## Three captive dolphins swim free to wild after being confined to a resort pool

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hree dolphins rescued by authorities from a resort in the Kingdom safely, swam to the wild, sometimes jumping over choppy waves, giving an incredibly emotional experience to officials who worked to secure their freedom.

The dolphins, two females and a young male, caught illegally and sold for entertainment purposes, were rescued by Coast Guard Officials from the resort following a court order.

The animals were in a tiny pool of the resort, confined for the amusement of tourists who would pay to swim and play with

As per a judicial ruling, also the first such instance in Kingdom, authorities carted the dolphins to the open sea and re- between the concerned state

freedom thanks to joint efforts to the resort.



leased them back to their natural agencies and the International

Incidents leading to the ex- stead of one. The Execution Prosecution traordinary rescue started with head Mohammed Al Musallam the Coast Guard officials moni-

ite visit, officials found that the at the facility six months back pects and seize the vehicles used habitat after nursing them back Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAO). facility had three dolphins ind during their visit.

officials to approach the Su- ity to import dolphins in the past said the dolphins gained their toring the handover of a dolphin preme Council for Environment six months. (SCE) in Bahrain, which con-

However, during another ons- firmed detecting no dolphins Prosecution to arrest the sus-

The Council also confirmed land and the boat used for cap-This incident led Coast Guard granting no permits to the facil-turing them.

The findings led the Public the resort and had no function-

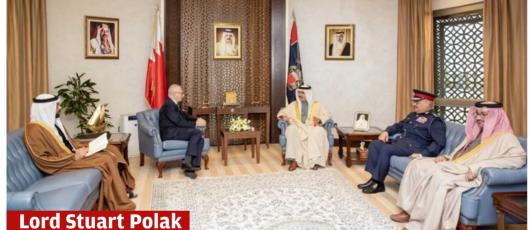
Guard officials said.

Announcing the order, Al Musallam said the Kingdom pays the utmost attention to the environment and wildlife, backed by advanced environmental and wildlife legislation and laws.

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Dolphins are mammals known for their friendliness. There are over 40 species of dolphins, the most common being the Bottlenose dolphin. Dolphins have very large brains- their brain-to-body size ratio is second only to our own! They also exhibit sophisticated forms of communication, tool use, cooperative feeding methods, culture and social learning, and play.



Lords. Lord Stuart Polak. Public Security Chief. Lieutenant-General Tarig bin Hassan Al Hassn, and Chief Executive Officer of the National Centre for Cybersecurity, Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, were present. Lord Stuart Polak was briefed about the Interior Ministry's efforts to maintain national security, ensure public safety and consolidate cybersecurity by raising readiness and speed of monitoring and responding to cyber breaches. The two sides also discussed areas of bilateral cooperation and coordination, in addition to the latest regional security developments.

## Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, received yesterday member of the British House of

## **BDF opens 11th Constituent Judicial** Session for Military Prosecution officers



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 $\mathbf{B}$  ahrain Defence Force (BDF) launched the 11th Constitu-Resources Chief of Staff Assistant Major General Shaikh

Prosecution officers. Human propriate resources for the paragencies in Bahrain. ticipants.

Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa was cal and theoretical training in its specializations was screened judicial police procedures and on the occasion.

Shaikh Ali commended BDF the work of the military prose-Commander-in-Chief Field cution. It also included lectures Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin on international humanitarian Ahmed Al Khalifa's care and law and human rights, as well as ent Judicial Session for Military directives to facilitate the apfield visits to judicial and legal

A documentary about BDF The course included practi- and the Military Judiciary and

## NIAD to plant 1,194 seedlings along 16 December Avenue

for transporting the animals in-

"The fishing boat was an-

chored on the beach behind

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 ${f T}$ he National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD) announced it would plant 1,194 seedlings along 16 December Avenue in the Southern Governorate.

The project will be in partnership with the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and the Supreme Council for the Environment.

This is the third initiative supported by SICO Bank, which initiated the idea of financing afforestation projects in cooperation with NIAD and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs tor-General of the Southern with the private sector. The cil Chairman, Abdulla Abdullplanting site was inaugurated tif, Head of Corporate Comin the presence of NIAD Secre- munications at SICO Nadeen bint Isa Al Khalifa, the Direc- officials.



Officials inaugurating the planting of seedlings

Specialists of the Southern and Agriculture, resulting in Area Municipality, Asim bin Area Municipality helped select the 'Forever Green' campaign Abdullatif, Municipal Coun- the plants, which were placed after ensuring enough space between them.

Officials said they made every tary-General, Shaikha Maram Oweis, and agricultural sector effort to determine the appropriate species for the region.



Morocco's Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Nasser Bourita and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani yesterday co-chaired the fifth session of the Bahrain-Morocco Joint Higher Committee. Earlier, upon his arrival, Bourita was welcomed by Dr Al Zayani, Bahrain's Ambassador to Morocco Khalid bin Salman Al-Musallam, Morocco's Ambassador to Bahrain Mustapha Benkhayi, and senior Ministry of Foreign