

Today in Bahrain

1. 'Megamart Client Meet' at Megamart, Muharraq at 8:30am.
2. 'Reception for Varghese Kurian' at Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) at 7:30pm.
3. 'Valentine's Day Celebrations' at Indian Club at 8:30pm.
4. Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Election Campaign at Gulf Hotel at 8:30pm.

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Dr. Al Aseeri, centre, with Deputy CEO Dr. Hasan Almulla, second from left, with other officials during the inspection of the new Student Council building.

Bahrain Polytechnic all set for second semester

Bahrain Polytechnic's executive management personally toured the campus to ensure that the school will be ready for the opening of the second semester on Sunday.

New additions for this semester include a dedicated Student Council floor, tighter security and a socialising lounge, as the top management prepares to further upgrade its buildings and facilities for the benefits of its students.

A more safe and amplified environment sums up the progress, according to the Polytechnic's Acting CEO, Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri, adding that these projects will enhance the student life at the campus.

'Chocolate is Emotion' lecture

The Alliance Française and the French Embassy, in partnership with the Kempiski Grand and Ixir Hotel, Bahrain City Centre, will present a Lecture by Chef Cyril Jeannot, entitled 'Chocolate is Emotion' on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30pm.



Chef Jeannot

For the occasion, Chef Jeannot is preparing amazing surprises. He will reveal the secrets of this delicious and irresistible product, among workshops (with chocolate of course!) and recipes.

The lecture will be followed by the beautiful movie 'Chocolat' by Lasse Hallstrom.

For more information, contact 1768-3295, email: fmenardi@afbahrain.com or visit website: www.afbahrain.com.



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Ms. Rajab with Shaikh Hisham, second from right, Mr. Lori, extreme right and other officials during the Press conference.

MANAMA: ARAB CAPITAL FOR INNOVATION

Asian caught collecting donations illegally

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An Asian male was caught red-handed while going around houses, allegedly to raise funds in order to finance a school in his hometown, announced Prosecutor Mamdooh Al Mawada yesterday in a statement.

According to the local regulations on raising money for public purposes, an individual is obliged to obtain permission from the concerned authorities before proceeding with collecting donations, something that suspect did not do, as per the statement.

Mr. Al Mawada said that a sum of

BD183 was found in the possession of the defendant upon his arrest. He said that the suspect had also transferred a nearly equal amount he obtained through illegal donations.

The defendant was referred to the Lower Criminal Court on grounds of amassing donations illegally, concluded the statement.

Protester gets six months

The Lower Criminal Court announced a sentence of six months in prison for a Bahraini male who was arrested during illegal demonstrations in A'ali.

The defendant was amongst a group of masked men who used iron rods and stones to attack policemen. A shroud was confiscated from him with words written on it saying 'Am the next martyr.'



Arabic Calligraphy:

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Intrigued by the beauty of Arabic calligraphy from a young age and overwhelmed by the negative impact of the September 11, 2001 events on Islam, an American artist explored and discovered the unique language of love and understanding through this art.

In an exclusive interview with DT News, Everitte Barbee, who is displaying some of his fascinating calligraphic pieces at the Al



Mr. Barbee

Riwaq Art Space, shared his journey into an unknown language.

"The first time I really took a closer look at calligraphy was in a high school art class. My friend's family was from Iran and