



Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi yesterday received the team in charge of the Education Ministry's social media accounts. In the backdrop of the ministry's Instagram followers reaching 100,000, Dr Al Nuaimi expressed thanks and appreciation to the team members.

Drug seller's plea dismissed

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The High Appeals Court has upheld the jail sentence awarded to a private company sales manager who was convicted of selling drugs.

The 38-year-old expatriate was arrested following a tip-off. According to court details, an undercover officer in the guise of a customer approached the convict for drugs.

"I received a phone call from someone who I thought was a

regular customer. I agreed to meet him at a nearby place," the defendant told Prosecutors after he landed in the police net.

They met and as soon as the convict handed over drugs to the officer, a team of policemen pounced on him. "I was shocked to see many officers pouncing on me."

The court details further said that the police took the convict to his house and seized the drugs which he had stored there.

"He had stored MDA drug as well as marijuana at his home." The man was arrested on June 1, 2017, and was charged with selling drugs, possessing hashish and other types of drugs purposely for use and sell.

He was also fined BD10,000 by the Court of First Instance, and this was confirmed by the High

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BD was fined on the convict for storing and selling drugs.

Appeals Court too.

The defendant will be deported from the country once all the penalties passed on him have been served.

Meanwhile, in another case, two Asian men convicted of attempting to smuggle marijuana have had their appeals against their jail sentences rejected.

Both defendants were sentenced earlier to 15 years behind bars each along with a fine of BD5000 each.

A third man was tried with

them and received similar punishments, but he opted against challenging the verdict.

The trio were arrested on May 27, 2015 at Bahrain International Airport, when they landed from their country carrying slippers, in which the drugs were hidden.

Customs officers became suspicious and referred them with their luggage for inspection. Four shoes were seen among their belongings and they were found to have marijuana and other types of drugs hidden in them.

A fourth defendant earlier stood trial with them. However, he was acquitted due to lack of evidence. In 2015 many Asian men tried to smuggle drugs into Bahrain similarly, but such attempts were hindered by the competent authorities.

Committee, ministry differ over 'renovation fund'

● According to the draft law, the fund will be raised through donations, subsidies, grants and donations.

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The House of Representatives will discuss in its next session a draft law establishing a fund to finance the renovation or reconstruction of old houses for low-income citizens.

The Public Utilities Committee of the House recommended approval of the draft law, "considering that it protects the rights of low-income citizens who don't have adequate income to repair their houses".

According to the draft law, the fund will be raised through donations, subsidies, grants and donations.

However, the government considers that the draft law contradicts the general policy of the State and will burden its budgetary allocations.

"The purpose of the draft law has been already realised through Decree-Law No (10) for the year 1976 regarding

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housing and ministerial decision No. 909 of 2015 regarding the housing system.

"Article (1) of the Decree-Law stipulates that the Minister of Housing shall issue a decree regulating the lending of citizens for the purpose of building new houses, buying, repairing or improving old dwellings," the government said.

"The Ministry of Housing has implemented a project to renovate and rebuild old houses under a special budget based on the Royal Decree. There is no reason to create a fund to finance falling houses."



A truck carrying cement coming towards Manama overturned after smashing into a pick-up van on Al Estiqlal Highway yesterday. The driver sustained minor injuries in the accident.

Boy, 16, dies in accident

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Mohammed Bahar

A 16-year-old Bahraini boy died yesterday after a speeding car rammed the bicycle he was riding on Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah Street near the industrial area in Sitra.

Sources said the boy was thrown off from the bicycle in the impact.

"The boy was rushed to Salmaniya Medical Complex, where the medical staff succeeded in stabilising his condition. But, a few hours later the boy died of injuries."

Though the accident caused traffic jam in Sitra, traffic police rushed to the scene and eased movement



The deceased boy

of vehicles. The General Directorate of Traffic has opened an investigation into the circumstances that led to the accident.