

Bahrain Summer Festival begins



Shaikha Mai interacts with the visitors at the opening day of the festival.

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) yesterday officially launched the 10th edition of the Bahrain Summer Festival at the historical Arad Fort in Muharraq. The festival, which will run until August 18, is part of BACA's efforts to deliver sustainable cultural seasons for the public in Bahrain.

BACA President Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa attended the opening ceremony of the two-month festival, in the presence

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of diplomats, cultural and media figures as well as families and

children.

Shaikha Mai asserted that the festival is an opportunity to spread joy from the city of Muharraq, the “Capital of Islamic Culture 2018”, and affirm the city’s deep-rooted cultural value.

“From the city of Muharraq, we launch an new opportunity for joy, and affirm the city’s deep-rooted cultural value as we are celebrating it as the Capital of Islamic Culture 2018,” Shaikha Mai said.

“Over the past ten years, we have, through the Bahrain Summer Festival, focused our efforts on creat-

ing a cultural atmosphere worthy of the kingdom’s cultural status,” she added, noting that BACA is keen on achieving sustainability in its round-the-year events.

BACA president asserted that the Bahrain Summer Festival is held amid the kingdom’s preparations to host the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee in Manama, as part of its unwavering to consolidate its leading cultural role in the region.

Shaikha Mai extended sincere thanks and gratitude to the festival’s supporters, including government institutions and ambassador.

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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.

The festival, held in Nakhool Tent at the historical Arad Fort, will offer a variety of children’s activities and workshops. Nakhool and Nakhoola, the adventurous duo and faces of Nakhool Tent, will welcome all families and friends daily from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. except Sundays. Along with the company of the beloved duo comes an exhilarating programme for all ages and will be open to the public.



Special entertainments for children were held on the opening day.



Bahraini arsonist loses appeal

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A Bahraini man convicted of setting an MP’s vehicle on fire in Ma’ameer has had his 10 years’ imprisonment upheld by the High Criminal Appeals Court.

The defendant was among five accused tried in connection with the case and were handed down the same sentences in prison.

According to court files, the convict set the MP’s car on fire on May 15, 2015, causing severe damages to it.

The suspects’ links to the incident were established thanks to the eyewitnesses and their confessions as well as technical pieces of evidence extracted from the scene.

Life sentence for drug smuggler

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A Pakistani man will spend 25 years behind bars in Bahrain for attempting to smuggle in one kilogram of heroin.

The 22-year-old was assigned by his fellow countryman to smuggle one kilogram of heroin, but was arrested at the Bahrain International Airport. A customs officer

became suspicious after watching the convict and ordered a thorough search.

“We X-rayed his luggage, and there was something hidden and deliberately covered. We removed it and there was almost one kilogram of heroin,” a customs officer said.

The 22-year-old Pakistani man admitted to committing the crime during the questioning.

He said he received the drugs from someone in Pakistan who instructed him to give it to someone in Bahrain in return of half a million Pakistani rupees (BD1500).

While officers were extracting confessions from him, his phone rang, and on the line was another Pakistani man, who was supposed to receive the drugs from him.

Police officers ordered him to cooperate

with them and the other man aged 33, was arrested while trying to receive the heroin bag.

Both men were tried and sentenced to life in prison, which was last week upheld by the High Criminal Appeals Court.

The pair will be deported once they serve their punishments. They were also fined BD5,000 each.

35 graft complaints received this year

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Capt Mohammed Jassim Al Khedri, the person in charge of Anti-Corruption Wing at the General Directorate for Combating Corruption, Economic and Electronic Security, said that the number of complaints received during the current year has reached 35.



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Twenty-six cases were transferred to the Public Prosecutor’s Office. The most prominent of them were the breach of public duties.

Mr Al Khedri explained that a thorough investigation will be carried out into all allegations or complaints filed against public officials before submitting the case to Public Prosecution.