

# Housing Ministry to deliver more e-services

Manama

**H**ousing Minister, Bassim Al Hamer, has stressed the Housing Ministry's keenness to constantly develop the work of the Housing Services Directorate and the Customer Service Centre.

He also said that programme launched by the Ministry of Housing in 2011 to promote the culture of excellence is still there, and is undergoing periodic development.

During an open meeting with the employees of the Housing Services Directorate, the minister stressed that self-development of the ministry's staff should go hand in hand with the on-going institutional development, though enhancing practical and communication skills, noting that the Housing Ministry



Mr Al Hamer at the open meeting.

seeks to create a positive work environment to increase productivity.

He added that the ultimate goal

of development programmes is to improve the quality of services and increase the efficiency of the ministry's departments so as to

reach a level that would meet the citizens' aspirations.

Tackling the development plans, the minister revealed that

all services requiring the citizens to report to the Housing Ministry will become electronic, which will ensure easy procedures for

the customers, on the one hand, and develop the ministry's database on the other.

Mr Al Hamer added that the Housing Ministry will hold training workshop to enhance the practical and communication skills of its personnel, as well as inform them about the best practices and train them on the new programmes to be introduced.



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MR AL HAMER

# Three terrorists jailed

First accused led a terror group and carried out terrorist acts

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● **He admitted to participating in riots from 2011 until 2014.**

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**T**he High Criminal Court has sentenced three defendants to seven years

behind bars, while a fourth man received three years in prison for joining Al Mukhtar Brigades terrorist group in an effort to carry out terrorist activities after receiving militia training outside Bahrain.

A fifth defendant was involved in the case, but he was cleared due to lack of evidence. Meanwhile, the third defendant was fined BD100,000 too.

According to court files, the first defendant was leading the terrorist group and he committed many terrorist crimes.

The second defendant was in contact with many wanted men and he helped them travel to Iran to join military training



sessions, the Public Prosecutors said.

It's said that the second defendant recruited the third defendant for Al Mukhtar Brigades and helped him to travel to Iran, where he was trained in using explosives,

weapons and make and detonate bombs during his stay in a camp owned by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard in 2015.

A year later, he was also sent to Iraq and received similar training, but this time at a camp owned by the Iraqi Hizbollah.

During questioning, he revealed that he was participating in riots from 2011 until 2014, the year in which he joined the terrorist group.

He told prosecutors that he received some funds and he was assigned to hand over the money to terrorists.

He admitted to travelling to Iran and Iraq to receive militia training.

# Asian worker murder trial adjourned

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**T**he High Criminal Court has adjourned a case involving three Asian men, who killed a fellow national by hitting him with a hammer in last May, to September 15, 2019, while extending the detention of the accused.

According to court files, the suspects killed the victim after they lured him to an abandoned land in Al Daih, where they beat him to death using hammers and cement blocks, after they argued about a financial dispute.

The case was first reported when the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science was notified about a severely injured man found in a farm in Al Daih, a few kilometres to the west of the Capital.

The victim was rushed to Salmaniya Medical Complex after informing that he was attacked and robbed by three individuals. The man succumbed

to his wounds and passed away in the hospital

The authorities launched a manhunt to nab the three suspects, who were eventually arrested, after investigators acknowledged that they were related to the victim.

They, the three suspects, told the interrogators that they had requested the victim to meet them after he apparently cheated them by selling them an employment visa for BD1,000, promising that it is valid for two years, while it was only valid for one year.

On May 14, 2019, the Public Prosecution accused the trio of premeditated murder and robbing the victim.



**The trio has been charged with premeditated murder and robbing the victim.**

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

# Sea clean-up campaign planned



The meeting in progress.

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**T**he Secretary-General of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society, Dr Fawzi Amin, held a meeting with representatives of Our Seas Clean (OSC) National Campaign - Bahrain Volunteer Diving Team to discuss the co-ordination of BRCS volunteers with the OSC campaign that runs until September 21 across the country.

The meeting gathered the First Aid Committee, Public Relations Committee, Youth

Committee and the Agriculture Team.

During the meeting, Dr Amin confirmed the readiness of BRCS to participate in this campaign, organised and managed by the Bahrain Diving Volunteer Team in co-operation with the Supreme Council for Environment and other concerned entities such as the Ministry of Interior (Coast Guard Department), the Directorate of Maritime Surveillance and Fisheries, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Ministry of Works and Municipal Affairs,

Bahrain Airport Services Company and others.

Dr Amin further pointed out that this participation also aims to raise awareness on the need to avoid dumping waste in the seas "because of the risks this phenomenon poses to marine life, and provide a clean environment and maintain a life suitable for seafarers and fishermen".

He praised the efforts of the campaigners, especially in terms of extracting waste from the sea is sorted, recycled and distributed for charity or safely

disposed.

Dr Amin stressed that the Bahraini Red Crescent puts the issue of environmental first, for its importance of providing human life sources of food, shelter and health, while the phenomena of climate change and desertification represent great challenges for relief and humanitarian work around the world, as the world is witnessing major climate changes that call for the concerted efforts of the international community to face them and reduce their negative impact.

# Qatar's inhumane practices against workers condemned

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**C**hairman of the Executive Council of the Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation (Al Hurr), Yaqoob Yusef Mohammed, has condemned the State of Qatar's inhumane practices against hundreds of thousands of Asian and African workers who are exploited and living in precarious conditions in both workplaces and accommodation.

Mr Yaqoob called for launching an international investigation, under the supervision of the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), as well as international human rights organisations, to force Doha to adhere to transparency in the file of construction workers, an issue, he said, that has become exposed at the international level without any effective ac-

countability.

Al Hurr chief stressed that labour strikes, protests, deaths, and the continued failure of the Qatari government to ensure the rights of foreign workers on its territory uncover the 'real and ugly face of the Qatari regime' which is trying to exploit the organisation of the 2022 World Cup, to obscure the violations of foreign workers' rights and humanity to a level that bears the hallmark of 'collective crimes'.

He emphasised that Al Hurr joins the international human rights organisations and regional and international trade unions, which have condemned the exploitation of foreign workers' need and poverty to achieve gains on the corpses of victims, in supporting those whose minimum basic requirements have not been guaranteed by the Qatari Judiciary.