

## Bahrain participates in Paris Air Show

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In line with the directives of HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Personal Representative, Chairman of Bahrain International Air Show (BIAS)'s High Organising Committee, the Minister of Transportation and Communications, Deputy Chairman of BIAS High Organising Committee, Kamal Ahmed, participated in the opening of the International Paris Air Show.

Bahrain's participation is aimed at promoting communication between the Kingdom and the participating aviation companies to accentuate Bahrain as a hub attractive to businesses in the aviation sector in the Middle East.



Mr Ahmed with other Bahraini officials at the Paris Air Show.

The minister highlighted the significance of Bahrain's participation in encouraging the largest number of international aviation companies to take part in the upcoming Bahrain International Air Show, where businessmen, economic and industrial com-

panies meet on November 18-20, 2020, at the Sakhir Airbase under the royal patronage.

He said Paris Air Show is the largest air show in the world, a unique forum for leading civil and military aircraft manufacturers, making it an ideal platform for the promotion of Bahrain International Air Show 2020.

On the sidelines of Paris Air Show, the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications met the UAE's Minister of State for Higher Education and Advanced Skills, a number of telecommunication ministers and representatives from international companies participating in the international event within the framework of boosting co-operation for the progress of the aviation sector in the region.

# Hearing date set for man accused of insulting Islam

Suspect accused of delivering a religious sermon that included insults to the companions of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

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A man who is accused of insulting the companions of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) during a sermon that he recently delivered, will stand trial before the judges on June 19, 2019, it was announced yesterday.

Capital Governorate Chief Prosecutor Abdullah Al Thawadi yesterday confirmed in a statement that the suspect will remain behind bars until he's referred to the Minor Criminal Court.

Mr Al Thawadi stated that the prosecution has interrogated the suspect and evidences proved that he committed the crime, which he is accused of.

The man is accused of delivering a religious sermon that included insults to the companions of the Prophet at a worship place and in front of a big crowd.

The Chief Prosecutor added: "Freedom of opinion and expression is guaranteed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the law, provided that it does not affect religion and its symbols, and does not incite division and sectarianism."

The man has been identified as Ahmed Abdulaziz Al Mahdi, as mentioned in a press statement issued by Interior Ministry on June 10, 2019.

In the statement, Hooria Po-

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lice Station Head said the man was summoned and arrested for "delivering a sermon that included defaming contents of

the Caliphs of the early years of Islam known as 'the Rashidun.'

"The sermon wasn't considerate to the importance of those individuals to Muslims of different sects. Al Madhi violated article 310/2 of the Penal Code law by publicly defaming through his sermon an essential symbol to a sect.

"His act also promoted sedition and extremism in a way that threatens civil peace and social fabric," the official was quoted in the statement.

If convicted, the suspect would be facing a punishment for a period not exceeding one year imprisonment or a fine not exceeding BD100, as per the Kingdom's Penal Code.

## Employer faces court trial for faking employee's signature

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A Bahraini employer is facing trial for seeking electricity and water connection from the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) under his Pakistani employee's name without obtaining the latter's consent.

The case was referred to the First High Criminal Court, after the employee lodged a complaint as he discovered that he's obliged to pay BD900 to settle outstanding EWA bills.

The victim discovered this when he approached the authority to obtain a power and water connection for his household for the first time.

He was then informed about the money he owed to the authority since 2015.

Court documents show that the incident occurred in the Northern Governorate, where the employer, with the assistance of another unknown individual, forged the victim's signature to obtain power and water connection for a commercial shop.

The employer also used the identity card of the victim to complete the crime.

The Public Prosecution accused the employer of forging the victim's signature and willingly using it in official documents.

The victim told the interrogators that he had worked with the defendant from 2011 to 2013, adding that he left the job because he wasn't receiving his pay regularly.

He said he discovered the matter when he rented an apartment and approached the authority to apply for a power connection.

The court yesterday ordered to adjourn the case to July 2.

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## Defendant to learn fate in traffic embezzlement case

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A traffic policeman, who's accused of embezzlement, will learn his fate on July 1, as confirmed by the First High Criminal Court on Sunday.

The defendant, who works at the Registration Department in the General Directorate of Traffic, is accused of unlawfully collecting vehicles'

registration fees without entering their data in the directorate's system and embezzling the paid amounts.

As shown in court files, the crimes occurred in 2016, but the matter was only discovered a year later.

In 2017, many drivers complained that their cars were not registered for an entire year, as the directorate's sys-

tem was not updated, despite the fact that they paid the fees to the defendant and received receipts from him, according to prosecutors.

The directorate launched an investigation into the matter and the records led to the defendant, as the incidents occurred during his shift, court files say.

When interrogated, he denied

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that he stole any amounts. He also claimed that his login password was used on several other computers in the department, adding that he had reported it to his superior, but no action was taken.

However, the defendant couldn't support his claims with any evidence and he later confessed that he had taken the money and didn't hand it over

to the concerned department.

The Public Prosecution earlier accused him of embezzlement and misusing his authority as a public servant entrusted to collect money on behalf of Interior Ministry.

The prosecution's accusations came after interrogating the suspect, hearing witnesses statements and reviewing the evidence.

## Volunteers meet



Future society for youth and its "Smile" initiative, held a meeting with initiative members and volunteers. The event included a number of activities and provided an opportunity to discuss future projects. Future Society's chairman Subah Al Zayani stressed that the aim of the meeting was to gather members and volunteers to consolidate their relations and to share ideas to improve Society's role in voluntary work.