

World's biggest inflatable attraction, The Big Bounce, arrives at EWB for Eid

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The Bahrain Tourism & Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), in partnership with Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre, is bringing action-packed Eid celebrations to Bahrain with The Big Bounce Arabia, the first entertainment event under its current tourism campaign. The event is set to take place at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) from 28th May to 5th June 2026.

Widely recognized as the world's largest touring inflatable attraction, The Big Bounce Arabia will deliver an immersive entertainment experience, including giant inflatable playgrounds, interactive zones, and a range of activities for families and children of all ages. Guests can look forward to a vibrant atmosphere and visitor-friendly facilities that ensure a safe, comfortable, and memorable day out for everyone.

BTEA CEO Sara Ahmed Buhiji said the event reflects BTEA's commitment to delivering a diverse calendar of entertainment and tourism experiences for citizens, residents, and visitors from across the GCC during the Eid season. "The collaboration with Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre highlights efforts to expand Bahrain's entertainment offerings through high-quality events for all age groups, fur-



ther reinforcing the Kingdom's position as a leading family destination in the region."

Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre CEO, Damian Bush added that the event reflects the venue's commitment to bringing world-class entertainment experiences to Bahrain and further boosting the Kingdom's live entertain-

ment scene.

"The Big Bounce Arabia builds on the success of the strategic partnership between Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre and the BTEA, which continues to bring internationally recognized events and family-focused experiences to Bahrain, contributing to a vibrant atmosphere

and a diverse program of activities during the Eid period."

Tickets for The Big Bounce Arabia are available via manama.platinumlist.net. More information and event updates can be found via @bahrain.calendar, Bahrain.com, and the BTEA official mobile application.

One-day turnaround for university certificate checks introduced



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The University of Bahrain has enhanced its service for verifying externally issued documents as part of wider government efforts to improve and streamline public services, officials said.

The upgraded digital service allows local and international entities—including embassies, institutions and private companies—to verify the authenticity, validity and accuracy of university-issued certificates, transcripts and academic records through the national portal bahrain.bh.

Under the improved system, processing time for verification requests has been reduced from two working

days to just one, while service level agreement timelines have been cut by at least 25 percent. Information related to the service has also been standardised across all official channels, aimed at improving efficiency and speeding up response times.

University of Bahrain President Dr Fouad Mohammed Al Ansari said the development reflects the institution's broader strategy to advance digital services and strengthen trust in its official documents.

He added that the initiative also supports efforts to facilitate faster and more accurate verification processes for external organisations, while reinforcing cooperation with both local and international partners.

RHF Strengthens Partnership



Eng. Ebrahim Dalhan Al-Doseri, Acting Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), paid an official visit to Mr. Mark Thomas, Group Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Energies, as part of ongoing efforts to further strengthen collaboration and deepen the strategic community partnership between RHF and the Group in advancing humanitarian and charitable initiatives.

Education Vision Praised



Al Nusaiim International School celebrated the graduation of its 29th cohort for the academic year 2025/2026 on May 25 at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre, in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Governorate.

In his address, His Highness the Governor expressed pride in Bahrain's education system

and its role in advancing national development, in line with the wise directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the continuous support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister. He affirmed that this reflects the Kingdom's unwavering commitment to building a knowledgeable and capable Bahraini generation.

Six Bids Open for Bahrain Stray Dog Control Tender

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Six bids have been opened for a Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture tender to manage Bahrain's stray dog population across the four governorates, with offers running from BD249,810 to BD936,375.

The Tender Board opened the bids on Monday for a public local and GCC request for proposals covering a catch-neuter-vaccinate-return scheme, known as CNVR.

All Care Veterinary Clinic WLL put in the lowest offer at BD249,810, followed by Tasneem Development Agriculture at BD414,810 and Blue Cross Veterinary Clinic WLL at BD424,290.547.

Black Gold Equipment Hiring bid BD489,060, while Vitamin Veterinary Clinic offered BD675,675. Tails Veterinary

Centre WLL submitted the highest bid at BD936,375, which was accepted on condition.

The tender covers the catching, sterilising, vaccinating and marking of stray dogs, along with sheltering and rehabilitation. Dogs would then be rehomed, returned, or handled according to their case.

The ministry said the scheme is meant to bring stray dog numbers under control, improve public safety and cut health and environmental risks, while following recognised animal welfare standards.

Five bids were accepted, while Tails Veterinary Centre's offer carried a condition. The Tender Board notice said bids remain subject to technical and financial checks, with price used as the main measure only after other requirements are met.



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Minors Trafficking Charges

First High Criminal Court has begun the trial of a 32-year-old Asian man and a 40-year-old Asian woman accused of human trafficking and exploiting two underage sisters in prostitution.

Prosecutors alleged the defendants used coercion, threats and deception to force the two Asian victims, aged 16 and 17, into prostitution for financial gain.

According to court documents, police launched an investigation after receiving reports about a trafficking network exploiting minors

in Bahrain. Investigators later confirmed the allegations.

The victims had reportedly travelled to Bahrain from another Gulf country after being promised work opportunities by an unidentified person.

Authorities said the defendants arranged clients and collected the money earned from the activities, while the victims allegedly received nothing. Prosecutors also said the suspects were aware that both girls were under the age of 18 and exploited their difficult financial circumstances.

Son Torchers Home

First High Criminal Court has begun hearing the case of a man accused of deliberately setting fire to his mother's home following a family dispute.

Prosecutors charged the defendant, a man in his forties, with intentionally starting a fire in a residential property and endangering lives and property.

According to investigators, authorities received reports of a house fire on April 9. Civil Defense teams later determined that the blaze in the ground-floor living room had been deliberately set.

The defendant's 79-year-old mother told prosecutors that

her son became angry after she advised him to stay out of trouble and look for work. She said he had previously threatened to burn down the house, prompting her to file a police complaint.

While at the police station, she received news that the house had caught fire. Civil Defense teams later brought the blaze under control.

Officials said the fire caused smoke and burn damage inside the living room, including losses estimated at 500 Bahraini dinars.

The mother also told investigators that the defendant struggled with drug addiction and had shown unstable be-

Supervisor handed suspended sentence over fatal workplace fall

The court sentenced a labour supervisor to six months in prison, suspended upon payment of a BD100 bail, after a 77-year-old Bangladeshi worker died in a fall from a fourth-floor rooftop.

The First High Criminal Court found the supervisor guilty of causing the worker's death through negligence and failure to comply with occupational safety requirements.

According to court documents, the victim, who worked for a welding and fabrication company, was collecting equipment from the roof of a restaurant after completing work when he lost balance and fell from an unsecured side of the building from a height of about 20 metres.

He suffered severe head and brain injuries and later died from his wounds.

A technical report by the Labour Ministry's Occupational Safety and Inspection Department classified the incident as a workplace accident caused by unsafe conditions at the site.

Investigators said the supervisor failed to provide adequate safety measures, protective equipment and proper site security to ensure the worker's safety while carrying out his duties.

The court said the charges were closely linked and applied the maximum penalty under Article 66 of Bahrain's Penal Code.