

# NASA Space Apps challenge for students

● Hackathon looks for 'creative' solutions in just 48 hours

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The National Space Science Agency (NSSA) has announced its online registration for university and high school students to participate in the NASA Space App 2020 Virtual Hackathon on October 2-3.

A hackathon, which derives from two terms: "hacking" and "marathon", is a design sprint-like event; often, in which computer programmers and others involved in software development, including graphic designers, interface designers, project managers, domain experts, and others collaborate intensively on software projects.

The hackathon aims to attract participants from all over the world to create virtual teams that use available NASA data to propose solutions to NASA challenges in just 48 hours.

The idea of the hackathon is based on motivating participants to invent new ways and ideas through which space data can be usefully presented,



Online registration is available on the space app

whether through applications, games, or innovative technical solutions.

This event comes within awareness activities carried out by NSSA and as part of its participation in events and initiatives concerned with promoting a culture of innovation and creativity among members of society in general and the youth.

It also aims to encourage the

youth to adapt their practice in various sectors, especially the space sector, which is one of the future sciences.

This event is in collaboration with Clever Play Education and Training and NASA supervises the space applications program in co-operation with four international institutions: the Canadian Space Agency, the National Center for Space Studies, the

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, and the European Space Agency.

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NSSA's mission is "to devise comprehensive programs to embrace and develop activities related to space science, researches and related studies."

## Al Saleh congratulates Jordanian Senate head



Shura chairman Al Saleh

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Shura Council chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Faisal Al Fayeze on his re-appointment as Jordanian Senate president as per a decree issued by HM King Abdullah II of Jordan.

Al Saleh asserted that the renewed royal trust reflects Al Fayeze's competence, great national contributions and achievements, wishing him further success in serving Jordan and its brotherly peoples, under its leadership. He affirmed the Shura Council's keenness to support bilateral parliamentary cooperation for the best interests of the two countries and their peoples.

## Progress of ministry's housing projects for citizens reviewed



Housing Minister Bassim bin Yaqoob Al Hamar received Representative Abdullah Al Dossari to discuss topics related to the Northern Governorate. The meeting reviewed the ministry's plan to meet the housing waiting list requests, the progress of new cities housing projects and ways to enhance co-operation between the parliament and the ministry for housing programs. Al Dossari expressed his appreciation of the minister's efforts to provide housing units for citizens.

## Proposals presented to protect expatriate workers' rights

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has presented proposals to address the most important challenges facing expatriate workers during the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

In its virtual presentation entitled "The Bahraini role in protecting expatriate workers' rights during the coronavirus pandemic", the institution discussed its role in protecting the expatriates' rights and the best ways of co-operation between official authorities and relevant civil society entities



NIHR's virtual presentation

to ensure the workers' rights and adherence to precautionary measures.

NIHR chairperson Maria Khoury expressed appreciation of Bahrain's great efforts to combat the pandemic and preserve citizens and residents' human rights without any discrimination.

Aside from the pandemic impact on expatriate workers, NIHR also highlighted the Kingdom's efforts to protect human rights in general and health rights in particular for everyone.

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## One-year jail term for home quarantine violator

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A female was sentenced yesterday to one year in prison for violating home quarantine procedures and exposing other people to the coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

Chief Prosecutor Adnan Al Wadei said the Lower Criminal Court also imposed a BD100 bail to stop execution of the verdict and BD3,000 fine for both charges.

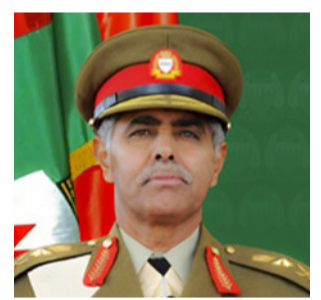
The Public Health Directorate notified the Public Prosecution that the female convict had transgressed home confinement imposed on her as a preemptive measure to prevent the spread of coronavirus. It was found out that the

convict had left her home during the home quarantine period and attended a family gathering in the house of one of her relatives.

Then, she developed symptoms of the disease and after checkup, she was confirmed to be infected with the virus. After examination of those she came into contact with, six other people were found to have contracted the virus.

The Public Prosecution started procedures immediately after receiving the notification and ordered to refer the defendant to the court for trial. The Lower Criminal Court issued its aforementioned verdict.

## Security meeting



Al Nuaimi

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Bahrain Defence Force's Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi received Public Security Chief Major-General Tariq Hassan Al Hassan. The meeting reviewed ways of cooperation and coordination.

## Ways to improve electricity and water services discussed

● Al Mubarak receives Representative Abdulrahim

● Executive and legislative co-operation hailed

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Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak received Representative Masooma Hassan Abdulrahim.

The meeting discussed needs for electricity and water services, and the lawmaker was briefed on electricity and water facilities future plans.

The minister praised the co-operation between the ex-



Al Mubarak with the lawmaker

ecutive and legislative as one of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's visions for a comprehensive development process.

The lawmaker expressed her appreciation of the min-

istry's efforts to improve electricity and water services, stressing the importance of continuous co-operation to provide the best services to citizens and residents in the Kingdom.