

## Delegation seeks Unesco listing for Old Manama City



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### Manama

Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (Baca)'s President Shaikh Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa yesterday received a delegation of residents and traders from Manama city in the presence of the BACA team of engineers and experts from the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage in Unesco village's hall of Delmon.

The meeting reviewed means of boosting the civil community, private



A member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) speaks during the 42nd World Heritage Committee meeting in Manama.

sector and NGOs' participation in Bahrain's cultural activities and infrastructure projects.

The delegation was briefed about latest progress regarding nomination of Old Manama City to join the Unesco's

Global Heritage list.

The delegation lauded the Baca efforts in boosting the cultural activities and preservation of civilisational heritage, affirming their readiness to contribute in supporting the ongoing work to preserve the cultural, urban and religious heritage of the ancient city of Manama to prepare its nomination dossier as a world heritage site.

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Meanwhile, Mount Fanjingshan, situated in the city of Tongren in China's southwestern province of Guizhou, was inscribed to the World Heritage List on Monday at the 42nd World Heritage Committee meeting being held here.

It is the 13th site in China included on the World Natural Heritage List, mak-

ing the total number of world heritage sites in China reach 53.

Fanjingshan, the highest peak in the Wuling Mountain range at an altitude of 2,572 meters, stretches on an area of 402.75 square km with a buffer zone of 372.39 square km.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), official advisory body on the natural sites of the UNESCO heritage meeting, said Fanjingshan has proved its aesthetic value as a natural heritage site and met the criteria of world natural heritage, which require the nominated sites to demonstrate outstanding biological diversity and integrity.

The ecosystem of Fanjingshan has preserved large numbers of ancient relict plants, rare and endangered creatures, as well as unique species. It is home to 4,395 species of plants and 2,767 of animals.

## Five years jail for student robber

15-year-old boy beats up elderly man; robs mobile phone, money

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A teenaged Bahraini student hit an elderly man with a wooden plank after covering the victim's head with a cloth bag in attempt to rob him, the court heard.

The 15-year-old is said to have snatched the victim's mobile

phone apart from making off with BD125.

"I was walking to my relative's house in Sitra. The boy approached me with another person, and they held me from behind. "The 15-year-old boy covered my head and they both began beating me with wooden planks," the victim, who is in his fifties, told prosecutors.

"They also threatened that they would kill me if I come here again. They left me on the road and fled the scene with my mobile phone and BD125," he explained.

However, after being beaten up the victim removed cloth bag from his head, which later in the court enabled him to identify the boy.

"I could recognise him by his voice and also I saw him after I removed cloth bag from my head," he said.

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## 10 years jail for Duraz rioters

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Eighty rioters targeted a police vehicle in Duraz with firebombs and iron rods in bid to murder police officers, it was revealed.

However, the police officers managed to escape and

later new squads arrived in numbers to restore the order.

Nine culprits who participated in the riot were arrested and put on trial before the High Criminal Court which sentenced all of them to 10 years in prison each. According to court files, the defendants along with 71 unknown saboteurs plotted the attack to injure and murder cops on duty in Duraz village. They prepared firebombs and iron rods before carrying out their assault.

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In collaboration with Bahrain FinTech Bay (BFB), Bahrain Polytechnic held the ICT Project Exhibition at the Arcapita headquarters. The projects were developed at the Polytechnic Innovation Lab. There were also projects developed as part of the final semester in one of three tracks; research at the Polytechnic Innovation Lab, CLP Work-placements at industry premises, and Entrepreneurship at an Incubator. Bahrain Polytechnic's CEO Dr Jeff Zabudsky, Hadyah Fathalla, Executive Director of C5 Accelerate, and Khalid Saad, CEO of FinTech Bay, attended.