

‘Maan’ wins global honour

The programme secured International Stevie Award 2019 in two categories



The Interior Ministry was praised over winning the honour.

Manama

Capital Governor and Head of “Maan” programme committee to fight violence and addiction, Shaikh Hesham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa extended sincerest congratulations to Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa on “Maan” programme’s winning of the International Stevie Award 2019 in two categories: Personality of the Year and Administrative

Team.

The award is considered the most prestigious international honour in creativity, institutional distinction and international works.

The Capital Governor expressed appreciation of the top-class award, which is a reflection of the outstanding professional performance of “Maan” work team.

The programme’s committee head praised the programme’s accomplishments brought about

120,000

students have benefited from ‘Maan’ programme since its inception.

thanks to the directives and unlimited support of the Interior

Minister.

The programme benefited more than 120,000 students during the last academic year, covering 173 public schools and 72 private ones.

The Capital Governor lauded the Interior Minister’s support to facilitate participation of “Maan” in international gatherings, commending the role of the officials in charge of the programme in boosting the concept of social security and raising awareness of the youth of am-

bient dangers.

Bahraini Ambassador to the US and founder of “Maan” programme Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa won the Personality of the Year 2019 award while the officials in charge of the programme won the Administrative Team award.

A total of 4,000 participants from 74 countries vied for the award, which was judged by 12 juries comprising 270 international arbitrators to ensure integrity and transparency.

Asians jailed for stealing diesel

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The Lower Criminal Court has sentenced two Asian men to six months behind bars each for stealing diesel from trucks belonging to a construction company.

The two men will be deported once they complete their jail terms.

The defendants were spotted by a security officer guarding the site, in which the trucks were parked.



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“I directly informed my superiors,” the security officer told Prosecutors.

The pair admitted to their crime during questioning.

In its verdict, the Lower Criminal Court said that it was reassured by the pieces of evidence submitted against their pair when it held them guilty of the charged laid against them.

Currency smugglers caught at Madinah airport

Madinah

Four passengers were caught attempting to smuggle SR3.093 million (\$804,010) out of Prince Mohammed bin Abdulaziz International Airport in Madinah.

The passengers, who hid the money in their luggage, were intending to travel to

four different destinations, Saudi Press Agency reported.

Ahmad Al Ghamdi, director of customs at the airport, said that the first attempt consisted of SR948,300 hidden in the passenger’s clothes.

He added that another attempt used the same strategy, and customs found

SR679,000 in his clothes.

In the third attempt, the smuggler tried to conceal SR415,500 in metal cans hidden in his luggage. The fourth passenger attempted to hide SR1.050 million in a pair of trousers in his luggage.

Al Ghamdi added that the smugglers could not prove the legitimacy of the mon-

ey, which reinforced the possibility of it being related to money laundering.

Saudi Customs said that the Anti-Money Laundering Law requires all passengers carrying cash or precious metals that exceed the value of SR60,000 to complete a declaration form. Failing to do so would be considered an explicit breach of the law.

Court upholds ministry’s decision to fire employee

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The High Administrative Court has upheld the Ministry of Health’s decision to fire an employee after he hit a colleague with a chair and insulted him.

The plaintiff filed a case against the Ministry of Health for sacking him after working for it for seven years as a Public Relations Specialist.

However, the ministry revealed that the reasons behind its decision and the court deemed them valid, referring to the Civil Service Bureau’s rules.

It was also found that the plaintiff served in another ministry before joining the Ministry of Health and he was dismissed for similar reasons.

It’s said that the defendant had insulted several other colleagues as well.

He was also suspended from his duty during his service in the Ministry of Health for misconduct but he didn’t “learn any lesson”.

Therefore, a disciplinary panel recommended firing him after investigating the incident of him throwing a chair on his colleague.

Plan to improve Hajj luggage services launched

Riyadh

The launch of the EYAB initiative, which aims to end luggage procedures for pilgrims, has been announced by the General Authority for Civil Aviation (GACA).

The initiative, which will begin its pilot phase within the next two days, is set to automatically organise luggage logistics before worshippers arrive at the airport.

It will target pilgrims departing to Indonesia, India and Malaysia during the next Hajj season.

The president of the GACA, Abdulhadi Al Mansouri, said the authority wants to improve pilgrims’ services by reducing waiting times at King Abdul Aziz International Airport in Jeddah, and Prince Mohammed bin Abdul Aziz International Airport in Madinah.

He added that the EYAB initiative will serve about 30,000 pilgrims in the first phase at the airports in Jeddah and Madinah.

After this phase is completed, the service will expand to serve all pilgrims in airports throughout the country.

Mansouri thanked all the governmental and nongovernmental bodies participating in the initiative.



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He specifically praised the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah, the Presidency of State Security, the National Information Centre and Saudi Customs for their work with the GACA.