

Refusing children's vaccination lands parents in the dock

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Denying vaccination to their children has landed some parents in the dock in the Kingdom.

The Public Prosecution, in a statement, said the parents are facing trial for failing to adhere to rules regarding the National Vaccination Campaign.

The actions followed, the statement said, after several attempts to correct the violating parents through local health clinics.

The public Prosecution said they summoned parents to warn them of the gravity of the situation and the consequence of their actions.

"However, they didn't make

any effort, except for two parents who took their children for vaccination," the statement explained.

The statement also warned 'strong' actions against violators, calling on parents to adhere to the programme for the safety of their children and avoid legal actions.

The Prosecution states that

children in Kingdom receive vaccination through the national vaccination campaign against diseases, including Tuberculosis, Hepatitis, Poliomyelitis, Chickenpox, combined tetralogy of Meningitis, Measles, Mumps, Tetanus, and Whooping cough.

HM King amends Law on Associations, Social and Cultural Clubs

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday ratified and promulgated Law 30/2022 amending provisions of Law 21/1989 on Associations, Social and Cul-

tural Clubs, Special Committees working in the Field of Youth and Sports, and Private Foundations. The move follows an approval of the law by the Shura and Representatives Councils.

Court confirms 5 year jail for drug peddler

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An Asian man charged with peddling drugs in the Kingdom will now spend five years of his life in a Bahrain jail, with the Court of Cassation yesterday rejecting his appeal against the verdict.

The Court also confirmed a BD3,000 fine slapped on him and his deportation after serving his prison term.

Police said they arrested the man red-handed while selling drugs, which he later confessed received through dead mail.

Court files say police arrested the suspect by executing a sting



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operation with an undercover agent.

The agent, posing as a buyer, got in touch with the suspect and offered to buy shabu worth BD1,500.

The suspect agreed to the deal and promised delivery in

the Manama area, while cops in plain clothes put the area under close surveillance.

Unsuspecting the trap, the suspect, an Asian national, came in a car and informed the undercover agent about the drugs.

The officer found that the suspect had kept the drug inside cigarette packs.

Soon, the cops swooped down on the suspect and took him into custody.

During interrogation, he said that he was getting drugs through dead mail.

The public Prosecution had charged the suspect with peddling drugs.



Dead mail is something that is undeliverable because of faulty or illegible address and is unreturnable to the sender or that is unclaimed after a certain period of time. Such mail must be sent to the dead-letter branch in the case of first-class mail or to the dead parcel-post branch for disposal.

Alba Chairman leads delegation at 25th Arab-German Business Forum 2022

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"Five decades and counting, Bahrain has forged closed ties with Germany in the fields of trade and investment, and Alba is a great tangible example of this," stated Aluminium Bahrain (Alba)'s Chairman of the Board of Directors, Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa during his Keynote Speech at the Gala Dinner of the 25th Arab-German Business Forum that is being held in Berlin from 21 to 23 June 2022.

Adding further, Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa said: "We look forward to welcoming German companies to set-up manufacturing units and businesses at the recently announced Aluminium Downstream Park, which represents a dynamic part of the Economic Recovery Plan put in motion in October 2021 by the Government of Bahrain and led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain. Alba will play a key role in the development of the planned Aluminium Downstream Park and look forward to being the supplier of choice for all Aluminium manufacturing and recycling projects."

The Arab-German Business Forum comprises panel discussions and roundtables with the



participation of high-level delegates and speakers who focus on creating opportunities and growth within key sectors of the Arab economies as well as Germany.

Alba's Chief Executive Officer Ali Al Baqali participated in the Panel Discussion on 'Sustainability and Waste Management: Major Challenges and Excellent Opportunities' during which he gave insights on Alba's fully-fledged ESG Roadmap, which is in line with Bahrain's commitment to achieve 'Net Zero Emissions' by 2060.

During his participation in

the Panel discussion on 'Mobility and Logistics: Smart Solutions as a Key to a Sustainable Development?', Alba's Chief Marketing Officer Khalid A. Latif stated, "Alba has always been ahead of the curve when it comes to producing and delivering Aluminium responsibly and sustainably. Our recent credentials including ASI Performance Certification give the Company a competitive edge as we seek to embark on new markets in Germany and Europe."

On the side-line of the Arab-German Business Forum

2022, the Chairman of the Board Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa presented Alba's 50th Anniversary Coin to Abdulla Abdullatif Al-Shaikh Abdulla, the Ambassador of Bahrain to Germany, as well as to Abdulaziz Al Mikhlaifi, the Secretary-General Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Alba's Director Marketing Boris Santosi and Director Investor Relations, Insurance & Corporate Secretary Eline Hilal were also part of the delegation attending the 25th Arab-German Business Forum.

Deputy PM urges faster pace for infrastructure projects



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Bahrain is keen to move forward with infrastructure projects at a faster pace, said Deputy Prime Minister and Infrastructure Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

The government, Shaikh Khalid said, intends to provide high-quality and efficient services to meet citizens' aspirations and enhance Kingdom's readiness for further investments.

"A major objective is to be able to keep pace with the demands of comprehensive and sustainable development," he said during a meeting with ministers.

"This has a special significance with the urban expansion thanks to the new housing cities and the private sector's readiness to invest in the real estate and industrial development sector," Shaikh Khalid added.

Present at the meeting were the Municipality and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications Mohamed bin Thamer Al Kaabi, Works Minister Ibrahim bin Hassan Al Hawaj, Electricity and Water Minister Yasser bin Ibrahim Humaidan, and Housing and Urban Planning Minister Amina bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi.

Shaikh Khalid said the next phase of government action demands intensifying coordination and integration be-

tween ministries and government service agencies and working within a team spirit to implement the visions of HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister to boost services to higher standards.

Shaikh Khalid directed the ministers to finalise the government commitments in its 2019-2022 action plan.

He called for prioritising infrastructure projects to integrate them into future policies and initiatives that shape the aspirations of the Government Action Plan.

The review of the projects will be in the workshops ordered by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and turned into a road map for the priorities of the Ministerial Committee for Developmental Projects and Infrastructure.

