

Kingdom hosting 42nd World Heritage Site Managers' Forum

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● **World Heritage Site Managers' Forum is being organized by UNESCO and Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities**

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In an effort to help site managers deal with the increasing challenges of managing world heritage sites, the World Heritage Site Managers Forum 2018, is being held at the Art Center, next to Bahrain national museum.

Site managers from around the world are participating in the Forum which began yesterday.

The forum, to be held till June 28, will help site managers discuss the challenges faced in managing world heritage sites.

World Heritage Site Managers Forum is part of 42nd World Heritage Committee meeting which is being organized in Bahrain by UNESCO and Bahrain



Dr. Britta Rudolff addressing the the World Heritage Site Managers Forum; Right, a view of the audience



Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) with the support of the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other governmental agencies.

Around 65 site managers are taking part in the event.

Speaking at the event, Advisor to Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities Dr Britta Rudolff stressed the important role played by site managers.

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other and through this create larger networks of change and support. Site managers have a large role to play and may sometimes feel isolated; this is why we are having this event," she said.

Dr Rudolff said that site managers face massive responsibilities and challenges and that it is crucial to give the support they need.

"Site managers have huge responsibilities, it is amazing what

they have to do and yet have very little guidance on how to do it. However, the roles and responsibilities are often underestimated in the national context. This is something we would like to discuss and communicate at an international level to provide more police support for this very important work," she said.

"Considering that the World Heritage List includes over 1000 properties and a global territory of over 276 million hectares un-

der its protection, increased understanding of the World Heritage decision-making processes among site managers has become crucial in order to achieve more effective protection of the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage properties."

"It will allow the Convention to fulfil its potential as a tool and catalyst for World Heritage protection and heritage protection in general," she said.

"At the same time, future im-

provements to the World Heritage decision-making procedures must build on and respond to greater engagement of those dealing with World Heritage on a day-to-day basis," she said.

"Stronger bridges should be built between the procedural core of the World Heritage system and its outer segment," organizers stated explaining the need for the forum.



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Sponsor abandons Pakistani worker

● **An expatriate family wants to return to their home country as they are unable to survive after their sponsor abandoned them**

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Harpreet Kaur

A poor Pakistani couple and their son left abandoned by their sponsor are desperately seeking help to go back to their home country.

Abdul Quam, 65, came to Bahrain a year ago to work as a labourer. He worked for a couple of months, but couldn't perform his duties as he lost his capacity to speak due to some problems with his tongue.

The man brought his wife Surga Bibi, 55, and a son Ali Mirza to Bahrain with the help of another sponsor so that he could survive and the family



could make a living.

"When the wife came to Bahrain to work and help her husband, the sponsor abandoned the family," a source told *The Tribune*.

"The family is in a miserable condition now with no money for food, water and room rent. Surga Bibi was soliciting for help at Bab Al Bahrain near Krishna temple when the police arrested her. Her son was called to the police station along with her passport. The latter too was arrested by the police and detained in the police station," the source said.

Officials say that the man's wife and son will only be released if the sponsor appears.

"We have been trying to reach the sponsor for days now and we aren't able to get in touch with him. We tried to get help from the agent to help us get in touch with the sponsor. All he said was that he will come and help to get them released," the source said.

The wife is still at the Bab Al Bahrain police station. Her husband is helpless as he cannot speak with no money or food to survive.

"The family just wants to go back to their home country as they are unable to survive after their sponsor left the family abandoned," the source added.



The Rotary Club of Sulmaniya members cutting a cake to celebrate the completion of its 2017-2018 term

Rotary Club completes 2017-18 term

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The Rotary Club of Sulmaniya held a meeting at the Golden Tulip Hotel as part of the successful completion of its 2017-2018 term.

The meeting was a celebration of the Club's achievements during the past one year under Yusuf Fakhro as president of the Club.

"It has been an eventful year for the Rotary Club of Sulmaniya. Every year the club decides a theme or picks up a cause focusing our entire activity for the year. This year's theme was 'fight cancer'," said Hassan Al Mansoor, Community Service Director of the Club.

"We worked very closely with Bahrain Cancer Society and participated in activities



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like the walkathon, the selling of merchandise, the proceeds of which were used as charity," Al Mansoor said.

"Further, along with the help of Bahrain Cancer Society, the club is now working towards the development of the Pediatrics Cancer Ward in the Salmaniya Medical Complex," Al Mansoor said.

"We hold regular events like farmers market along with kids of special needs, distributed large food boxes worth BD7000. We also organized a visit to the pediatric cancer ward at the SMC in co-operation with Bahrain Social Responsibility Society and spent time with the kids and distributed gifts to them," Al Mansoor said.

"The club hosted orphan kids at a shopping mall for breakfast and gifts and partially funded

the refurbishment of Al Rahma Center, the centre that takes care of kids with special needs. The club also donated BD1500 to the Bahrain Association for Parents & Friends of Disabled which was used to expand two classrooms, build toilets and for the waterproofing for the building," he said.

"The Club also made a donation of BD25,000. The club has a unique motto for the coming year - 'Fight Plastic Pollution'. We are going to have significant allocation for the donation for the cause, including cleaning beaches and help recycling projects. These are just initial ideas and will be worked out once the new board takes over on the first week of July," he said.

Participants of the "Raft Race 2018" were also awarded for their contribution.

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