

# Muharraq: Capital city of Islamic culture

'Arts from the Islamic World' exhibition at Bahrain National Museum showcases Kingdom's unique heritage and rich history

● Part of 'International Day of Islamic Art' celebrations to enhance appreciation of cultural diversity and equality among all cultures

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The galleries of the "Arts from the Islamic World" exhibition at the Bahrain National Museum were opened as part of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities' celebrations of the "International Day of Islamic Art".

The global event, which is celebrated every 18th of November, bears witness to the commitment of the international community to enhance appreciation of cultural diversity and equality among all cultures that frame humanity. It also serves as a bridge for communication between peoples and civilisations.

BACA president Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa said: "The initiative to celebrate the International Day of Islamic Art was launched in Muharraq as



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For the first time, BACA held a series of events for two consecutive days to celebrate the ancient art event.

"This day reflects the nobility of Islamic art, which extends bridges of civilisational and human communication among different regions of the world and contributes to enriching the cultural landscape of many people," said Shaikha Mai.

She thanked GFH Financial Group BSC. (GFH) for its support for the activities to mark the

International Day of Islamic Art, as well as all the participants, including artists, specialists, and staff of the authority.

## International Day of Islamic Art

The world celebrated for the first time the International Day of Islamic Art, after its approval by the 40th General Conference of the Unesco to be held on November 18th of each year based on a proposal submitted by Bahrain within the programme of Muharraq, the capital of Islamic culture.

## Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy



New Souq

In the heart of Muharraq, Bahrain's former capital, the Unesco World Heritage Site "Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy" shows the unique legacy of Bahrain's pearling era, through the architecture and the urban heritage of the old city, as well as three pearl-producing oyster beds in the northern territorial waters of Bahrain. Conservation works have been ongoing in the site since 2011 and the project is scheduled to be completed by this year.

## The Pearling Path

A cruise of approximately 10 minutes departs from the Museum of Bahrain dock to the Beach of Bumahr Castle. At the Bumahr Castle Information Center, you can start exploring the "The Pearling Path: Witness of the Island Economy" site.

## Pedestrian regression site

The length of the pedestrian path is the Pearling Path site, which extends above Isa Al Kabeer Street, with length of 165.2 metres. Then from the beginning of the Pearling Path site, with the rest of the path that runs about 5.3 kilometres inside the historic city of Muharraq.

## Pearling Path Visitor Center

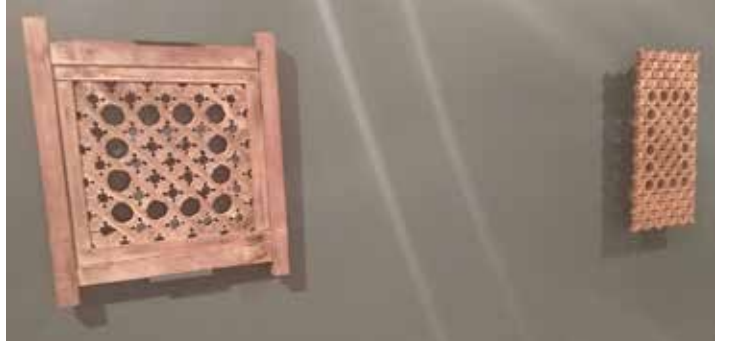
The Pearling Path Visitor Center is one of the main stops on the site, as it contains historical parts and remains the



The Unesco World Heritage Site "Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy"



Old Souq



## Islamic Art Arabesque

archaeological sites of two of the historical buildings: Yusuf bin Abdul Rahman Fakhro buildings that were built in the 1930s, in addition to a number of archaeological assets that were found on the site, in addition to its containing a number of facilities.

## Caesarea Market

Today, Al Qaysariyah Market forms part of the old Muharraq Market which dates back to the beginning of the 20th century, but studies indicate that Caesarea market is older than that, as it originated in the beginning of the 19th century and continued to expand over subsequent

years. The market is considered as one of the important parts of the Pearling Path project, as it is located on the road which runs from Herrat Pearls opposite Bumahr Castle to the heart of Muharraq and even the Siyadi House and Mosque.

## Second World Heritage Site of Bahrain

As of 2012, "Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy" has become the second World Heritage Site of Bahrain as the testimony of its millennia old pearl collecting tradition and the globally significant single-product island economy and social system it produced.



Pearl Path bridge

## Ithmaar Bank honours 36 long-serving employees, reports 97% Bahrainisation

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Ithmaar Bank, a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank, recognised 36 employees, including 35 Bahrainis, for their contributions to the bank's ongoing success.

They were presented with cash and certificates for completing 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service.

This came as the bank was recognised by Tamkeen for its exceptionally high 97 percent Bahrainisation level.

Ithmaar Bank's performance in this area, among the best in the Kingdom, is in line with the objectives of Tamkeen's Taqdeer programme and the Bahrain government's overall goal of creating a highly skilled Bahraini workforce and positioning them as employees of choice.

The bank also has 17 Bahrainis among its 19-member Exec-



Ithmaar Bank CEO Abdul Rahim

utive Management team. "Ithmaar Bank is a people-oriented organisation, focused on our employees' growth, success, and personal development," said Ithmaar Bank Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Abdul Rahim.

"These long-service awards reflect how deeply we value the hard work and dedication of our team members, some of whom have been with us since the bank's inception."

"The banking industry, particularly Islamic banking, offers exciting career opportunities for hardworking and

growth-oriented individuals, and we are pleased to count so many Bahrainis among our wonderful team," he said.

"Our high Bahrainisation rate reaffirms our commitment to prioritising and developing local talent, in support of the Government's Economic Vision 2030 to deliver strong economic growth and prosperity to all citizens," he said.

"We are careful to ensure a working environment where women can learn, grow their skills, and succeed. Our career progression programmes provide hard working women with as many opportunities as their male counterparts."

Ithmaar Bank is also a strong advocate of gender equality, counting several women among its management team and two on its board. It employs 103 women in total at various levels, from customer facing personnel to executives.

## Lulu celebrates unique Food Festival from today

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From today until March 6, Lulu Hypermarket is inviting shoppers to its unique Food Festival, full of delicious tastes from around the world, the freshest and top-quality ingredients to make any home chef happy and promotions on kitchenware and equipment such as food processors, air fryers and bakeware to turn out great food every time.

What's more, the Hypermarket's Big Bang offers, daily and special offers will keep shoppers coming for more great bargains and give them a chance to win as well.

Over a 11-day period, Lulu shoppers can enter an e-affle draw for every BD5 spent and be one of 160 lucky winners to share a jackpot of over BD11,000 in Lulu Shopping Gift Card.

The Hypermarket is tapping the new awareness for healthy eating and its Food Festival is promoting no-sugar fruit juices, a variety of multi-grain breads, organic food ingredi-



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ents, low-sugar and high protein treats such as special ice creams, breakfast options to start the day right.

It also promotes different

specialties on different days – a biryani festival, a festival of rice and curries, a seafood festival, a cake festival to celebrate all things naughty and nice, breads and croissants festival, special deals on choicest cuts of beef and also on mince and cubed meat, fresh chicken parts, BBQ foods and even free biryani tomorrow for every 10 kilos of Basmati rice purchased.

There are also extra e-affle credits on popular brands of foods so stock up your kitchen store at Lulu and win yourself some good health, great taste and prizes!