

**Bahrain International Airport Conducts Emergency Evacuation Drill**



Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) successfully organized a partial evacuation exercise at Bahrain International Airport to test emergency readiness. Conducted in coordination with the Civil Aviation Authority, the drill aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of evacuation plans and the speed of response teams. The exercise involved staff from BAC and Gulf Air Group, along with strategic partners including the Airport Police, Customs, and the National Disaster Management Committee. This simulated scenario allowed officials to refine communication protocols and operational procedures under emergency conditions. Mr. Mohammed Yousif Al Sayed, Deputy CEO at BAC, stated that passenger and staff safety is the airport's top priority.

**Minister of Youth Affairs Celebrates “Bal Bahraini” Program Success**



Minister of Youth Affairs, Her Excellency Ms. Rawan bint Najib Tawfiqi, attended the closing ceremony of the “Bal Bahraini” program at Al Baraha Market. She emphasized that preserving national identity and Bahraini traditions is a core priority in developing a conscious and proud youth generation. Across three editions, the program has graduated 80 young participants, focusing on reviving authentic Bahraini vocabulary and cultural heritage. Organized in collaboration with the National Plan “Our Bahrain,” the initiative included workshops on folklore and national values to ensure these traditions reach future generations. During the event, the Minister toured interactive stations and honored the participants, praising the high quality of their projects and their commitment to the Kingdom's cultural roots.

**Manama Celebrates Designation as “Capital of Arab Young Entrepreneurs”**



The “Manama, Capital of Arab Young Entrepreneurs 2026” initiative officially launched with high-level sessions on innovation at the Sheraton Hotel. Capital Governor, His Excellency Sheikh Khalid bin Hamoud Al Khalifa, led the event, praising His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his vision in empowering youth and fostering a culture of entrepreneurship in Bahrain. The opening day featured two panel discussions. The first, “Global Brands,” focused on scaling businesses internationally, while the second, “Artificial Intelligence and Entrepreneurship,” explored how AI is reshaping the business landscape. Both sessions included prominent CEOs and regional business leaders. The Governor concluded the day by honoring sponsors Kuwait Finance House and GFH Financial Group

**Bahrain’s Anti-Money Laundering Committee Reviews FATF Compliance**



Her Excellency Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, CEO of the National Financial Investigations Center, chaired the seventh meeting of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Committee on January 21, 2026. The session focused on Bahrain's progress in the mutual evaluation process conducted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and MENAFATF. The committee reviewed recommendations from technical compliance teams and updated national risk assessments concerning money laundering, terrorist financing, and the financing of arms proliferation. This meeting underscores Bahrain's dedication to upholding international financial standards and enhancing institutional mechanisms to combat financial crimes.

**Northern Municipal Council Delegation Visits King Fahd Causeway**



A delegation from the Northern Region Municipal Council, led by Chairman Dr. Sayed Shabbar Ibrahim Al-Wadaei, visited the King Fahd Causeway Directorate to enhance coordination with government agencies. The visit aimed to strengthen community partnerships and review the vital operations managed at the border. The tour covered several key stations, including the Coast Guard, Passport Department, Customs, Traffic, and Civil Defense. Officials briefed the delegation on the mechanisms used to organize passenger traffic and ensure public safety. During the visit, council members suggested incorporating educational presentations from these departments into the Council's “Hayyakum” social program to better inform the public. The visit concluded with the Municipal Council presenting a commemorative shield to the King Fahd Causeway Authority.

**Indian School Celebrates Tamil Day with Cultural Splendor**



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) celebrated Tamil Day with a magnificent display of cultural and literary events, highlighting the rich heritage of the Tamil language. The celebrations commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp by ISB Hon. Secretary V. Rajapandian, in the presence of Principal VR Palaniswamy and Vice-Principal G. Satheesh. The event featured a serene devotional prayer followed by captivating classical and folk dance performances. A major highlight was the thematic parade, which visually narrated the traditions of Tamil culture. Various literary competitions were held, with top honors secured by Tejaswini Nachiappan (Poem Recitation), Uma Eswari (Elocution), and Nithika Ashok (Essay Writing). Other first-place winners included Gracelyn Vinesh, Benima Rajan, Azmina Mazel, and Vardini Jayaprakash.