

## Efforts to protect employees reviewed



Labour Minister receives lawmaker

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Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan has received Representative Ahmed Al Ansari. The minister reviewed the efforts and initiatives of the

ministry aimed at stabilising and protecting Bahraini employees and supporting private sector establishments. He noted the role of Council of Representatives in supporting legislation related to the ministry's constitutional competencies.

## Bahrain boosts Japan military co-operation



Commander-in-Chief receives Japanese Ambassador

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BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Japanese Ambassador Hideki Ito and ARIKE Captain Commander Nantaka Ezawa. They discussed ways to

enhance bilateral relations, co-operation and coordination in the military field. Defence Affairs Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi and Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi were present.

## Southern Governorate walking event against cancer



The youth taking part in the event

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The Southern Governorate has organised a walking event for the youth as part of the awareness campaign against cancer.

In co-operation with the Sports Federation for Public Security at the Ministry of Interior, the event was held under the patronage of Southern Governorate Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

A number of the youth at the governorate took part in this event, which is a first of its kind in the presence of His Excellency Brigadier General Issa Thamer Al Dossary, Deputy Governor of the Southern Governorate.

His Highness Shaikh Khalifa affirmed the governorate's interest in organising health and community events, especially that they coincide with international events, with the aim of consolidating the principle of community partnership,

promoting health awareness for individuals and encouraging them to practice the correct life to combat diseases and epidemics, including cancer control.

The Governor indicated that the event was held remotely through smart means of communication, in accordance with the precautionary measures and maintaining social distancing, indicating the governorate's interest in visual communication with citizens and people in the governorate and the investment of smart technologies in promoting awareness from a distance.

His Highness also valued the efforts made by the Sports Federation for Public Security and the participants in the success of the event, which reflects the governorate's role in co-operation and coordination with various bodies, and making more efforts that provide health and safety awareness for the people of the southern governorate.

## New anti-human trafficking prosecution hailed

● Committee ready to assist victims

● Speed up process to punish perpetrators

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Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) Chief Executive Officer Osamah bin Abdullah Al Absi has praised the decision of Attorney General Dr Ali bin Fadhel Al Buainin to establish an Anti-human Trafficking Prosecution.

Also chairman of the National Committee to Combat Traffick-



Al Absi

ing in Persons, Al Absi stressed the committee's support to the decision and its full readiness to co-operate with the prosecution

in assisting the victims.

He pointed out that the Anti-human Trafficking Prosecution is a new achievement for the Kingdom of Bahrain in combatting this crime.

He added it also demonstrates the extent to which the culture of combatting trafficking in persons has become entrenched in the state's infrastructure as an integral part of the work environment in the Kingdom.

Al Absi explained that the establishment of a prosecution specialised in combatting trafficking in persons would contribute to boosting the efforts to combat this crime by giving a solid legal impetus to investigate cases in accordance

with law 1/2008 on combating trafficking in persons and related laws.

He added the move will also accelerate the process of redress for the victims and granting them their rights after punishing the perpetrators.

Al Absi affirmed that the decision proves anew the kingdom's ongoing efforts to improve the work environment and combat human trafficking, be it at the local or international level.

He pointed out that the kingdom's unrelenting efforts in this respect have earned it international trust, being a model to emulate in combatting trafficking in persons.

## Two remanded in East Riffa jewellery shop robbery

● First suspect accused of robbing BD3,000 worth of gold

● Second man accused of illegally buying it

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The Public Prosecution has ordered to remand two men who were recently arrested in connection with a jewellery shop robbery that occurred in East Riffa last Wednesday.

This was confirmed by Southern Governorate Prosecution Chief Shaikh Abdulla bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, who confirmed that both suspects, aged 30 and 60, were interrogated while further investigations into the case are ongoing.

Shaikh Abdulla explained that the case was received from the Southern Governorate Police Directorate, informing that the first suspect is accused of robbing BD3,000 worth of gold from the shop in East Riffa, while the second man is accused of hiding the stolen gold after buying it from the former.

"The Public Prosecution immediately launched a probe into the case and interrogated both suspects. They both confessed to the charges filed against them after they were confronted with



Camera footage showing the moment the suspect snatched the gold

the seized items, the results of the investigations and the footage captured by surveillance cameras that are installed at the shop," the Chief Prosecutor explained.

According to Shaikh Abdulla, the first suspect, who is an ex-convict, confessed to stealing a vehicle to use it in the robbery, and then went to the victim's shop, convinced him that he desires to buy some jewellery and escaped the scene after snatching the gold.

The man then went to another jewellery shop, where he sold the stolen gold to the second suspect, who purchased it without demanding to see any proof that the former is the owner of the gold or his identity, an act that is considered illegal.

Shaikh Abdulla also said that investigation showed that the second suspect has also been previously convicted in similar cases.

He added: "The Public Prosecution ordered to detain the suspects pending further investigation, as well as handing over the stolen gold jewellery to its owner and confiscating the amounts generated from selling it. The investigation is being completed in preparation for referring the suspects to the competent court."

As reported earlier on TDT, the men were arrested within less than 24 hours after the robbery was reported to the police. Footage of the incident that was leaked online showed the masked man quickly escaping from the shop after snatching



The suspects with the stolen gold

“They both confessed to the charges filed against them after they were confronted with the seized items.”

CHIEF PROSECUTOR

the gold that was on the desk, while the shopkeeper helplessly chased after him.

The suspect was seen driving away in a white minivan.

The stolen gold was worth around BD3,000. No further details were available on the suspects' nationalities.

# GCC courses to fight crime

New prosecution unit set up for cases of trafficking in persons

● Public prosecutors' achievements praised

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Attorney General Dr Ali bin Fadl Al Buainin has called on GCC countries to continue holding in-depth and highly specialised training courses in fighting organised crime.

Dr Al Buainin made the call as he participated in the 12th meeting of the Public Prosecutors and Attorneys General of the GCC countries.

The attorney general praised the efforts made during the past period to implement the decisions of the representatives and public prosecutors.



Dr Al Buainin

He urged GCC countries to intensify joint efforts to organise highly specialised training courses for members in a bid to curb terrorist crimes, money laundering, information technology, monitor training and prosecute evidence through information systems and technologies.

The experiences of the successful prosecution services

and public prosecution agencies were presented during the meeting, including the role of Public Prosecution plays in Bahrain in implementing the penal code, alternative measures, and the existing coordination with institutions and civil society organisations in the field of law enforcement in Bahrain.

**New specialised Prosecution Unit**

Meanwhile, Dr Al Buainin has announced the establishment of a new specialised Prosecution Unit to be housed within the Public Prosecution.

The announcement follows decision 34/ 2020 to set up a Prosecution of Trafficking in Persons dedicated to investigating the crimes stipulated in Law 1/ 2008 regarding combating

trafficking in persons or related to it in any other law.

This includes forced labour, withholding wages and crimes committed under the laws of the Labor Market Regulatory Authority, the regulation of tourism, beggary and homelessness, and other crimes affecting human rights and freedom in which exploitation may arise in the form of trafficking in persons.

Under the decision, members of the newly-established prosecution will follow the procedures outlined in the anti-trafficking in persons law related to the victim's legal rights, care and protection in co-operation and coordination with the relevant authorities, initiate and follow up cases at courts of various degrees, and review judgments issued therein.