

Gangster on trial for 'attacking rival'

TWO rival gangs attacked each other with steel bars, injuring one man and severing his finger, after the leader of one of the mobs lost a street race.

The 30-year-old leader has gone on trial for ambushing a 29-year-old man in June last year.

The Filipinos, who own garages in Manama, went head to head in a car race to settle an argument over business.

However, when the 30-year-old lost, he gathered a group of seven men, attacked his rival and severed his pinky finger – all while his wife was watching.

Defence lawyers told the High

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Criminal Court that the 29-year-old's garage was more successful than the defendant's which caused friction between the gangs, who were known in Manama for violently attacking each other.

"They both own garages that customise cars for races," said attorney Mohammed Al Mutawa.

"My client was outdoing the suspect in his job, and because of the strong competition and losing a race, the defendant's gang decided to teach him a lesson."

The victim's wife told prosecutors that she saw her husband being attacked by a group of men, who then left him lying in a pool of his own blood.

"I heard a commotion from the window, so I went to take a look to see what was happening outside," she said.

"I saw my husband being attacked by seven men with metal bars.

"I started screaming and calling for help, but no one was around.

"I ran downstairs and saw my husband lying on the ground in a pool of his own blood.

"He had a wound on his head, and

his pinky finger was cut off.

"They also damaged our car.

"I saw the face of one of the attackers (defendant) when he returned back to pick up something that fell from his hands."

It is understood the others were not implicated in the case because of lack of evidence.

Police also confiscated a steel pipe that was used in the attack and sent it to the forensic team to examine it for DNA evidence.

The case was adjourned until March 11 for submission of defence papers.

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Investigation launched into school blaze

A FIRE broke out at the Pakistan Urdu School in Isa Town yesterday.

However, students were not injured as it happened at around 6.20am in the teachers' lounge.

"School usually commences at 8am, so it was still early," said senior school principal Syed Khalid Bokhari.

"A cleaner spotted the fire and called the fire department.

"It damaged a table and some chairs, as well as a couple of air conditioning units."

He added classes continued as usual yesterday.

A policeman, who was at the scene, said an investigation was underway.

"The crime scene squad has to investigate and come to a conclusion," he said.

"We heard some people are worried about the possibility that it was a student who started the fire.

"We're looking into all possibilities, but until the investigation is over, we can't say what happened."



■ The students who developed the app along with Bahrain Polytechnic ICT bachelor programme manager Trevor Prendergast

Hi-tech way to promote recycling

FOUR students of Bahrain Polytechnic developed an application for Android mobile devices to encourage recycling in the country.

The app, called Bahrain Recycle, is available on the Android platform on Google Play Store for free.

It uses the GPS functionality of a phone and

displays a map containing the user's current location, allowing them to identify locations of recycling facilities around Bahrain with details of what can be recycled.

The app, which took four months to design, also suggests driving routes and estimated journey time.



■ A Bahraini was injured when the car he was driving overturned on the Shaikh Jaber bin Sabah Highway, Sitra, yesterday. The incident took place at around noon when the driver swerved to avoid a car in front, but crashed into another vehicle. The accident caused tailbacks and the injured driver was taken to the BDF Hospital, where his condition was said to be stable. Above, the overturned car in Sitra.



■ The new Citroën DS5 was launched yesterday at a special ceremony at Bahrain City Centre. It was hosted by Citroën distributors in Bahrain Motorcity. Senior officials from both companies were present along with French Ambassador Christian Testot. Motorcity chairman Waleed Kanoo said the vehicle symbolises innovation, style and technology, and illustrates a new approach to the future of the car. Above, at the launch ceremony are, from left, Motorcity chief executive Bashar Darkazalli, Mr Testot, Mr Kanoo, Citroën Gulf country regional manager Lino Baglio and Motorcity director Fawaz Kanoo.

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