

NBB Delivers Future Digital Banker Workshops and Hosts NBB Nights at Youth City 2030

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As part of its Platinum Sponsorship of Youth City 2030, the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) delivered a series of educational and cultural initiatives designed to broaden young people's financial knowledge while honouring Bahrain's heritage and showcasing emerging local talents.

In line with its focus on advancing financial literacy and innovation, NBB's Retail Digital team delivered three interactive workshops titled 'Future Digital Banker'. The sessions introduced participants to modern banking fundamentals, budgeting, and smart saving through practical exercises and real-life financial simulation challenges.

The Bank also hosted three 'NBB Nights' throughout the programme, beginning with a celebratory Bahraini Musical



Night featuring cherished local and national songs. This was followed by engaging competitions and prizes, encouraging young participants to test and build their general knowledge. The series concluded with a final

evening marking International Youth Day with a talent showcase.

The activities form part of NBB's wider contribution to Youth City 2030, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

Through its participation, the Bank reinforces its commitment to developing Bahrain's human capital, equipping the next generation with practical skills, financial awareness, and opportunities for personal growth.

Ebrahim K. Kanoo Explores Strategic Collaboration Opportunities with American University of Bahrain

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Ebrahim K. Kanoo (EKK) recently visited the American University of Bahrain (AUBH) to explore potential strategic collaboration opportunities aimed at enhancing student learning, skill development, and career growth.

The delegation from Ebrahim K. Kanoo included Michael Brightmore, Chief Executive Officer; John Mathew, Head of People and Culture; Abdulameer Darwish, Head of Bahraini Talent Management; and Sumaya Alaraifi, Specialist in Bahraini Talent Management. During the visit, representatives engaged with AUBH's Interim President and Provost, Dr. Wafa Almansoori, and members of AUBH's management. The delegation also held high-level discussions on bridging the gap between academia and industry,



toured the university campus, and connected with AUBH graduates.

Michael Brightmore, Chief Executive Officer at Ebrahim K. Kanoo, said: "Partnering with leading educational institutions like AUBH is essential for developing the next

generation of professionals. By strengthening the connection between industry and academia, we aim to provide young Bahraini talent with practical pathways to succeed in today's dynamic market."

Through these planned initiatives, Ebrahim K. Kanoo reaffirms its commitment to supporting education, empowering local talent, and contributing to national workforce development initiatives across the Kingdom.

JETOUR Bahrain Supports Summer Camp Initiative for Children with Disabilities



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JETOUR Bahrain, operating under JMC Al Jazeera Motors by Motorcity, recently sponsored a special recreational day organised as part of the Summer Camp programme of the Bahrain Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled.

Held at Marassi Galleria Mall, the day provided the participating children with an opportunity to enjoy a range of recreational activities outside their regular camp setting. The programme included a cinema experience, a visit to the Ground Control indoor play area, and a shared lunch, allowing the children to spend quality time together, explore new experiences, and build positive memories.

Commenting on the initia-

tive, Manaf Kassem, JETOUR Bahrain Dealer Principal, said: "At JETOUR Bahrain, we believe that our responsibility extends beyond providing mobility solutions. It also includes playing an active role in supporting the communities we serve. We were pleased to contribute to an initiative that created an enjoyable and inclusive experience for the children, while supporting the important work carried out by the Bahrain Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled."

Through initiatives such as this, JETOUR Bahrain continues to strengthen its contribution to the local community by supporting programmes that bring people together, promote inclusion, and contribute positively to the wellbeing of children and families across Bahrain.

ICAI Bahrain Chapter Celebrates India's 80th Independence Day with Patriotism and Cultural Flair



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The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) celebrated India's 80th Independence Day, bringing together members, their families, and distinguished guests at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Manama for an afternoon dedicated to national pride, cultural heritage, and community spirit. The event marked the first major flagship initiative hosted by the newly constituted ICAI Bahrain Executive Committee for the 2026-27 term, setting an energetic tone for its upcoming tenure.

The proceedings commenced with an official inauguration followed by an opening address from Chapter Chairperson CA Viinod Rathi. The stage then came alive with vibrant cultural performances that showcased India's artistic diversity, adding enthusiasm and patriotic energy to the celebrations.

A major highlight of the afternoon was a keynote motivational session delivered by retired Indian Navy officer Lt. Cdr. Bijay Nair, titled "Against the Tide - My Life Journey." Drawing from his years of mil-

itary service and subsequent professional transition, Lt. Cdr. Nair shared insights on personal resilience, leadership under pressure, and the importance of national contribution. His message on civic service and overcoming adversity resonated strongly with the audience.

The event also hosted a special prize distribution ceremony recognizing active engagement across three recent community initiatives organized by the chapter. Awards were presented for the Yoga Programme, which promoted physical wellness and mindfulness, the Fit for Freedom Challenge, which encouraged active living, and the Independence Day Art Competition, which showcased the creative talent of young participants and families.

The afternoon concluded with a vote of thanks presented by the executive committee, followed by high tea, providing guests and members an opportunity to network and connect. In a closing statement, the leadership of ICAI Bahrain expressed its gratitude to all delegates, performers, and organizers whose efforts contributed to a successful launch of the 2026-27 executive term.

From The Court

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Three Face Drug Trafficking Charges

The High Criminal Court First Circuit is hearing a case against three defendants accused of involvement in a drug trafficking network that allegedly imported, manufactured and distributed drugs in Bahrain.

The defendants include a 25-year-old Bahraini man, a 24-year-old Bahraini woman and a 26-year-old Moroccan woman.

According to the investigation, the first accused allegedly ran the network and coordinated the import of drug-making materials from East Asia. The second accused travelled to another Gulf country to collect shipments and brought them into Bahrain through the King Fahd Causeway before handing them over to him.

The third accused is alleged to have transferred money through her bank account to a drug dealer in an Asian country and assisted in preparing drugs for sale.

Police arrested the first ac-

cused in Juffair following a Public Prosecution warrant. Officers said he resisted arrest and attempted to use an electric stun device.

A search uncovered suspected processed cannabis weighing 249.39 grams, cannabis-filled electronic cigarettes, 100 Lyrica tablets and other tablets, as well as cash and an electric stun device.

Police also searched apartments linked to the defendants and allegedly found drugs and items used for distribution.

The first accused admitted selling and distributing drugs and arranging shipments from an Asian country. The second accused told investigators she was paid BD300 a month and had travelled around 20 times to collect shipments. The third defendant stated she transferred BD500 and helped prepare processed cannabis for sale.

The court adjourned the case until August 23 to appoint a lawyer.

Fashion Firm Ordered To Pay BD2,300



The High Labour Court has ordered a women's fashion company to pay a foreign fashion designer BD2,300 in unpaid wages, annual leave compensation and other employment entitlements.

The claimant worked as a fashion designer under a fixed-term contract from November 7, 2024, to November 7, 2025, earning a monthly salary of BD500.

She claimed unpaid wages for several months, her salary for the final seven days of her contract, a BD200 salary deduction and payment for her unused annual leave.

The company disputed the claim, arguing that the designer had received BD1,000 in cash but failed to remit BD100. It also claimed she had received perfumes worth BD2,860 to sell out-

side Bahrain without handing over the proceeds.

The company sought to recover BD2,960 from the designer.

After reviewing the evidence, the court found that the company had failed to provide documents, acknowledgements or other material evidence proving the alleged debts.

The court also found that a witness who testified about the shipment of the perfumes did not know the terms of the agreement between the parties or what happened to the products or their proceeds.

The court therefore rejected the company's defence and ordered it to pay the outstanding wages, compensation for the delay, BD500 for the annual leave balance, 1% annual legal interest, and legal costs and fees.