

Expert to study historic importance of Manama

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Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) President Shaikha



Shaikha Mai with Dr Kut and BACA officials.

kha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa received world-renowned expert Dr Michel Kut at the Bahrain National Theatre.

The expert came on visit at the invitation of the Bahrain-based Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) to conduct a field study on the historic city of Manama, assess urban heritage and recommends ways of protecting its heritage. The meeting was attended by ARC-WH director Dr Shadia Touqan.

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The expert held a series of meetings with competent authorities, including the Capital Trustees' Board, the Urban Planning and Development Authority and Manama traders.

Dr Kut currently works as an advisor for the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) a professional association that works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places around the world.

Kidnappers jailed for five years

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The High Criminal Court has sentenced four Bangladeshi men to five years behind bars for kidnapping

an expat.

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

The fourth defendant contacted the victim on the pretext of buying 'free visas' and 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 assaulted me inside the Abaya shop. I bowed to their demands," the victim told Prosecutors.

"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 friends and one of them accepted to pay 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.

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90pc Bahrainisation



Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan received Al Salam Bank Chief Executive Officer Rafik Nayad and discussed joint cooperation to strengthen community partnership between the public and banking sectors, towards promoting human development programmes. He outlined the efforts in the field of training, employment, social rehabilitation and care, stressing the drive to encourage civil society institutions to promote community initiatives through the ministry-run financial 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 ministry-led efforts to develop charity and voluntary work in Bahrain.

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

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More 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 rights, and other aspects of sustainable development.

Samir Intair Aldarabi, Director for United Nations Information Centre For The Gulf States and UNIC Manama told Tribune, "The second UN World Data Forum will be hosted by the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority of the United Arab Emirates.

"Nearly 2,000 data leaders from national statistical offices, the private sector, the scientific community, international organisations and NGOs will be attending the forum.

"Participants will launch initiatives and examine challenges to deliver better data and use innovative data sources, all to improve data on health, migration, poverty, agriculture, the environment and other aspects of sustainable development where the forum aims to discuss the better ways



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to respond to the huge data gaps and to spur solutions that harness the power of the data revolution to address the data needs of the 2030 Agenda and to achieve sustainable development."

"The forum will further focus on core issues under six main areas: new approaches to building and financing national capacity for better data; bringing data sources together and furthering the integration of non-traditional data sources; leveraging data and statistics to ensure visibility and voice for everyone, leaving no one behind; increasing data and statistical literacy and communication, including through data journalism; building trust in data and statistics, including by applying data principles and governance to new and existing data sources and implementing open data practices," Mr Aldarabi added.

More NRIs investing in Indian realty sector owing to rupee fall

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Many Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) are heavily investing in the Indian real estate sector owing to the recent depreciation in the value of Indian rupee.

This came as NRIs in big numbers explored the opportunity of 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 rates, inaugurated the show.

Speaking to Tribune, Sachin Vyas, Sales Head - GCC of 360 Realtors, said, "We are getting a very good response, as the number of buyers, investors and families willing to buy a house keeps increasing.

"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."