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## 5th Annual Charity Sale Bazaar - Shahrazad Hall -7 January 2012



We are pleased to announce the **5th Annual Charity Sale Bazaar** in **Shahrazad Hall** (Previously known as Bushehri Hall - off Budaiya Road- turn right after Zait Al Zaytoon Restaurant) on the **7th January 2012** from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.!! Participate in this great charity event to help the needy people in Bahrain!!

### Ways YOU Can Help!

- Donate items for the charity sale event from 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011 to 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 from 10 to 12 a.m. & from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Cloths, books, furniture, toys, kitchen items, electronics, plants, games, Art Work, DVD, etc. **All proceeds from the sale of donated items will go to charity.**
- Volunteer to help sort and/or price items January 3-6, 2012
- Volunteer the day of the charity sale bazaar
- Spread the word and shop at the Bazaar!

Ask your family, friends & co-workers if they'd like to donate to our cause! The more funds we raise, the more help we can provide to the needy people in Bahrain! We need everyone's help to make this event a success!

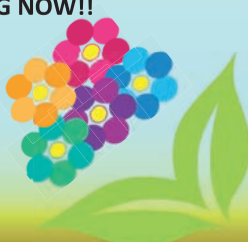
### WE NEED VOLUNTEER HELP BEFORE & AFTER THIS EVENT

#### Please note the following:

- All donating items must be in good condition!
- Electrical items donated must be in working condition. Please have a battery available for battery items to show they work.
- Toys must be together with all the parts & Games must be in its box with all pieces.

### SPREAD THE WORD AND START COLLECTING NOW!!

For Donations, Volunteers, Media please  
contact 39414194  
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Tuesday, 19th December 2011



# SAVED

■ The stretch of beach where Mr Al Khan was walking when he got sucked in



ONE of Bahrain's best-known photographers has narrowly escaped with his life after getting stuck in quicksand off the coast of Muharraq.

Abdulla Al Khan was taking pictures at the beach in Dair shortly before the terrifying moment he was sucked into the sand up to his chest.

The 74-year-old thought he was going to die before children heard his cries for help and two men dragged him out.

It happened on Saturday as Mr Al Khan was shooting pictures of the sunset during low tide, walking on

sand that would otherwise be covered by seawater.

"Since it was low tide, I wanted to go further to take a few more pictures," he told the GDN yesterday.

"But as I stepped ahead, my feet sunk in the sand. I tried moving but went further in."

He said within moments, he was chest deep in the sand.

"At that point, I was sure I would die," he recalled.

"The sun was setting and there was not a soul in sight. I didn't dare move since every time I did, I went in deeper."

Mr Al Khan said he almost gave up hope of being rescueded, but then saw three boys aged

10 to 12 playing in the distance.

"I started to shout and, fortunately, they saw me," he said.

"They had the presence of mind to act immediately and one of them brought a hose and threw it to me.

"Another one called his father while the third ran to the nearby road to get help."

He said moments later two Bahrainis arrived in a pick-up and threw him a rope.

"They both dragged me out in minutes," said Mr Al Khan.

During the rescue, Mr Al Khan threw his precious Leica digital camera to one of the boys and asked him to take pictures.

"I wanted the ordeal to be documented, whether I sur-



■ A sequence of images showing how Mr Al Khan was dragged out of the quicksand by two fishermen. Right, Mr Al Khan shortly after being rescued, with sand caked to his clothes up to his chest

# JUST IN TIME

● Quicksand nightmare for Bahrain's top photographer off Muharraq coast



vived or not," he said.

"The camera lens was covered in mud, but still the boy managed to take some shots."

Mr Al Khan was then taken to a house near the beach where he was able to clean himself up.

"In my shocked state at that time, I tried washing the mud of the camera with a hose and have completely ruined it," he added.

"I cannot live without this – I have to get another one soon."

He said he had planned to return the following day to visit the boys who heard his cries for help, but when he went back he could not find them.

Mr Al Khan said he was desperate to see them and the two Bahraini men, both of whom

were fishermen on their way to work, so he could thank them.

"I hope they come back and try to contact me," he said.

"I owe the boys and the men my life."

Born in 1937, Mr Al Khan has been photographing Bahrain since the mid-1950s.

He was inspired to take up the camera by his father and turned professional after graduating in the UK in 1962.

Over the years he has documented the changing landscape of Bahrain and in 1970 founded Falcon Cinefoto with his friend Khalifa Shaheen.

He later launched his own venture the Bahrain House of Photography.

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