

Warsaw Process Working Group meeting begins

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Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, United States Acting Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of International Security and Non-proliferation (ISN) at the United States Department of State and Head of US Delegation Eliot Kang, and Poland State Secretary at the Ministry of Interior and Administration and Head of the Polish Delegation Krzysztof Kozowski, inaugurated yesterday the Warsaw Process Working Group on Maritime and Aviation Security.

The meeting was hosted by the

Kingdom in partnership with the United States and Poland.

Minister of Transportation and Telecommunication Kamal Ahmed, Minister of Defence Affairs Major-General Abdulla bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, and Chief of Public Security Major-General Tariq Al Hassan also attended the session.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs delivered a speech in which he expressed appreciation for the efforts of the United States of America and the Republic of Poland in organising this working group and other groups following the meetings and workshops held last February in Warsaw.

The minister noted that the



Shaikh Khalid speaks at the meeting.

working group comes in light of the serious threats facing the re-

gion and the whole world, stressing the need to take a collective

stance to condemn such acts.

He expressed his hope that this meeting will support co-operation between the various countries of the world to protect maritime and aviation security and find effective ways to address the growing threats, ensuring security for the countries of the region and achieve stability of the global economy.

For his part, Eliot Kang conveyed the greetings of the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, praising the Kingdom of Bahrain's hosting of this meeting, which aims to promote common security interests in the region and the world. He also stressed

the importance of joining international efforts to maintain maritime and aviation security.

Kozowski expressed the pride of the Republic of Poland in its partnership with the Kingdom and the United States of America in organising this meeting.

The meetings of the Warsaw Process Working Group on Maritime and Aviation Security are held on 21 and 22 October and will discuss a number of topics such as the Proliferation Security Initiative as well as key resolutions and protocols to stop the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and related substances.

Egyptian woman divorces Bahraini hubby, returns 23 fils 'got in dowry'

Husband could not substantiate his claims of paying BD1,000 in dowry to the woman

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In a first-of-its-kind case to be heard before the Bahraini courts, an Egyptian woman has divorced her Bahraini husband and returned the BDO.023 (EGP1) dowry "he had paid her earlier".

The case was reviewed by the Sharia Court here, where the woman had filed a lawsuit against her husband, demand-

ing a divorce due to alleged maltreatment, being subjected to physical and verbal assault, not paying alimony and the continuous interference of her mother-in-law in her private affairs.

In the court, the husband demanded the wife to return the dowry he had paid her when he wedded her in Egypt few years ago.

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MS MATHLOOM

dowry was BD1,000, without supporting his claim with any physical evidence.

According to the woman's attorney, Khulood Mathloom, her client denied the husband's claims and provided the court with the original marriage documents that were issued in Egypt and clearly stated that the paid dowry was EGP1, which is less than 25 fils; the smallest coin issued by the Central Bank

of Bahrain.

The lawyer quoted Article 95 of the Family Law in Bahrain, stating that it is the right of the wife to demand divorce provided she returns what has been paid by the husband in dowry.

Ms Mathloom also mentioned that the couple have one child (boy) together, but didn't reveal any information about the custody or the fate of the child.

BD300 fine for illegally transporting students

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The Lower Criminal Court recently fined a Bahraini man BD300 for transporting school students using his minibus without obtaining permission from the concerned authorities.

According to court files, the man was initially fined BD100, but he appealed the verdict, hoping that he would receive a lighter sentence and claiming that he can't afford the fine.

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When he was asked by the judges as to why he transported school children without a licence, the man failed to provide an acceptable excuse, and pleaded that he's unable to pay the BD100 fine citing his poor financial condition.

However, the court decided to triple the fine against the defendant, considering the gravity of the offence committed, and informed him that he has to pay BD300, according to Prosecutors.

The judge informed the defendant that he will have to spend two months behind bars if he failed to pay BD300.

Much to the irony, the defendant took out BD300 from his wallet and paid, after policemen at the gates of the court hall informed him that he would be taken to jail immediately if he didn't pay the fine.

Proposal to develop farming tabled by MPs

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Members of Parliament (MPs) have tabled a proposal to develop mechanisms to deploy protected-agriculture and water-saving farming in the Kingdom.

The proposal comes in line with the royal directives to boost food production and self-sufficiency stated in the inaugural address of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa during the opening of the Council of Representatives second session of the Fifth Legislative Term.

Speaker Fawzia Zainal and three MPs Mohamed Isa Al Abbasi, Ammar Ahmed Al Bannai and Fadhil Abbas Al Sawad have conceived their proposal from the royal address, which stated the specifics of "The Strategic Food Production Scheme" and designated various locations for fish farming and plantations in order to ensure the national capabilities in the nutritional industries and increasing local food productivity.

Bahrain Polytechnic to support EDB's AI adoption efforts

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Bahrain Polytechnic, in collaboration with Microsoft and Tamkeen yesterday reiterated its commitment to support Bahrain Economic Board's (EDB) new pilot that will design guidelines for the procurement of Artificial intelligence in the public sector.

The framework, produced by the World Economic Forum (WEF) Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focuses on the acceleration and implementation of AI in the kingdom, as

well as bridge the skills gap to successfully implement the technology.

The 'AI Academy', launched in April this year is aimed at schooling Bahraini students on the power of artificial intelligence to accelerate digital transformation and deliver the means to engage citizens and consumers, empower employees, optimise operations and reinvent governance and business models.

"The AI Academy has been carefully designed to hone our youth into the brightest AI minds in the region," said Dr Jeff Zabud-

sky, CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic.

"Relevant skills with real-world applicability are the end product of this programme, and we fully

expect these new professionals to go on to contribute significantly to the delivery of Bahrain's Vision 2030.

"This initiative, in collaboration with trusted organisations like Tamkeen, Microsoft and Fastlane; will be a major catalyst in the digitisation of the nation."

The academy's first batch of 60 students is sponsored by Tamkeen, that is currently undergoing training through an integrated syllabus which covers artificial intelligence, data analysis, data science and machine basics.

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DR JEFF ZABUDSKY

BIC welcomes world champion driver, WEC CEO

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", has welcomed FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) CEO Gerard Neveu and WEC driver James Calado to the Kingdom.

Gerard Neveu will be joined by James Calado, who was a WEC World Champion in 2017, together with BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa as the key speakers at a Press conference today evening.

They are set to announce the details of the upcoming 2019 BIC National Day Festival and the FIA WEC Bapco Eight Hours of Bahrain.

The conference is set to take



Gerard Neveu



James Calado

place at the BIC premises in Sakhir. It is scheduled to begin at 5.30pm.

Leading members of Bahrain's media community as well as

high-ranking BIC and motorsport officials and guests from across the Kingdom of Bahrain are set to attend.

The BIC National Day Festival and FIA WEC Bapco Eight Hours of Bahrain will be taking place from December 13 to 16 in Sakhir.