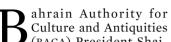
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Expert to study historic importance of Manama

The BACA is currently compiling a dossier to nominate Manama, in a bid to enter the World Heritage List as city of peace and co-existence.

Manama



(BACA) President Shai- Shaikha Mai with Dr Kut and BACA officials.

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Kidnappers jailed for five years

The four Bangladeshi nationals were charged with kidnapping and physical assault

The four men were later arrested by cops following brief investigations into the case.

The victim's friend alerted the police after paying money to the kidnappers.

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he High Criminal Court has sentenced four Bangladeshi men to five cutors. years behind bars for kidnapping

90pc Bahrainisation

The defendants abducted the man and tried to force him pay BD480 after threatening him, the court heard.

he agreed to meet him at a place in Manama, sources say. "The four convicts dragged him to an

Abaya shop in the area and forcefully made him sign papers, which said he owed BD480 to them," the sources added. "They insulted me and physically as-

saulted me inside the Abaya shop. I bowed to their demands," the victim told Prose-

"Later, they called my family and they

asked them to transfer the money to their accounts or they would kill me. Thereafter, they locked me up in a room.

"The next day, I called some of my The fourth defendant contacted the vic- friends and one of them accepted to pay tim on the pretext of buying 'free visas' and the amount. And he asked the kidnappers to meet him at a place in Manama," he added.

"I met one of the kidnappers and I gave him the money. He fled without revealing the whereabouts of the victim. I directly informed police officers about the incident," the victim's friend revealed to prosecutors. The four men were later arrested by cops following brief investigations into the case. The four men were charged with kidnapping and physical assault.



kha Mai bint Mohammed Al Manama, in a bid to enter the Khalifa received world-re- World Heritage List as city of nowned expert Dr Michel Kut peace and co-existence. at the Bahrain National Theatre.

at the invitation of the Bah- tal Trustees' Board, the Urban rain-based Arab Regional Cen- Planning and Development tre for World Heritage (ARC- Authority and Manama trad-WH) to conduct a field study ers. on the historic city of Manama, Dr Shadia Touqan.

piling a dossier to nominate the world.

The expert held a series of meetings with competent au-The expert came on visit thorities, including the Capi-

Dr Kut currently works as assess urban heritage and rec- an advisor for the Internationommends ways of protecting al Council on Monuments and its heritage. The meeting was Sites (ICOMOS) a professional attended by ARC-WH director association that works for the conservation and protection of The BACA is currently com- cultural heritage places around

Over 1,500 experts to take part in World Data Forum

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ore than 1,500 experts from the government, business and civil society will take part in the United Nations World Data Forum, which will be held in Dubai from October 22 to 24.

The forum will also have national statisticians, data scientists from the private sector and academia, international organisations, and members of civil society groups as participants.

The event aims to come up with innovative methods to deliver best data on health, migration, refugees, education, income, environment, human to respond to the huge data rights, and other aspects of sustainable development.

Samir Imtair Aldarabi, Di- revolution to address the data rector for United Nations needs of the 2030 Agenda and Information Centre For The to achieve sustainable devel-Gulf States and UNIC Manama told Tribune, "The second UN World Data Forum will be cus on core issues under six hosted by the Federal Com- main areas: new approaches petitiveness and Statistics to building and financing na-Authority of the United Arab Emirates.

from national statistical of- tion of non-traditional data fices, the private sector, the sources; leveraging data and scientific community, interna- statistics to ensure visibility tional organisations and NGOs and voice for everyone, leavwill be attending the forum.

"Participants will launch ini- data and statistical literacy tiatives and examine challeng- and communication, includes to deliver better data and ing through data journalism; use innovative data sources, building trust in data and staall to improve data on health, tistics, including by applying migration, poverty, agricul- data principles and governture, the environment and ance to new and existing data other aspects of sustainable sources and implementing development where the forum open data practices," Mr Alaims to discuss the better ways darabi added.



Participants will launch initiatives and examine challenges to deliver better data and use innovative data sources. **MR ALDARABI**

gaps and to spur solutions that harness the power of the data opment."

"The forum will further fotional capacity for better data; bringing data sources together "Nearly 2,000 data leaders and furthering the integraing no one behind; increasing



grants programme. Citing latest statistics, he said that Al Salam Bank has so far achieved a rate of Bahrainisation of 90 per cent, hailing the ministryled efforts to develop charity and voluntary work in Bahrain.

More NRIs investing in Indian realty sector owing to rupee fall

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dians (NRIs) are heavily investing in the Inthe recent depreciation in the very good response, as the numvalue of Indian rupee.

This came as NRIs in big numbers explored the opportunity of increasing. buying properties in India at the

ninth edition of India Property Show, being held at the Golden Tulip Hotel.

The event, which will end today aimed at providing a platform for Indian expatriates to invest in various properties across India.

Ali Hamad Abul, Managing Director of Zenj Exchange, who further provided tips and the advantages of investing in the property with the current exchange any Non-Resident In- rates, inaugurated the show.

Speaking to Tribune, Sachin Vyas, Sales Head - GCC of 360 dian real estate sector owing to Realtors, said, "We are getting a ber of buyers, investors and families willing to buy a house keeps

"Moreover, with the purchas-



Mr Hamad Abul tours the expo along with its organisers.

ing power of individuals in the region, we have witnessed an increase in the business especially among families who are willing to buy a house in India."

"In a span of two years, we have seen significant changes, where we have seen more developers come to Bahrain especially from major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, NCR, Bangalore to tap into the market segment."

Echoing a similar view, Amit Malhotra, General Manager, Client Account Management for Vatika Group said, "We already have a lot of clients from Dubai and a few from Bahrain, but recently we have been receiving more investments from Bahrain. More NRIs are now investing in the Indian real estate sector."