

'Protecting nation's heritage one of top priorities'

Manama

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday made an inspection visit to a number of heritage, religious, historical and commercial sites in the Manama region.

HRH the Prime Minister exchanged talks with a number of citizens and visitors of the sites, stressing the government's unwavering efforts to develop various areas and provide them with sufficient services.

HRH the Premier highlighted the government's unwa-



HRH the Premier during an inspection visit to heritage and religious sites.



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vering interest in developing regions to achieve the aspirations of the citizens, noting that many development projects aimed at achieving the citizens' comfort and boosting the commercial sector are being implemented.

While visiting the site of the Al Mehza Mosque, which he had ordered to be reconstructed in a way that would preserve its historical status and religious role, HRH the Prime Minister affirmed that directives had already been given to the competent authorities to expedite the completion of the technical procedures in order to immediately embark on the reconstruction and the revamp of the iconic mosque.

HRH the Premier affirmed the government's interest in taking care of the houses of worship so as to be able to assume their religious and social role.

MoE 'committed to ensure' safety of pupils at schools

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The Ministry of Education has taken necessary steps to ensure safety of all school students following the recent drug scandal that hit a public school, the ministry an-

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nounced yesterday.

Firm action will be taken against those who attempt to harm the safety of the schools in the country, the ministry warned.

It further confirmed that the drug that was allegedly sold by the student was Lyrica and stated that the case is being thoroughly investigated by a nine member committee.

Two students were suspended from the public school after it emerged that they sold drugs in the school.

In a video that went viral, a

Bahraini psychologist who was seen counselling a student, made various claims about what happened in the school in addition to drug scandal.

The Ministry of Education denied those claims stating that in their testimony to the investigative team, the students did not reveal such information.

Dr Fawzi Al Jowder, Undersecretary for Educational and Curricula Affairs, confirmed that the students were suspended for possession and sale of drugs within the school.

"The ministry has already taken action on this. This particular issue is an old one, it took place in January. The ministry had quickly formed an investigate team and took the necessary action," he said.

Tribune reported yesterday that a school in the Southern Governorate suspended two students, reportedly female, for their involvement in serious violations related to drug possession and distribution.

Reportedly, the students confessed to possessing and distributing drugs at the government school. According to sources, the students are 13 years old.

Meanwhile, Capital Prosecution Chief, Nawaf Al Awadhi, has asserted that the Public Prosecution has been notified by the General Directorate of Anti-corruption, Economic and Electronic Security about a video in circ-

ulation featuring a group of people talking about the expulsion of a schoolgirl from a school for selling pharmaceutical drug that legally requires a medical prescription to be dispensed.

Mr Al Awadhi stressed that the Public Prosecution had launched

an extensive investigation after receiving the notification.

He affirmed that the Public Prosecution, out of its role in preserving the rights and interests of society, would take all necessary procedures, in line with its legal mandate, to uncover the truth

and identify all those involved in the crime.

The Public Prosecution will announce its findings as they unfold, in accordance with the provisions of the Law, and in a way that would not affect the course of investigation, he added.



Lyrica tablets were allegedly sold by the students at the public school.

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600 visitors attend mental health expo

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Students of the College of Medicine and Molecular Sciences organised an awareness campaign, titled "Mental Health Between Concepts and Myths".

The campaign was held at the Avenues Mall, where 600 people visited the campaign headquarters to learn more about all the

scientific concepts related to psychiatry.

More than 100 students from the College of Medicine and Molecular Sciences worked behind the integrated psychiatric awareness campaign that sought to show the difference between mental health as science, misconceptions and popular myths.

This was done by providing

the definition of the most common mental diseases such as depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, in addition to other phenomena such as hyperactivity and lack of attention, bullying.

Through these stations, the visitors have briefed on the symptoms of these mental diseases and methods of prevention or treatment in the event of an occurrence.