



Recruitment drive held



Corporate representatives conducting an interview

A GRADUATE recruitment campaign was hosted by Bahrain Polytechnic. Forty industry representatives attended the annual event, which was organised by the uni-

versity's career and employment centre. It aimed to offer jobs and placement opportunities to this year's graduates. "Students marketed themselves to employers from various companies rather than traditionally handing in their qualified CV with a chance of employers disregarding it," said university acting chief executive Dr Mohamed Al Aseeri.

Dair bombing Suspect held

A MAN has been arrested in connection with a bomb blast that injured two policemen on a major highway. The Bahraini, 26, has been

charged with making, possessing and planting a homemade explosive device and attempted murder.

He was allegedly part of a mob that set a trap for police by torching tyres, boxes and plastic on a road in Dair on January 26 last year.

Involvement

An explosive device planted among debris was detonated remotely as officers moved in to clear the highway.

Two policemen injured in the blast were admitted to the BDF hospital.

The defendant appeared before a remand judge yesterday and was released from custody pending trial, after denying the allegations.

However, he earlier allegedly admitted his involvement in his statement to prosecutors.

"I got a call from one of my friends and he said there was a mission to kill officers," the 25-year-old said in his statement.

"He told me to meet him in Demistan where we planned the attack.

"He had two bombs with him and we planned to plant them among debris on a highway to blow up policemen and kill them.

"We then went to Dair and set tyres and other objects

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ablaze and waited to ambush officers.

"As officers were clearing the debris, we saw two policemen stand where the bomb was planted.

"We then detonated the explosive device and the officers fell to the ground.

"We ran away and hid in the village after we saw that the bomb had successfully been detonated.

"I was later arrested at my home and confessed to the charges to policemen."

A policemen injured in the attack described how he "passed out" due to the explosion.

"We were dispatched to Dair to deal with rioters who had blocked a highway with debris," the 34-year-old officer said in his statement to prosecutors.

Blast

"We moved the burnt tyres and suddenly spotted something that was hidden underneath.

"I then woke up at the BDF Hospital and was told I suffered injuries to my legs and arms after a bomb went off when we were clearing the debris.

"The last thing I remember was looking at the ground having discovered something beneath the tyres."

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