

BDF units inspected

BDF Commander-in-Chief Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday inspected military units and was updated on their administrative and combat readiness, modern weaponry systems and equipment. He was accompanied by inspector-general Major-General Abdulla Hassan Al Nuaimi.

Military ties reviewed

INTERIOR Minister Lt-Gen Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa yesterday received head of UK Trade, Investment, Defence and Security Organisation Richard Paniguiian. They discussed security co-operation and counter-terrorism measures under a memorandum of understanding between the two countries.

Minister receives letter

FOREIGN Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday received a letter from Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina Dr Zlatko Lagumdžija, on bilateral relations between the two countries and ways of bolstering them. Shaikh Khalid also met his Nigerian counterpart Mohamed Bazoum on the sidelines of the 41st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of member states of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation in Jeddah.

Team to visit Jordan

HEALTH Minister Sadiq Al Shehabi received Bahrain's Ambassador to Jordan Nasser bin Rashid Al Ka'abi and discussed ways of bolstering co-operation. A delegation will visit Jordan to arrange with hospitals medical treatment for Bahraini patients, and address obstacles in co-ordination with the embassy.

Energy projects probed

MINISTER of State for Electricity and Water Affairs Dr Abdhussain Mirza yesterday received Caspian Energy Consulting Group chairman Dr Rob Sobhani and discussed renewable energy projects undertaken by the Washington-based company.

Agreement signed

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Dr Ali bin Fadhel Al Buainain yesterday met UN resident co-ordinator and resident representative of the UN Development Programme Peter Grohmann. They discussed co-operation and ways of availing UNDP's expertise in human rights. The two sides signed a capacity-building agreement for the Special Investigation Unit (SIU). It aims to improve the SIU's capabilities to assume its role of protecting the human rights of individuals and inquire into violations against them. International human rights experts will provide SIU with technical consultation on latest investigation techniques based on anti-torture protocols and criteria of fair trial. They will also hold training workshops on investigation and litigation mechanisms.

Officers honoured

A BATCH of university officers affiliated with the National Guard yesterday graduated after completing two training courses. National Guard director of staff Brigadier-General Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa patronised the ceremony and distributed certificates and gifts to outstanding graduates.

Graduation ceremony held

THE BDF yesterday held a graduation ceremony for specialised sessions at the Royal Communications Unit. It is part of the BDF's plan to prepare highly qualified and trained national cadres in all its units and sections. The event was held in the presence of Commander of Royal Communications Colonel Khalid Hassan Al Ka'abi.



■ Almost 400 employees from eight DHL Express branches across Bahrain have taken part in a family fun day at Al Bander Resort in Sitra. The 'As One' event was planned by DHL management to show appreciation for the dedication of employees, who were treated to a day of fun and games including a treasure hunt, dinner and awards ceremony. Above, employees at the event.



■ An annual summer concert has been held at St Christopher's School featuring 230 infant and junior pupils who performed musical pieces ranging from classics to modern day hits. The event, titled 'Let Music Grow', was held in the assembly hall in the school's Saar campus. Above, St Christopher's junior school choir performing at the concert.



■ Dozens of programmers and coders in Bahrain are being put to the test this weekend as they are challenged to develop a computer game in just three days. Bahrain Polytechnic kicked off 'Game Jam' at its Isa Town campus yesterday. Participants began their work in teams of two to four during allocated hours between 12pm and 8pm. They will resume work today from 8am to 2pm. For more information about the contest, visit www.gamejambahrain.org. Above, programmers and coders being instructed by Bahrain Polytechnic ICT programme manager Dr Christos Gatzoulis and, right, a gaming enthusiast trying the Oculus Rift with virtual reality head-set.

BBK honours award winners

BBK has held a Day of Recognition to honour the gold and silver award winners in its monthly employee recognition programme.

Bank support group general manager Jamal Hijris presented human resources and administration division employee Shatha Seyadi and operations division employee Isa Sultan with the silver awards, while chief executive Abdulkarim Bucheery handed the gold award to human resources and administration division employee Shafi Al Mannai.



■ Mr Bucheery, right, presents Mr Al Mannai with the gold award

Parents urged to speed up son's burial

PARLIAMENT'S human rights committee chairman Ahmed Al Sa'ati yesterday met the parents of Abdulaziz Al Abbar, whose body has been lying in Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) morgue since April 18.

Mr Al Sa'ati urged them to speed up their son's burial in accordance with Islamic teachings.

He stressed that the death certificate – which currently states the cause as brain haemorrhage – must not become an obstacle to the burial of their son.

Mr Al Sa'ati said he had met the head of Public Prosecution's Spe-

cial Investigation Unit, who confirmed that investigations into the case are ongoing and a final report will be issued once all technical and legal procedures are finalised.

He urged the parents to follow up the case with the Public Prosecution and even resort to court if the report gets delayed.

The 53-year-old father claims his son died from head injuries suffered when he was shot during clashes between police and protesters on February 23 after a funeral procession in Saar.

He was taken to SMC for treatment, but died a month later.