

the Sharjah Executive Council will issue resolutions pertaining to the detailed organisational structure of the Secretariat General as well as the necessary resolutions to implement the decree. The decree shall be effective from the date of issuance, and annuls any other legislation that contradicts with its provisions.

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Indian mission to host first Intl Yoga Day

BY IMRAN MOJIB

DUBAI: The Consulate General of India in Dubai will host the International Yoga Day celebration on June 21 at Al Wasl Club, Dubai. More than 15,000 people from a wide spectrum of the residents of the UAE are expected to participate in the two-hour celebration.

The Consul General of India in Dubai, Anurag Bhushan, said that with many international communities who are enthusiastic practitioners and followers of yoga, this initiative is expected to witness a fantastic support across nationalities. These will also include participants from Indian schools, local universities, members of the diplomatic community, government authorities, as well as the large Indian community living in Dubai and the Northern Emirates.

For a lifestyle medium keeping fit, yoga has a long-standing fan following including celebrities like Jennifer Aniston, Lady Gaga, and Richard Gere among others. This is a celebration at an international level and will encourage more people from other communities to support and experience a life-changing activity.

The celebration in Dubai will begin at 8pm with an introduction to yoga as a sport. It ends with a prize distribution ceremony in various categories to schools and volunteers who have made a considerable contribution in spreading the awareness of yoga for mental and physical health.

This will be the first International Yoga Day celebration since the United Nations marked the date in the UN calendar of annual events.

Proposing to launch a special day for yoga practitioners across the world was supported by more than 170 countries including the USA, Canada, China, the UAE and Saudi Arabia, including 175 nations that co-sponsored this resolution, making it the highest number of co-sponsors ever for any UN General Assembly resolution of such nature.

Although the event will be held during the Holy Month of Ramadan, Bhushan said it will not affect the participation as the activities will begin after Iftar and will continue for only two hours.

The event is free for all, however prior registration is needed. Those who wish to participate in the event may log on to www.iyd.ae to register.



Sheikh Mohammed offered his condolences to the Al Muqrin family on Monday.

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UAE seeks 'sustainability for all'

ABU DHABI: The UAE, through Masdar, has been a strong partner of the UN's Second Annual Sustainable Energy for All, SE4All Forum, since Ban Ki-moon, the UN Secretary-General, called on the international community to enhance sustainable energy access across the world at the 2012 World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi.

The SE4All Forum, which is being held from May 18-21 in New York City, will seek to find solutions through innovation, sustainability, and ways in which global leaders can collaborate to make clean energy affordable for the 1.3 billion people worldwide who lack access to electricity.

Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the UAE to the UN, will reflect on the country's strong partnership with SE4All at the first-ever Global Energy Ministerial initiative.

Masdar, Abu Dhabi's renewable energy company, and the Zayed Future of Energy Prize, will have a vital role

throughout the forum, which has an overarching theme, "Financing Sustainable Energy for All," which aligns with Masdar's achievements in expanding safe, secure and affordable renewable energy across the world.

Representing Masdar and the Zayed Future Energy Prize at SE4All is Dr Nawal Al-Hosany, the company's Director of Sustainability and Director of the Zayed Future Energy Prize. During the event, Masdar will host an SE4ALL Advisory Board meeting at NASDAQ, which will be attended by senior representatives of the UN and national governments. Al-Hosany will take the opportunity to invite attendees to the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week in January 2016, the Middle East's largest conference devoted to sustainability and renewable energy.

SE4All will also host a WiSER panel (Women in Sustainability, Environment and Renewable Energy), which will be dedicated to sharing ideas that can shape

new approaches for sustainable development.

ECOCITY SPEAKERS

The Ecocity World Summit, ECWS2015, scheduled to take place in Abu Dhabi from Oct 11 to 13, has now made its preliminary programme available, outlining a wide-range of activities and an impressive array of speakers who will share their industry knowledge and experience.

ECWS, which will be hosted in the Middle East for the very first time, will tackle the issues around building ecocities in challenging environments. The event aims to facilitate a multi-disciplinary exchange around the issues of sustainable cities through targeted workshops, side events and a dedicated majlis.

Alongside representatives from ECWS' partners, the Abu Dhabi Urban Planning Council, the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Masdar, key speakers on a local level include the Managing Director of Expo 2020 Dubai Higher Committee

and Minister of State, Reem Bint Ibrahim Al Hashemi, as well as Fahad Saeed Raqabani, Director-General of Abu Dhabi Council for Economic Development.

ECWS will also welcome renowned regional and international innovators and thinkers from the field as speakers, including Nadia Makram Ebeid, Executive Director of the Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe and Egypt's former Minister of Environment, the first female minister to hold this position in the Arab World.

ECWS 2015, the longest running international conference series on sustainable cities, will gather over 1,500 registrants from 100 countries, as well as roughly 70 leading local and international speakers. In addition to the main programme, ECWS hosts Innovation and Academic Tracks through which more than 100 submissions from 31 countries have been received to present at the Summit. ECWS 2015 is open to the public for registration.

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LANDSCAPE: Goldenrod in the sun, shafts of wheat give a delicate whimsy to these workers' daily work.

Kamal Kassim / The Gulf Today

heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased who expressed their appreciation to Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid. They also wished him long life, permanent health and happiness and prayed to preserve the wise leadership and the homeland.

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Driver punished for filming woman

BY HAMZA M SENGENDO

DUBAI: A driver who positioned his mobile phone camera in a bathroom's vent-hole and filmed a woman was sentenced to three months plus deportation on Monday.

The Asian driver, MF, 31, was found guilty of two counts of breaching the modesty of an Indian woman, MH, 42, and misusing a mobile phone on Dec. 29 last year, as per records at Al Qusais Police Station.

During a Dubai Criminal Court hearing on April 6, he denied and argued that he was partying with his acquaintances in an adjacent apartment while using his mobile phone to take photos.

"Maybe I mistakenly photographed her," he insisted. The judge told him had it been by mistake, he would not have recorded an offensive video. "No, it was only her face that appeared in the photo and no other part," he argued and asked to be acquitted.

During police and prosecution interrogations, he reportedly confessed to have committed the crime after being lured by her beauty. The court ordered the confiscation of his mobile phone.

At around 12am, MH was bathing when she spotted a beam of light entering through the bathroom's vent-hole. She screamed and drew the attention of her husband - a driver, HA, 32.

She was in a hysterical state as she explained to him that she saw the flash of a camera and suspected someone had photographed her. HA rushed out and found MF near the bathroom window.

"He was shivering and scared. When I demanded the reason he was standing there, he said he was doing nothing. On confronting him further, he admitted he had filmed my wife.

"He took me to a trash bin where he hurled the phone. He removed it and played the video," HA explained, adding that he saw his wife in the buff and "immediately contacted the police."

JCRR to offer majlis in Ramadan