

HRH Premier's adviser participates in WEF in Davos

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Adviser to HRH Premier, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, has participated in the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting held in Davos, Switzerland.

Shaikh Salman highlighted the importance of WEF, being a plat-

form to elaborate global efforts aimed at supporting countries' economies and unifying their development efforts.

He pointed out that Bahrain is always keen on taking part in formulating global strategies that serve countries' development goals.



Shaikh Salman

HRH Premier's adviser asserted that Bahrain has achieved major economic successes, adding that the kingdom's initiatives, which proved to be success stories, have become a role model to be emulated.

Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa indicated that the world is going

through tensions and conflicts that have created enormous challenges for economic development, which, he said, requires finding ways to achieve security and stability to reach the development goals that meet the aspirations of peoples.

HRH Premier's Adviser held

talks with the participants in WEF on the main topics featuring on the agenda of the global forum, stressing the importance of paying more attention to the region's security, as the best means to create good conditions for more economic development and meet the aspirations of the peoples of the region.

Telecom firm's new logo 'almost identical' to US firm's



The logo of US tech company CTS, which allegedly looks quite similar to that of the telecom firm.

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Social media users have pointed out that the logo of a newly-relaunched telecom firm looks identical to that of a US tech company CTS.

Consumers had initially praised the company's new sleek look and generous offers, but that was short-lived for "the Middle East's most valuable brand", according to Arab News.

One Twitter user, Ahmed Amin, tweeted a link to the CTS main website and said: "Is it luck or bad luck? ... Same mirrored logo."

An advertising expert, who did not wish to be named, was quoted by Arab News: "It's just that the basic idea of the design, which is the deconstructed 'T', is the same. The designer just changed the colour."

"Then again, I see a lot of rip-offs in our business from television ad ideas to design, and even ideas and plots

of drama series and music notes."

Speaking at a launch event, the company's chief executive had said: "Our new brand identity marks a new journey in digital services we are embarking on to enrich the lives of our customers and employees."

He stressed that the new brand was in line with the company's progress in the digital transformation of payments, media, and entertainment, in order to keep up with the digital revolution and rapid changes in the communications and information technology sector.

Mark Daou, media studies lecturer at the American University of Beirut, was as well quoted by Arab News: "Although the treatment of the letter 'T' is similar, the variation of the font, colours, and use of a single colour on the boxes on top of the 'T' can be considered enough variation to avoid the accusation of theft."

Authority to investigate into 'hospital rejecting critical patient' incident

Expressing anger, many have sought strict action against the hospital on social media

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The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) yesterday said that it has launched a probe into the case, in which a critical patient was allegedly turned away by a private hospital in Sanad.

NHRA Chief Executive Officer Dr Mariam Al Jalahma said the authority is closely following up on the case after going through the news report.

"The authority will take action in accordance with the regulations both against the medical institution as well as professionals involved," Dr Al Jalahma said.

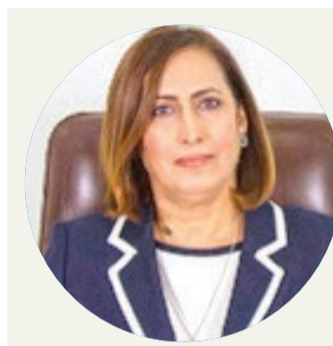
An Asian expatriate, who suffered a cardiac arrest, died after being reportedly turned away from a private hospital in Sanad, on Sunday.

The man, in his early forties, died on way to Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC), according to friends and relatives.

"We rushed him to the private hospital immediately after he suffered severe chest pain. But the hospital did not admit him, directing us to take the patient to SMC or BDF Hospital," a close relative of the deceased, said.

"The doctors at SMC could not do much as he died on way to SMC."

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DR AL JALAHMA

ter on social media, demanding strict action against the private hospital, which refused to admit a patient in a critical stage.

"Hospitals are meant to serve human beings. Here is a hospital, which does inhuman service," a friend of the deceased, opined.

The deceased, who hailed from the Indian state of Kerala, was working with a private firm in the Kingdom. His body was flown home on Monday.

Man gets 10 years for possessing marijuana seeds, selling hashish

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The First High Criminal Court yesterday sentenced a male defendant who possessed marijuana seeds, to ten years imprisonment and fined him BD5,000.

According to court files, the case dates back to the year 2018 when the defendant was caught possessing the seeds, hashish and narcotics (Alprazolam).

The details of the case show that the Anti-Narcotics Department in Interior Ministry received a tip-off on the defendant's suspicious activities.

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The department allocated an informer who contacted the defendant and agreed to purchase BD100 worth of hashish from him, according to Prosecutors.

Both parties agreed to meet in Malkiya village near Hamad Town in the Northern Governorate. There, an undercover policeman who accompanied the informer arrested the de-

pendant, who was intoxicated.

After searching him, the policeman found the previously scanned BD100 that was given to the defendant by the informer in return for hashish, as well as two pieces of hashish.

After obtaining a search warrant from the Public Prosecution, a force from the department searched the defendant's residence, where four pieces of hashish, marijuana seeds and amounts of money collected from selling drugs were found.

Further investigation showed that the defendant possessed the drugs with the intention of selling it. However, the defendant denied that he was selling drugs.

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