 kg free baggage allowance on all flights from Bahrain.

Passengers are allowed to carry one cabin baggage of maximum 7 kg (including laptop and duty-free shopping bags).

5 kg additional allowance can be availed by paying BD8 and 10 kg by paying BD16 at the time of purchasing tickets.

With a fleet size comprising 25 Boeing 737 - 800 NG aircraft, the Airline flies to 13 International and 20 domestic destinations.

'Bahrain Eye' photography competition announces winners

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Batelco has announced the winners of its 'Bahrain Eye competition' held as part of the fourth edition of its Bahrain Eye Exhibition ongoing at the Avenues Mall.

The competition covered four categories. The People in Bahrain category, which focused on spontaneous portraits, was won by Sanaullah Mohammad Ali. Nader Isa Al Bazzaz took second place and Hassan Al-Taif third.

The Mobile Photography category, which highlights the technical perception and sensory skill of the photographer, was won by Batool Bader. Esraa Radhi and Rashmi Ramachandran bagged second and third spots, respectively.

For the My Bahrain category, which covers places and landscapes in Bahrain, Asim Kodakkattu was awarded first place. Mohammed Mohsen followed with second place and Sayed Hussain Saleh third.

The final category of Tawasul, which covers the topic of communication in all its forms, was won by Hussain Saeed Hassan Ayaad. Faisal Ali Khalaf followed in second place and Mehreen Sakhi in third.

The exhibition, which continues until January 24 at The Avenues Mall Gate 3, is being held under the patronage of Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate.



Prize winners with Shaikh Isa Bin Ali Al Khalifa, the Director of the Department of Social and Community Affairs in the Governorate and Batelco officials. Shaikh Isa inaugurated the event



A delegation from Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) headed by board chairman Sameer Abdullah Nass with Deputy Governor of the Eastern Region Prince Ahmed bin Fahad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in the presence of the head of the Saudi side of the Saudi-Bahraini Joint Business Council Abdulrahman Al-Otaishan. Both sides expressed keenness on bolstering business between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia and to push the trade volume to its optimal level.