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# 'Maan' wins global honour

The programme secured International Stevie Award 2019 in two categories



The Interior Ministry was praised over winning the honour.

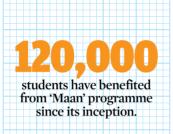
#### Manama

olence and addiction, Shaikh works. Hesham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa extended sincerest con- pressed appreciation of the topgratulations to Interior Minis- class award, which is a reflection ter General Shaikh Rashid bin of the outstanding professional Abdullah Al Khalifa on "Maan" performance of "Maan" work programme's winning of the In-team. ternational Stevie Award 2019

The award is considered the apital Governor and Head most prestigious international of "Maan" programme honour in creativity, institutioncommittee to fight vi- al distinction and international

The Capital Governor ex-

The programme's committee



The programme benefited more than 120,000 students US and founder of "Maan" produring the last academic year, gramme Shaikh Abdullah bin covering 173 public schools and 72 private ones.

The Capital Governor lauded the Interior Minister's support the programme won the Adminto facilitate participation of istrative Team award. "Maan" in international gathof the Year and Administrative accomplishments brought about limited support of the Interior awareness of the youth of am- tegrity and transparency.

bient dangers.

Bahraini Ambassador to the Rashid Al Khalifa won the Personality of the Year 2019 award while the officials in charge of

A total of 4,000 participants erings, commending the role of from 74 countries vied for the the officials in charge of the pro- award, which was judged by 12 gramme in boosting the concept juries comprising 270 internain two categories: Personality head praised the programme's thanks to the directives and un- of social security and raising tional arbitrators to ensure in-

#### **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 saw them extracting the diesel from the tanks and storing it in bottles. They were using a hose.

"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

our passengers were caught at- Agency reported. tempting to smuggle SR3.093 million

The passengers, who hid the money in He added that another attempt used

four different destinations, Saudi Press SR679,000 in his clothes.

(\$804,010) out of Prince Moham- at the airport, said that the first attempt in his luggage. The fourth passenger at- Laundering Law requires all passengers med bin Abdulaziz International Airport consisted of SR948,300 hidden in the pastempted to hide SR1.050 million in a pair carrying cash or precious metals that exsenger's clothes.

In the third attempt, the smuggler tried being related to money laundering. Ahmad Al Ghamdi, director of customs to conceal SR415,500 in metal cans hidden of trousers in his luggage.

ey, which reinforced the possibility of it

Saudi Customs said that the Anti-Money ceed the value of SR60,000 to complete a Al Ghamdi added that the smugglers declaration form. Failing to do so would be their luggage, were intending to travel to the same strategy, and customs found could not prove the legitimacy of the mon-considered an explicit breach of the law.

#### **Court upholds** ministry's decision to fire employee

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The High Administrative **L** 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

he 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 coun-

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



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