

# DEVELOPER ALLEGES FLAWS IN WORKS ON MARINA REEF

Master Developer claims that the project developer has missed several deadlines

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The developer of Marina Reef project at Reef Island has continuously missed the deadline to complete the project and at least two years are needed to complete the work of the building, said the master developer of the island, Lulu Tourism Company (LTC).

Earlier, the developer of the project, Marina Reef Real Estate Development stated that the master developer denied entry to its labourers to the project site at a crucial stage when the developer was all set to handover the apartments to their respective owners as 90 per cent of the work had been already over.



(Left) Security personnel of the Reef Island stopping the workers of the developer at the entrance, (Right) A human chain created to stop the entry of employees of one of the builders to the Reef Island



Waleed Ebrahim Abdulaal Al Fahad, Managing Director of Marina Reef Real Estate Development earlier said, "We are incurring huge losses as we are prevented from completing our project. During the last two months we weren't able to work on

the project because we were denied entry of our buses, trucks and equipment at the island in order to complete the final stage works."

Denying the allegations, LTC said that the developer missed many deadlines, before the master developer

of the island took decision to block the entry of labourers of Marina Reef Real Estate Development.

In August 2009, the developers said that the project would be completed in April 2010. In 2013, press statements were issued by

the developer stating that the work would be completed by the end of 2014. But in April 2015, the Marina Reef building was listed as defective project requiring subsidies from the bank. On the other hand, on its website, Marina Reef made false promises by announcing

project delivery by June 2015, said the master developer.

The developer also missed the deadline of June 2015, before blocking the labourers of Marina Reef from entering Reef Island in mid July, the t said.

Currently, the building lacks necessary features and amenities. Constructing a top roof will take almost 10 months. All basic amenities such as water, electricity and sewage works are also not connected. Moreover the developer has not applied for these amenities. Completion of roof work needs at least six months.

Under current status, it is impossible to split/divide/ deliver the building or its apartment to individuals, the master developer said.

## MCSA certificate to be given for 15 students



Participants of the programme

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Bahrain Technical College, the Bahrain Polytechnic (BP) in cooperation with the Think Smart institute has recently launched an advanced course in 'network engineering' attended by a total of 15 IT students from various levels.

Students who complete the course will be provided with a Microsoft Certified Solution Associate (MCSA) certificate that qualifies them for several jobs opportunities like system administrator, system engineer, network analyst, technical consultant and others.

This course came as a result of a joint cooperation agreement which was recently signed between the two sides and under which they launched an Information Technology Academy. The academy aims at providing college students with a variety of IT professional certificates demanded by the Bahraini and regional labour markets, in addition to private lessons that are prerequisites for global professional certification.

Think Smart Business Development Manager, Feras Al Saadi, said that the move to provide students with the

MCSA certificate came as most of the government and private institutions are seeking cadres who are able to provide high-level solutions using Microsoft products.

"During the course, students will follow professional training methods that lead to a rapid development. The course was designed for managers of small networking and directors of the various information systems. All exams test capabilities and skills of network management among individuals, from which they can gain a deep knowledge and outstanding thought," Al Saadi explained.



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