

## Condolences sent to Saudi

HIS Majesty King Hamad yesterday sent a cable of condolences to Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah following the death of Prince Badr bin Turki bin Abdulaziz bin Faisal Al Saud. He also condoled Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier, Defence and Aviation Minister and Inspector General Prince Sultan. HRH the Premier and HRH the Crown Prince sent similar cables.

## King thanked

HIS Majesty yesterday received a cable of thanks from Shura Council chairman Ali Saleh Al Saleh following a royal order re-appointing him for a second term.

## Cultural season

DEPUTY Premier Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa yesterday patronised a ceremony marking the start of Bahrain Historical and Archaeology Society's cultural season. Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa delivered a lecture at Bahrain National Museum, highlighting Bahrain-British relations. Society chairman Dr Isa Amin named Shaikh Mohammed honorary member.

## Safety Week begins

THE fourth Safety Week opens today at Diplomat Radisson

## Smashed

INFORMATION Affairs Authority Press and publication directorate has arrested a satellite channels piracy network managed by Asians in a Capital Governorate building, director Dr Abdulla Yateem said yesterday.

Blu Hotel, Residence and Spa. Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Fahmi Al Jowder will patronise it under the theme 'Global Warming and Climate Change'. The UNDP and the UNEP will take part in the

event, organized by the ministry. A security and safety system devised by the ministry will be held on the sidelines.

## Savings campaign

A CENTRAL Bank of the Philippines delegation will conduct a Financial Literacy campaign at Golden Tulip Hotel today. The six-member team, led by assistant governor Maria Cyd Tuano-Amador, will encourage Filipino workers and their families to save and invest in financial and business ventures. Those interested to attend the event, from 6.30pm to 10.30pm, should confirm by contacting Philippines Embassy officials Lazaro Villalobos or Jocelyn Nunez on 17250990.

## Drug abuser jailed

A MAN has been jailed for a year and fined BD500 for drug possession and use. The 39-year-old Bahraini, who was standing trial in the Lower Criminal Court, was an ex-drug user and police received a tip-off that he started again. They got a warrant from the Public Prosecution and arrested him, according to court documents.

## Bahraini dies

A BAHRAINI man died of heart attack yesterday while waiting to collect a spare part for his car. Daud Salman Daud Salman, 27, had the attack at around 11am when he went to a scrapyard in A'ali. "He was in his car when he had the attack," sources told the GDN. "He had asked a yard worker to get the spare part. When the worker returned, he saw him dead. Paramedics tried to revive him, but he was pronounced dead at the scene." Mr Salman was buried in Manama cemetery.

Meanwhile, a Bahraini man was found dead at his friend's house in Manama yesterday. Mahdi Ahmed Mohammed, 45, was found in a house near Awal Cinema, Gudaibiya, in the afternoon.

# Premier urges Palestinian state

BAHRAIN yesterday urged the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Al Quds as its capital.

"More efforts must be exerted to settle festering issues and achieve Middle East peace, particularly the Palestinian cause," His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa said.

He stressed Bahrain's principled stance as he received US Federation for Peace in the Middle East president Sally Kader and chief executive officer Ralph Kader.

HRH the Premier described the Middle East as a vital part of the world, stressing the difficulties in its development. He also stressed Bahrain's constant call for global peace, reiterating support for all efforts to promote global security and stability.



■ HRH the Premier the delegation

"We firmly believe in peace as the cornerstone to provide a solid ground for sustained development," he said, highlighting Bahrain's efforts to pro-

mote its relations with the UN and all peace-loving international bodies.

"Anchoring the culture of peace is the panacea to stave off the spectre of war that jeopardises the present and future of humanity," he said.

HRH the Premier outlined Bahrain's strides to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The delegation hailed his efforts to build a world based on freedom, equality and peace and his initiatives to promote decent living standards, congratulating him on the MDGs Recognition Award.

Information Affairs Authority president Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa also received the delegation and reiterated Bahrain's commitment to respecting liberties and equality outlined by the royal reform project.



■ HRH the Premier yesterday received Saudi Ophthalmology Society chairman Prince Abdulaziz bin Ahmed Al Saud and hailed the crucial role of King Abdullah in promoting human causes and spearheading economic development. Prince Abdulaziz, also head of the east Mediterranean office of International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, lauded HRH the Premier's role in consolidating co-operation.



■ Deputy Premier Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa yesterday received new Jordanian Ambassador Mohammed Ali Siraj and discussed co-operation.

# Deal signed to boost labour ties with UAE



■ Shaikh Abdullah and other officials with the UAE delegation

SUPREME Council for Islamic Affairs chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalid Al Khalifa yesterday hosted a lunch banquet in honour of UAE Labour Minister Saqr Ghobash.

Present were Minister of State for Defence Affairs Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Labour Minister Dr Majeed Al Alawi,

Economic Development Board chief executive officer Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa and other officials.

Meanwhile, Dr Al Alawi and Mr Ghobash signed a memorandum of understanding on labour co-operation, reports MOHAMMED AL A'ALI.

Both countries will co-operate on human development programmes and

projects, while exchanging labour market expertise in inspection, vocational health and safety.

They will also conduct joint training courses, workshops and conferences.

The UAE delegation was briefed on Bahrain's unemployment insurance scheme, while the kingdom learnt more about the UAE's on-time pay-

ment scheme and efforts to increase the number of working Emiratis.

"The UAE's new Federal Human Resources Authority has helped bring more locals into the market, easing the domination of expatriates," said Dr Al Alawi.

The delegation's three-day visit ends today.



■ Interior Minister Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa yesterday chaired a traffic council meeting. It discussed a study on privatisation of parking metres, in addition to streamlining of traffic and safety strategies.



■ His Majesty's Personal Representative and Public Commission for the Protection of Marine Resources, Environment and Wildlife president Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday received UNEP regional co-operation division director Tomoko Nishimoto and discussed preparations for the Rio Plus 20 global conference. He also held separate talks with German Ambassador Dr Hubert Lang and Bahrain-based ANC Capital chairman Professor Dr Bernard Hoover on environmental protection.