

Filing labour lawsuits made easy

Online legal support for expatriate workers includes translator service, full administrative assistance

● Deal signed by LMRA, Justice Ministry

● Support of qualified translators

● Department of Grievances and Protection to assist labourers

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Bahrain took yet another step yesterday to ensure the legal rights of workers here by establishing a system to help expatriate labourers file labour lawsuits online.

The system, which includes the support of qualified translators, works through an electronic platform developed by the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

The Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments and the Labour Market Regulatory Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding for this.

The deal calls for providing full administrative assistance to expatriate workers in filing labour lawsuits in the Kingdom.

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Department of Grievances and Protection at LMRA is tasked with

providing administrative assistance to expatriate workers.

The digital platform developed for the purpose by the Ministry of Justice will help applicants in completing the procedures from filing a lawsuit to the issuance of the ruling.

“The deal aims at strengthening joint governmental work, and enabling expatriate workers to benefit from the administrative facilities provided by Bahrain, especially on workers’ rights,” said Justice Minister.

For his part, the CEO of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority announced appointing a specialised team for registering and recording labour cases.

“They are responsible for verifying that the complaints to ensure that they meet the necessary criteria,” he added.

The Authority will provide workers, upon request, case numbers, dates of meeting with judge and dates of sessions.

LMRA said it also provides the assistance of qualified translators in the various languages spoken by the expatriate workers.

This cooperation, Al-Absi said, embodies the spirit of one team, and the keenness to support government work in a way that increases efficiency and reduces costs.



In the approximately 1.6 million residents of Bahrain, more than 600,857 are migrant workers who make up around 54.7 per cent of the country's workforce—most working in unskilled or low-skilled jobs, in industries such as construction, retail and wholesale and domestic work.



Minister opens food trucks area



During the inauguration



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Authority (BTEA) Chief Executive Officer Dr Nasser Ali Yousif and MPs Ahmed Al-Amer and Ibrahim Al-Nafea.

Up to 50 food trucks could operate in the area which would function from 4 pm until midnight.

Alzayani, also BTEA Chairman, stressed the importance of organising the food truck business as part of efforts to support Bahraini youth.

Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Alzayani yesterday opened a Food Trucks area in the vicinity of Bahrain International Stadium.

In attendance at the opening ceremony were Youth and Sports Affairs Minister Ayman bin Tqawfiq Almoayyed, Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions



Air India Flight AI 1942 from Bahrain to Mumbai departed yesterday from Bahrain International Airport with 142 passengers including 1 infant onboard.

Zero COVID-19 deaths

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Zero COVID-19 deaths were reported in the Kingdom yesterday, with the Kingdom also managing to bring down the number of new positive cases.

Bahrain's health ministry announced 304 new cases yesterday, out of which 88 are expatriate workers, 203 are cases of active contacts, and the rest of the 13 are travel related. Au-

thorities here also conducted 10,954 COVID-19 tests, taking the overall number of tests conducted in the Kingdom after reporting its first case in February to 1,69,781.

There are currently 78 COVID-19 patients receiving treatment, of which 29 are critically ill.

The number of active patients stands at 3,063, out of which 3,034 are healthwise stable.

BHAVANS- Bahrain Indian School holds breast cancer awareness week

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Bhavans- Bahrain Indian School observed Breast Cancer Awareness week by involving students in several activities.

Kindergarteners dressed in pink attires shared thought-provoking messages highlighting the values to be generous, kind and polite. They created heart cut-outs and flowers with pink stripes.

Students of Grade I and II students watched a PowerPoint presentation on what is cancer and the need for eating a healthy diet. Students also created a collage



Students during the Breast Cancer Awareness week



thumb printing.

Students of Grade III – VIII practised a song on fighting cancer, as Grade V and VI students wrote slogans on the T-shirts and heart cutouts.

Students of Grade VI-VII made posters and created presentations highlighting the importance of a healthy lifestyle, avoiding oncogenic products and creating awareness about cancer.

Parents of Grade VIII- X attended a talk by a doctor and clarified their doubts.

Students of Grade VII presented an assembly highlighting their findings on how pink ribbon resembles women's life and facts on Breast Cancer. The assembly ended with a song “Dressed all in Pink”.

School Directors Himansu Verma, Ritu Verma and Principal Saji Jacob encouraged students to engage in social

Abeer Nehme kicks off music festival



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Bahrain International Music Festival, now in its 29th edition, was launched yesterday at Bahrain Fort- a UNESCO world heritage list.

The concert took the audience, seated in their cars, on a musical journey that reflected the richness and diversity of the world's cultural heritage.

The festival kicked off with the concert by renowned international artist Abeer Nehme of Lebanon.

Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Director-General of Culture and Arts at the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities

evenings with concerts by bands from around the world, which will be broadcast live on YouTube, Bahrain Radio and TV.

Upcoming performances include that of Lebanese artist, Pamela Farhat, a performance by artist Mario Reis of France, concert of Mohammed bin Faris Band, Jazz music performances by the band “The Sub-binders” and a concert by Turkish singer, Barbaros Buyukakkan.

The festival concludes on October 31 with a performance by artist Rehab Mutawa and a Bahraini music band. Singer Rehab Mutawa will present a mix of the original Arabic songs. For details log on to www