

Graduation ceremony for new recruits

National Security Adviser and Commander of the Royal Guard Major General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday patronised a graduation ceremony for a special new recruits session. The celebration was attended by Royal Guard Special Force Commander Lieutenant Colonel HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. After a briefing on the session, the graduates implemented a set of practical applications which reflected their high skills. Major General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa presented the graduates and top achievers with certificates and prizes of appreciation. He congratulated them on their graduation, wishing them every success. The graduation ceremony was attended by Deputy Royal Guard Commander Major General Hamad Khalifa Al Nuaimi and senior Royal Guard officers.

Drug seller receives additional five years in jail for 'money laundering'

Defendant will now have to serve 15 years jail

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The Supreme Criminal Court of Appeal has upheld the imprisonment of a Bahraini man convicted of money laundering.

The appellant was earlier sentenced to five years of imprisonment and fined BD5,000 for the charge.

Additionally, he is now serving an imprisonment sentence of 10 years after he was found guilty of selling drugs.

The money laundering charge was confirmed as the investigations launched by the Public Prosecution into his bank accounts and banking activities showed that he deposited the income of selling drugs in bank accounts that belonged to him and his relatives.

Further investigation also showed that he purchased



and sold several cars in cash in order to legalise the money.

When arrested, police reported that five bags of methamphetamine (a drug that is locally known as Shabu), 68 grammes of hashish, BD10,000 in cash and other GCC currencies, and deposit slips worth BD7,000 were found in his possession.

During the interrogation, the defendant denied that the money was generated

from selling drugs, claiming that it was the outcome of investing in chicken hatcheries; a claim that was later proven by investigators to be false.

The probe confirmed that the man had collected over BD22,000, which he generated from selling drugs within three years.

Investigators also informed that the hatcheries the man claimed to own belonged to his relatives, who he repeatedly requested to deposit his money in their accounts after giving them different pretexts each time, as mentioned in the witnesses' testimonies.

As per the last upholding of the money laundering conviction, the man will now serve a total of 15 years imprisonment in addition to paying fines of BD5,000 for each of the two cases.

BAHRAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (BATELCO) B.S.C.



Update on Board Nomination

Bahrain Telecommunications Company (Batelco) B.S.C would like to amend the announcement issued on 13 February 2020 in relation to the nomination of candidacy whereas two (2) directors will be elected for a three year term (2020-2023) where the elections will take place in the Annual General Assembly Meeting due to be held on 25 March 2020.

For those interested in nominating themselves shall apply through our website <http://batelco.com/investor-relations> no later than 27 February 2020.

Musician, social activist to speak at BKS Book Fest

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The BKS International Bookfest will be hosting musical maestro Harish Sivaramakrishnan, and politician, scholar, social activist and former member of Haryana Legislative Assembly, Swami Agnivesh, tonight.

Swami Agnivesh is best known for his work against bonded labour through his Bonded Labour Liberation Front, which he founded in 1981. He has served as the chairperson of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery from 1994 to 2004.



Harish Sivaramakrishnan

From slavery to bonded labour to allowing people full movement across borders, campaigning against foeticide, and emancipation of womanhood, Swami Agnivesh is a social justice warrior who has fought for

everything he believes in from the ground upwards all the way till testifying before the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

He has addressed gatherings at the Anti-Terrorism Global Peace Conference, and been very vocal against the defamation of Islam, and the rise of Islamophobia. He is also a proponent of interfaith dialogue, and is a member of the Board of World Leaders for the Elijah Interfaith Institute.

Harish Sivaramakrishnan is a musical exponent who has broken through the rigid rules of classical music to bring it to the common man.