

Quota call for women in upcoming polls

Only special reservation can bridge the gender gap in politics

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Electoral quota for women is a must to ensure that women in the Kingdom attain legislative strides, said chairperson of Bahraini Women Union (BWU) Badriya Al Marzouq.

She explained that a few women running for the electoral process doesn't mean the entire women community has been empowered politically. She stressed that the goal of the BWU is to empower women and to highlight the importance of their participation in elections to change the views of voters towards women and increase the number of votes. "Women politicians are as good as men politicians. This



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equality should be underscored during the electoral process." Ms Al Marzouq said the BWU, since last February, has launched a number of initiatives aimed at raising awareness

through workshops or seminars and awareness lectures on the importance of women's participation in the upcoming elections and their role in decision-making.

On the performance of female MPs in the current council, she said they have been able to raise a number of issues concerning women including increasing the number of breastfeeding hours for women in the private sector.

Bahrain Summer Festival begins today

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (Baca) will today launch this year's Bahrain Summer Festival which will run until August 18. Held under the slogan "Muharrag Capital of Islamic Culture", the 10th edition of the Bahrain Summer Festival is returning with a thrilling consecutive two-month programme.

The annual festival, which has become one of the most anticipated events throughout the region due to its reputation of exciting lineups of live shows and multi-cultural family-friendly entertainment, will be filled with various performances along with artistic activities and creative workshops.



Many musical events will be held as part of the festival.

The festival, which will be located in Nakheel Tent at the historical Arad Fort, will offer a variety of children's activities and workshops. Nakheel and

Nakheel, the adventurous duo and faces of Nakheel Tent, will welcome all families and friends daily from 5 pm to 9 pm except Sundays.



Many cultural programmes have been lined up.

Mosaic to enthrall visitors



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A new mosaic has been made near the Al Fateh Highway and the Dolphin Park. It was made by Art Reach in association with Almoayed Contracting.

Speaking to Tribune, Capital Secretariat Council Vice Chairman Mazen Ahmed Alumeran, said, "We have been working for quite long to create a mosaic



maze in an area where a lot of people go to and spend time."

"This was an initiative by Art Reach who approached the council with the idea of making a mosaic in the Capital."

"The art mural is very strategically placed as it is right opposite to the seafront. This initiative came from creating a concept, which is something totally different."

World Heritage Young Professionals Forum begins

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The World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2018 began yesterday at the Bahrain Fort Museum under the theme "Protecting Heritage in an Ever-Changing World."

Delegates from the Paris-based Unesco World Heritage Centre, and more than 30 youth professionals from around the globe attended the opening ceremony.

The forum that runs until June 26, aims to transmit the values of World Heritage, highlighting the potential that World Heritage education may have for facilitating sustainable development.

It is addressed to young professionals who are invited to reflect upon the complexity of preserving world with the help of international experts.

Addressing the ceremony, Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (Baca) Museums Director Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmad Al Khalifa, said that hosting the international event enhances the Kingdom's status as a regional and global center of civilisation.

The forum is held on the sidelines of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee Manama is hosting from 24 June to 4 July 2018, to be patronised by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.



The participants at the forum.