

Bahrain Red Crescent Society volunteers participate in remote global training course



Participants in the online event

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About 55 Bahrain Red Crescent Society volunteers participated in a remote training course.

The event was organised by the Society in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the regional delegation of the Gulf Cooperation Council, where they were introduced to and trained over three days on the concept of "volunteering and volunteer management".

The first day of the course included workshops focused on introducing the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the code of conduct at the movement level, and the roles and principles of humanitarian action.

The second day covered topics including the International Committee of the Red Cross, migration and an introduction to restoring family links, and

the use of information technology to find missing persons in disasters.

On the third day, Bahrain Red Crescent volunteers were trained on using social media platforms in humanitarian media, in addition to the "safe access" to victims and providing them with assistance.

The Secretary-General of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society, Mubarak Al Hadi, said that the course comes within the framework of the Society's keenness to continue building the capacities of its volunteers from Bahraini youth in various fields related to relief and humanitarian work, qualifying them, training them, and ensuring their continuous and permanent readiness to help the needy in disasters, crises and various circumstances.

Among the participants in this symposium were Dr Nilofar Jahromi, Muhammad Al Basri and Ali Modon.

Popular Bahraini blind flute player Ali dies



Ali playing his favourite musical instrument

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Arenowned Bahraini blind man who was playing the flute died of illness yesterday. Ali Abdullah had always

been playing his flute in popular supermarkets. He was relying on this musical instrument to make a living for him and his family.

According to family members, Ali was admitted to the intensive care unit after falling ill.

Interestingly, he learned how to play the flute without attending any music school; largely counting on his talent. Bahraini people mourned his death on social media sharing his images and videos while playing the flute.

Sources close to him revealed to DT that his dream was to join a band.

Philippine Embassy and OKOR commemorate Dr Jose Rizal's 160th Birth Anniversary



The Philippine Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Order of the Knights of Rizal (OKOR)-Bahrain Chapter commemorated the 160th Birth Anniversary of Philippine National Hero Dr Jose P. Rizal on 19 June. The Embassy and OKOR held a wreath-laying ceremony led by Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver and Labour Attache Vicente M. Cabe. The Embassy also joined the NCCA and Sentros Rizal around the world in the launching of RIZAL @160 TULARAWAN, A Digital Art Contest 2021 for Overseas Filipino Youth which is also posted at the Embassy's Official Facebook page, Philippine Embassy in Bahrain.

Fair, consistent and effective approach

BCCI resolves 70% of complaints received during first quarter of 2021

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Close to 70% of the total complaints received by the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) during the first quarter of this year have been resolved.

This was confirmed yesterday by the BCCI as it honoured remotely the 13 government agencies and authorities that provided assistance in resolving merchant complaints and responding to all their inquiries.

BCCI Chief Executive Officer Shaker Ibrahim Al Shater stressed the importance of opening channels of communication between the Chamber and relevant authorities in the Kingdom as this constitutes co-operation and joint work between the public and private sectors.

Al Shater praised the distinguished efforts exerted by representatives of government agencies and bodies in coordinating with the BCCI members' complaints unit.

He pointed out the importance of their work in facilitating and overcoming difficulties and resolving many outstanding issues in a manner that serves the interests of the private sector and the national economy.

On the performance indicators of the Chamber's members' complaints unit during the first quarter of 2021, Al Shater said: "The Chamber dealt with 64 complaints and inquiries from 93 members during the first quarter of this year. Through effective communication with representatives of the relevant authorities, 70% of the complaints were resolved.

"On new cases, 9% of them remain in the process of resolving them, while 2% of them were outside the Chamber's work jurisdiction, and 18% have not been resolved."

Al Shater added: "21% of the complaints were related to the



The remote discussion in progress

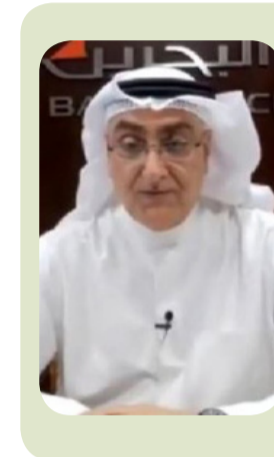
Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, 8% were concerned with the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), 4% were related to funding agencies, and 67% were related to various related parties."

Business owners' confidence

The CEO said: "We in the Bahrain Chamber express our deep pride and appreciation for the confidence of business owners in the quality services provided by the executive body, and their keenness to enhance constructive communication mechanisms with all departments, centres, departments and units of the Chamber. It contributes to addressing various issues and challenges facing the private sector.

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The liaison officers honoured for their quality services come from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Ministry of Interior-Customs Affairs, Ministry of Interior-General Traffic Department, Ministry of Health-Public Health Department, Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Bahrain



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Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, LMRA, Labour Fund Authority (Tamkeen), Electricity and Water Authority, Supreme Council for the Environment, and Bahrain Development Bank.

Professionalism, impartiality and efficiency

Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf praised the important role played by the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution in developing mechanisms for settling disputes, stressing his confidence in its professionalism, impartiality and efficiency.

Khalaf met remotely with the CEO of the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution, Professor Nassib Ziada, in the presence of the Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Services for Works Affairs, Eng. Kazem Abdullatif,

the Assistant Undersecretary for Resources and Information for Municipal Affairs, Muhammad Adel Bouhasan, and the Director Executive Operations Chamber of Bahrain, Ahmed Hussain.

Ziada praised the Ministry's commitment to involving the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution over the past years to resolve differences, and praised its inclusion of clauses in its recent contracts with contractors and companies.

The Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution was established by Decree-Law No. 30 of 2009, amended by Decree-Law No. 64 of 2014, and it carries out its tasks through a partnership with the American Arbitration Association (AAA) in providing solutions related to the rapid and effective settlement of economic, financial and investment disputes.

Date of taking Sputnik vaccine's second dose is extended says Health Ministry

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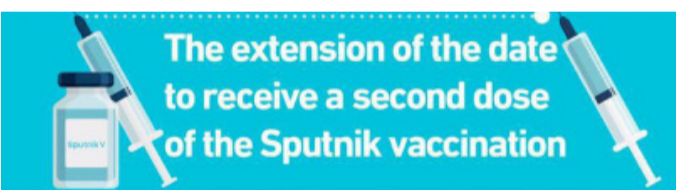
The Health Ministry has announced the extension of the date of the Sputnik vaccine's second dose and rescheduling it until the arrival of the new batches.

According to the Ministry, it is due to the rescheduling of production and the manufacturer's supply operations.

It stressed that the extension in taking the second dose will not affect the effectiveness of the vaccine, and that increasing the period between the two doses may lead to an increase vaccination efficacy in some cases.

The Ministry said that it communicated with the manufacturer to provide the necessary quantity and to ensure with it the dates of delivery of shipments to Bahrain.

The dates of all those registered to take the second dose of the Sputnik vaccine will be rescheduled through the application of a conscious society according to the dates of the new batches scheduled to arrive in



Sputnik V This being due to the rescheduling of production and supply operations of the manufacturer

The Ministry confirmed that:

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All those registered for the Sputnik V vaccination will have their dates of vaccination rescheduled through the "BeAware Bahrain" application according to the dates and arrival of new vaccine arriving in the Kingdom

the Kingdom.

The Ministry noted that the extension of the period between the first and second doses came in accordance with the recommendations concluded by the Vaccination Committee at the Health Ministry in the King-

dom, through its follow-up and evaluation of the mechanism of action of the anti-coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccinations.

The Ministry stressed the importance of taking the second dose in order to achieve full immunity against the virus.

Man acquitted of raping colleague

● Court says evidence provided by woman "insufficient" to hold him guilty

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The High Criminal Court acquitted an employee at a private school of sexually assaulting his female colleague. The woman filed a complaint against the defendant, accusing him of trying to rape her after he came to fix computers. According to court files, the defendant was working as an executive at the hospital.

The victim said that the defendant locked up the door while he was with her inside the room in an attempt to rape her.

Meanwhile, the man refuted these claims, saying that he went to the hospital to fix the computers only.

In its verdict, the court said that the evidence provided by the woman was insufficient to hold the man guilty.