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# **Southern Holidays Festival:** Southern Governorate celebrates **National Day**





Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Governorate, the "Southern Holidays" festival was held at Khalifa Grand Park in Riffa. The event marked Bahrain's National Days and the anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession to the throne, drawing wide participation from residents and citizens. The festival aimed to revive the governorate's rich heritage and strengthen community partnership. Highlights included cultural corners featuring traditional crafts, Bahraini Ardha, folk costumes, and poetry sessions by "Poets of the Future." Visitors also explored stalls for productive families, falconry displays, and historical artifacts. For children, a special corner by the Security Culture Department featured the "My Country" magazine and interactive games. The Governor toured various sections, including an interactive visual screen displaying Riffa's historical landmarks. Supported by major sponsors like KFH, NBB, and Al Salam Bank, the Southern Governorate will continue its diverse celebration program throughout December

#### Dar Al Shifa Medical Centre celebrates Bahrain's 54th National Day



Dar Al Shifa Medical Centre celebrated Bahrain's 54th National Day with various grand events held across its Hidd and Hoora branches. During the celebrations, Managing Director K.T. Mohammed Ali extended his heartfelt National Day greetings to all staff members. The events were attended by General Manager Shameer Pottachola, Head of Marketing & Business Development Mohammed Rajul, HR Director Rasheeda Mohammed Ali, Quality Manager Dr. Nizar Ahmed, Social Media Manager Muhsin, Amal, and Procurement Manager Noufal. Doctors and employees from various departments also joined the festivities, marking the national occasion with enthusiasm and unity.

## Bharathi Association announces grand Pongal celebrations for January 16

The Bharathi Association, registered under the Ministry of Social Affairs, has launched preparations for its annual Pongal festival, "Tamizhar Thirunal." The day-long cultural event is scheduled for Friday, January 16, 2026, at the Indian Club. The official launch featured special guest Mr. Badrudheen Abdul Majid, a Saudi-based entrepreneur and Guinness World Record holder. Over a hundred members gathered at the association's office to initiate planning for the grand celebration. The festival will showcase Tamil heritage through traditional dances, Kolam competitions, ceremonial Pongal preparation, and a traditional feast served on banana leaves. The evening will feature a grand musical and stand-up comedy show with celebrity playback singers. Admission to the entire event is free, with further updates on the celebrity lineup expected soon. The community is invited to join this vibrant celebration of Tamil culture.

## KMCC Bahrain's 'Eid-ul-Watan' mega blood donation camp sets record participation



In a remarkable tribute to the Kingdom on its 54th National Day, KMCC Bahrain organized the 'Eid-ul-Watan' Mega Blood Donation Camp, achieving a historic turnout. Held at the Salmaniya Medical Complex under the theme "Life-giving Blood as a Gift to the Nation that Provides for Us," more than 200 people voluntarily donated blood, including a significant participation of over 25 women. The initiative was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and supported by Malabar Gold & Diamonds. KMCC's Blood Donation Wing, which has been active since 2009, has already assisted over 7,000 individuals to date. The organization also maintains a 24-hour directory to provide emergency blood assistance during critical situations. Distinguished guests, including Bahraini Member of Parliament Hassan Eid Bukhammas and Kerala MLA K.K. Rema, visited the camp and lauded the humanitarian efforts of the diaspora. KMCC leaders A.P. Faisal, Shamsuddin Vellikkulangara, and Gafoor Kaipamangalam spearheaded the event.

#### Bahrain Fortuner Club marks National Day with "Dragon Rock" clean-up drive



The Bahrain Fortuner Club, a growing community of automotive enthusiasts, celebrated the kingdom's National Day through a meaningful environmental initiative at Dragon Rock. In a departure from traditional rallies, the club's members organized a dedicated clean-up campaign to restore the natural beauty of one of Bahrain's most scenic tourist destinations. During a recent morning drive to the site, club members observed a significant amount of litter affecting the landscape. In the spirit of national service, the team collect more than 30 bags of trash, ensuring the area remains pristine for future visitors. This environmental drive follows the club's previous community effort—a successful blood donation campaign at Salmaniya Medical Complex. Founded in September 2025, the Bahrain Fortuner Club has quickly expanded to 30 active members.