

Family faces trial for Tamkeen fraud

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A mother, her four sons and five others are facing trial over claims they took more than BD230,000 from Tamkeen and the Social Insurance Organisation by filing fake job contracts and pay slips.

Six of the eleven accused appeared before the First High Criminal Court.

The second defendant, who is in custody, was brought in. His brother, the first defendant, was not produced from prison.

Three others failed to attend and will be summoned again.

The remaining five, all out on bail, stood before the court and denied the charges.

Defence lawyers, including Reem Al Mahhari and Zahra Hussain, asked for copies of the case file and time to reply.

The court set 8 July to have the first defendant brought from



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prison and for fresh summons to be issued to the three absentees.

The defence will also be expected to respond at the same hearing.

Prosecutors said the first and second defendants submitted forged contracts through online

portals run by Tamkeen and the Social Insurance Organisation.

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Those papers were then used



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to add and remove names from the insurance system and to make claims for one-off retirement payouts and pensions.

The same details were later used in wage support requests to Tamkeen.

The case continues.

Kingdom hosts first edition of 'Roots: AI and the Next Generation' summit



Guest speakers at the event

● Decision-makers and experts from Bahrain and GCC take part in forum

● Focus on accelerating digital transformation

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The Kingdom of Bahrain yesterday hosted the inaugural edition of the “Roots: Artificial Intelligence and the Next Generation” summit at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre in Sakhir.

The event saw high-level participation from decision-makers and experts from Bahrain and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.

Organised by the Digital Innovation and Future Foresight Committee, the summit is set to become an annual platform to foster Arab dialogue on accelerating digital transformation and exploring the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the future of upcoming generations.

The summit’s agenda featured a series of expert-led panel discussions and research



The summit marked a significant step forward in the region’s commitment to leveraging AI for sustainable development and innovation.

presentations from leading Arab and international universities.

Recognition ceremony

It also included a recognition ceremony honoring outstanding initiatives in the field of AI across the government, private, academic, and research sectors.

Held under the sponsorship of the UAE, the event focused on the applications of AI in key areas such as decision-making, media, education, and entrepreneurship.

A special session conducted in English addressed the future of artificial intelligence on a global scale, highlighting international trends and advancements.

International Day of Yoga



The Thattai Hindu Community celebrated the International Day of Yoga on Friday, June 20th, 2025 at the THMC Auditorium in the Shrinathji Shri Krishna Temple premises.

The evening saw the enthusiastic participation of devotees, yoga enthusiasts and community members. The event was conducted by Bahrain based Certified Yoga professionals Nilesch and Jyoti Bhatia. Participants of all ages took part in traditional asanas, followed by Pranayama and Meditation.

The Secretary of the Temple Managing Committee, Mr. Mahendra Bhatia, thanked all the participants for participating in the global yoga movement, noting that the Thattai Hindu Community had been observing this day since its inception. He encouraged everyone to continue on this path for good health and mental well-being.

IFRC Spotlights Bahrain Heat Campaign

- Bahrain joins global campaign
- IFRC highlights Red Crescent role

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Bahrain’s efforts to combat extreme heat have been recognised on the international stage,

with the Kingdom featured on the cover of a global report published by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) for Heat Action Day 2025.

The IFRC publication highlights global initiatives undertaken by more than 25 countries - including the United States, India, Japan, the Netherlands, and Pakistan - to raise awareness about heat-related risks. Among these, Bahrain’s contribution stood out, led by the Bahrain



Mubarak Al Hadi

Red Crescent Society and prominently placed on the cover.

Recognition earned

The Kingdom’s campaign, organised in conjunction with Heat Action Day on June 2nd, focused on field-level awareness targeting outdoor workers.

Conducted across various job sites, the initiative aimed to prevent heat exhaustion and sunstroke during Bahrain’s peak summer season.

Volunteers from the Bah-



IFRC is caring for expat workers during summer season

rain Red Crescent distributed educational materials, offered practical heat safety advice, and provided first-response tips to help mitigate heat-related emergencies.

Red Crescent leads

Secretary-General of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society Mubarak Al Hadi described the global recognition as a testament to Bahrain’s commitment to climate resilience and humanitarian outreach.

“Featuring the Society’s efforts on the cover reflects our

ongoing commitment to protecting vulnerable populations from the impacts of climate change,” Al Hadi said.

Regional role affirmed

He added that the recognition serves as a strong motivator to continue expanding prevention efforts and reinforces Bahrain’s standing as a regional leader in humanitarian action.

The campaign is part of broader national outreach programmes aimed at safeguarding community health during increasingly harsh summers.

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