

# 'World still needs fossil fuel to secure energy supplies'

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The world still needs fossil fuel to secure energy supplies, Minister of Oil and Environment, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, said.

He emphasised that this is considered an encouraging factor for oil companies to pump more oil investments and implement new projects, including exploration, development, production, gas, refining and petrochemicals.

Dr Bin Daina delivered a speech as he opened yesterday the 6th Middle East Maintenance & Reliability Conference (MAINTCON 2022).

The biennial conference is be-



Dr Bin Daina at the ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the MAINTCON 2022

ing organised under the theme

"Industry 4.0 – New Era in Maintenance & Reliability". It has been held in the Kingdom

of Bahrain since 2010.

More than 1,500 professionals, engineers and specialists in maintenance, reliability and

asset management from around the world are taking part in the event.

The Minister welcomed the

participating delegations as he pointed out the importance of applying comprehensive maintenance in all oil projects that

need to establish a culture of maintenance in its various stages: preventive, predictive, and proactive.

He added that the conference this year came to meet the technological developments and digital transformation that are taking place in the areas of maintenance, reliability and asset management.

Dr Bin Daina pointed out that the event will be an ideal platform that brings together international and regional professionals, researchers, service providers and users to explore the latest findings in the world of digitisation and benefit from the expertise and information that will enrich participation in this unique professional event.

## Bahraini Women's Day exhibition set

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The Bahrain Arts Society will host a group exhibition on November 30 at 7pm to celebrate Bahraini Women's Day.

The exhibition will feature paintings by Ebtelhai Fakhro, Areej Rajab, Eman Asiri, Zakeya Zada, Seddiga Abbas, Aysha Hafuz, Faika Al Hassan, Farah Mattar, Lona Al Moataz, Mariam Fakhro, Mona Al Moataz, Mayasa Al Sowaidi, Nabee-la Al Khayer and Noor Al Sairafi.

The exhibition will remain open until Tuesday, December 8, opening daily from 9am to 1pm and from 4 to 8pm. However, it will be closed on Friday.

## Two Bahraini schools shine in Kuwait scientific competition

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Education Minister Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma'a has commended the two Bahraini schools that ranked third in the Shaikha Fadia Al Saad Al Abdullah Al Salim Al Sabah's scientific competition (Kuwait Innovation Award 2021-2022).

Zenobia Intermediate Girls' School was recognised for its "Smart Farm" project, while Hidd Secondary Girls' School was declared winner for its plastic recycling project.

The winning Bahraini schools were honoured during an award-distribution ceremony held by the organisers in Kuwait.

Dr Juma'a said the schools' achievement reflects the ministry's efforts to foster innovation, creativity and scientific research in public schools.

He stressed the role of the Gifted Students Centre and the Science and Environment Centre, extending congratulations to Zenobia Intermediate Girls School Principal Nesrine Abdul Redha Haidar and Hidd Secondary Girls' School Principal Basima Faisal Al Siddiqi for the achievement.

# A 'stranded' Indian expat returns home

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After enduring absolute hopelessness for 25 years in the Kingdom, a poultry farm worker was finally rescued and sent back home, thanks to the timely support from the Indian Embassy and social workers.

Indian national Ramasamy Govindan, aged 52, a native of Neelamangalam, Kallakurichi district in Tamil Nadu, came to the Kingdom 25 years ago as a supervisor in a poultry farm with great hopes of supporting his family back home.

According to sources, his basic wage was suspended during the coronavirus period, and the employer did not renew his visa. Mr Govindan was distressed as he failed to send money back to his hometown where his family is.

His living conditions were terrible; he didn't have proper food, he lived in a filthy place, he lacked education and did not speak in English, which was one of the reasons why he was



Ramasamy Govindan, at the Bahrain International Airport, heading to his home country

always afraid to ask for help.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Mr Senthil G.K, President of Annai Tamil Mandram, said: "Mr Govindan finally approached the Indian Embassy and us. We made the arrangements to file a case as per the instructions of the Indian Consular Officer, but as he did not have sufficient documents, that

effort also did not bear fruit.

"After I gave instructions, the administrators of the ATM have been fulfilling his daily needs, for instance providing him with food, giving him shelter and arranging his necessary documents from both the embassy and the company. We were in a rush to send him back as his passport was going to expire on



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"After a huge struggle of more than six months, all his problems were resolved and we booked his ticket. He was finally sent home on 26 November, with the help of Annai Tamil Mandram, expressing its sincere gratitude to all those who have helped in his case."

## Tourism Minister participates in global summit

Riyadh

Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jafar Al Sairafi and Chief Executive of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority (BTEA), Dr Nasser Al Qaedi, participated in the 22nd edition of the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) annual Global Summit.

The event kicked off yesterday at the King Abdul Aziz International Conference Centre in Riyadh.

Being held under the theme "Travel for a Better Future", the summit will spotlight an array of key issues of top priority, including mainly accelerating the recovery of the tourism sector around the world, enhancing its resilience and capability to face diverse challenges in the future and ensuring the sector's sustainability.

Al Sairafi will participate on the second day of the summit in a panel discussion themed "Maximizing the Tourism Opportunities in the Middle East".

She said that Bahrain's experience in developing the tourism sector and boosting its contribution to the national economy will be highlighted.

## Partnership key to boost social housing sector



Al Romaihi at the meeting

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Private sector and real estate development companies are important in strengthening the social housing sector in Bahrain.

This was emphasised by Housing and Urban Planning Minister Amena bint Ahmed Al Romaihi.

He noted that the government land development rights program represents an opportunity to enhance the partnership between the government and private sectors through the participation of real estate development companies in building housing units.

Al Romaihi said that the Urban Planning and Development

Authority is keen to prepare the construction requirements in various governorates and facilitate real estate projects for the private sector.

The meeting was attended by Bahrain Property Development Association Board Chairman Aref Hajris and its members, along with senior ministry officials.

## Labour violations



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted a joint inspection campaign in the Southern Governorate, in cooperation with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) of the Ministry of Interior and the Southern Governorate Police Directorate. The campaign reported violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws and they were referred for legal action. LMRA stressed its commitment to report any violation through a continuous and intensive inspection plan, in cooperation with the relevant government entities. The LMRA reiterated its call on the community to support the efforts of government agencies to address illegal labour practices, and to report violations through its website [www.lmra.bh](http://www.lmra.bh) or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055.