

Chinese national jailed for 'using forged credit cards'

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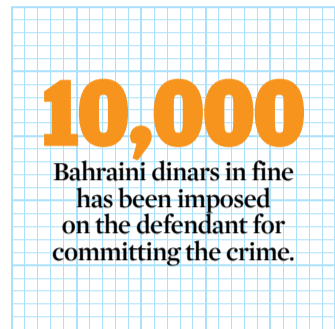
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The High Criminal Court has sentenced a Chinese national to seven years in

prison for using fake credit cards. It's stated that the convict withdrew large amounts from ATMs in the Kingdom using fake credit cards.

He was also fined BD10,000 for committing the crime.

The defendant was reported to the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic by a local bank after detecting he made several attempts to withdraw cash from its ATM device using counterfeit credit cards belong to a Chinese bank. All the cards were automatical-



ly swallowed by the ATM, while an investigation was launched into the case.

According to police reports, the defendant attempted to do the same at a local mall, but he was immediately arrested by detectives who were tracking him.

"We took him to his apartment and we searched it in his presence and we found a laptop and a huge number of fake credit cards as well as cash in Bahraini dinars and UAE dirhams," a detective told prosecutors.

Meanwhile, the Chinese man told prosecutors that he was working a driver in the UAE and he was "planning to make

some good money before returning home".

"I logged into a chatroom and I talked to someone, who requested me to withdraw money using the fake credit cards and he would give me a commission.

"I agreed and I came to Bahrain after I received the cards and the card reading device. I was arrested after making six attempts," he explained.

The defendant was charged with fraud and forgery. He stood trial before the High Criminal Court.

A 28-year-old man appeared in the dock for obtaining a fake bachelor's degree certificate.

It is stated that he had spent nearly \$15,000 to obtain the fake certificate.

According to court files, the Bahraini man was studying in a Malaysian university but he was dismissed after one year for failing to comply with the attendance rules.

Therefore, he allegedly took the short-cut by contacting counterfeiters.

And he was asked to pay a huge sum and was ensured that the faked certificate would go unnoticed.



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DEFENDANT

However, the Accreditation of Abroad Qualifications Department at the Ministry of Education discovered the misconduct after the man decided to equalise the certificate.

"I attended the university for one year but was kicked out because of attendance shortage. Then I decided to get a fake certificate and I searched online.

"I found a counterfeiting group and they asked me to pay \$15,000. I settled the amount and I received the certificate," he told Prosecutors.

The defendant is facing trial before the High Criminal Court.

Kingdom's efforts to promote peace hailed

Manama

The Shura Council has expressed deep pride in the efforts being exerted by Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to support all endeavours aimed at promoting peace all over the world, through implementing international plans and goals that would achieve stability, progress and prosperity to countries and their peoples.

In a statement marking the International Day of Peace, observed around the world every September 21, and themed "Climate Action for Peace" this year, the Shura Council lauded the keenness of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, to put forward plans and strategies aimed at consolidating the values and principles of peace, both at the local and international levels.

The Shura Council asserted that the Kingdom is making continuous efforts to support peace in various ways and through the implementation of national initiatives, and clear and ambitious programmes to keep pace with the challenges related to climate change, to be able to honour its international obligations while meeting the mechanisms and requirements for mitigating climate change.

The Council pointed out that many institutions, as well as official and non-governmental bodies play a vital and important role in the development and implementation of awareness-raising and educational programmes related to climate change, adding that various groups and segments of society, especially school students, are involved in the

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successful implementation of these programmes.

The Shura Council commended the continuous efforts, coordination and cooperation among various bodies and institutions, affirming that Bahrain was among the first countries to have ratified the Paris Climate Agreement in December 2016, in order to reaffirm its commitment to and participation with the world countries in implementing initiatives to reduce implications of climate change.

The Shura Council also stressed that the climate change issue requires more collective action at the local and international levels, and the adoption of advanced policies that are compatible with the growing problem of greenhouse gas emissions and its negative impact on the environment, given the fact that climate change is directly related to promoting peace and ensuring a secure and safe future environment for the next generations.

The Shura Council noted that the Kingdom boasts a system of legislation and laws that protects the environment, and supports the plans and strategies developed by the parties concerned with climate change and the environment, affirming its continuous efforts to update the national legislation related to the protection of the environment.

Bahrain to attend Asia-Europe parliamentary partnership meeting

Manama

A parliamentary delegation led by Council of Representatives Speaker Fawziya Zainal will take part in the fourth Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP) meeting, scheduled to be held on Monday and Tuesday in Kazakhstan.

A Shura Council delegation led by First Deputy Chairman Jamal Mohammed Fakhro will also take part in the two-day session, themed "Greater Euro Asia: Dialogue, Culture, Partnership".

Bahrain's participation followed an invitation from Russian State Council Duma President Vyacheslav Volodin and Korean National Assembly Speaker Moon Hee-sang.

Ms Zainal and Shura Council First Deputy Chairman Jamal Mohammed Fakhro will address the event, stressing the importance of Euro Asian partnership.

The legislative branch of government is keenness on promoting parliamentary diplomacy



Ms Zainal

and opening up channels of communication to strengthen co-operation and dialogue between the Asian and European countries.

Indian firm 'interested in Kingdom's renewable energy projects'

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Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza received a delegation from Helios Solutions Limited, an Indian company specialised in solar energy and its technologies, headed by Chief Executive Officer R R Ravi. The company's agent in Bahrain, Nasser Al Hashemi, was present.

Renewable energy projects being implemented in Bahrain and the investment opportunities available to international companies in this field were discussed.

The minister listened to the visitors about the company's activities and programmes around the world and their interest to establish a solar panel factory in Bahrain.

The minister welcomed the opening of co-operation prospects and said it would help achieve Bahrain's national objectives related to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The visitors expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr Mirza for the warm welcome and his keen desire to co-operate with international companies in the field of sus-



Dr Mirza receives the delegation headed by Mr Ravi.

tainable energy.

The meeting was attended by Acting Executive Director of the Centre for Sustainable Energy Alexander Al Samahiji.

The Kingdom has achieved many milestones in the sustainable energy sector, a recent report has confirmed.

The Sustainable Energy Unit Annual Report 2018 published yesterday by the SEU has confirmed Bahrain's advancement in the sector.

The report titled 'Journey towards a sustainable energy future, the beginning' outlined all the eco-friendly steps taken

by the nation.

"The year saw many innovations in the field of renewable energy. The projects implemented by SEU helped accelerate the progress towards a sustainable future," said Dr Abdulhussain Mirza, Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs, in a statement issued.

"The report shows the high position Bahrain has achieved in the sustainable energy sector. It named many prominent projects from 2018, which accelerated Bahrain's progress towards a sustainable future. It also highlighted the comple-

tion of a Net Metering System as a strong development in the sector."

Net Metering is one of the three policies envisioned in the National Renewable Energy Action Plan to encourage the uptake of renewable energy in the Kingdom.

This policy allows individuals, companies and industries to install solar and other renewable energy systems on their properties, connect these systems to the EWA electricity network and benefit from this clean and renewable energy source.