



■ Children's artistic skills were put to the test during a competition held by Y K Almoayyed and Sons at its head office in Manama. The competition targeted children of staff members and four artworks were selected to be used as the cover of the company's Ramadan greeting cards. The top four winners received awards and vouchers from company managing director Mona Almoayyed during a ceremony. Above, Ms Almoayyed, second from right, with the top four winners.



■ A total of 150 students were awarded by Bahrain Polytechnic for completing the Bachelor of International Logistics Management (BILM) programme. They sat a series of internationally moderated examinations in a wide range of logistics courses called the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT). Among the honourees, 135 students received certificates for completing the first year of the programme, while 15 were awarded diplomas for completing more than a year of the programme. Present at the award ceremony were university board of trustees' chairman Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, joint programme manager of logistics John Webb, CILT programme representative David Mauder and other officials. Above, Shaikh Hisham present a student with her certificate, as Mr Webb, left, looks on.

Ramadan push for worshippers

List of mosques

THE mosques that will start preaching Friday sermons and prayers during Ramadan are:

Sa'ad bin Ma'az Mosque, Hidd; Shanaf Al Shamali (Haider) Mosque, Hidd; Ibrahim bin Mahmood Al Kooheji Mosque, Hidd; Abi Hamid Al Ghazali Mosque, Galali; Lulwa bint Ahmed Al Jowder Mosque, Galali; Al Imam Al Sha'afi Mosque, Arad; Qaba Mosque, Muharraq; Yahya bin Sinan (Al Khatir) Mosque, Muharraq; Ibrahim bin Yousif Mosque, Muharraq; Al Imama Abu Hanifa Al Noman Mosque, Busaiteen; Isa bin Mohammed Al Jamae Mosque, Busaiteen; Al Mulla Mohammed Mosque, Manama; Al Balush Mosque, Manama; Hamza bin Abdulmutalib Mosque, Umm Al Hassam; Al Awadhi Mosque in Bilad Al Qadeem, near new Zinj; Al Abbas ibn Abdulmatalib Mosque, East Riffa; Isa bin Isa Mosque, East Riffa; Al Noor Mosque, East Riffa; Al Hassan bin Ali Mosque, East Riffa; Abu Al Fateh Mosque, West Riffa; Al Rahman Mosque, Hamad Town; Al Khair Mosque, Hamad Town; Isa bin Mohammed Mosque, Hamad Town and Ibrahim bin Abdullatif Al Dossary Mosque, Budaiya.

TWENTY-FOUR places of worship across the country have been turned into grand mosques to facilitate thousands of worshippers during Ramadan.

It follows complaints by residents who have to travel outside their residential areas to attend Friday prayers, Taraweeh (night prayers performed in Ramadan), sermons, *Quran* lessons and religious lectures.

A total of 138 grand mosques and 368 mosques in the five governorates are registered with the Sunni Waqf (Endowment) Directorate.

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"During Ramadan, Muslims enter into a period of discipline and worship – fasting during the day and praying throughout the day and night," said a directorate spokesman.

"Special evening prayers, called Taraweeh, are conducted during which long portions of the *Quran* are recited.

"It is recommended that Muslims attend the Taraweeh prayers in the mosque to pray in congregation. However, one may also perform the prayers individually at home.

"These mosques provide space for five prayers daily, but they don't offer Friday prayers and sermons. They were also not included in the number of mosques offering Taraweeh last year.

"But when turned into grand mosques, the imams can offer Friday prayers and sermons, and people can take *Quran* lessons, in addition to Taraweeh and specific Ramadan programmes.

"People were complaining that they were unable to go for Friday prayers in mosques located in their area, which forced them to go to grand mosques in other towns.

"We took the decision to turn them into grand mosques after holding several meetings with the committee at the directorate."

The spokesman said the move would create an influx of worshippers, especially on Fridays.

"It will be easier for people to go for Friday prayers in a mosque near their homes, rather than rushing to mosques at far away places," he added.

"It will also reduce the number of people in other mosques and allow worshippers to pray comfortably."

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Play highlights negative effects of drug abuse

A PLAY shedding light on drug abuse and ways to combat it was staged at the Shakhooora Club.

Ana Al Jani (I Am the Wrongdoer) was held under the patronage of Northern Governor Ali Al Asfoor.

The play uses tragic and comedic approaches to communicate the message to the young crowd, said Mr Al Asfoor.

He said the show was based on directives of Interior Minister Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa to highlight problems and negative aspects of drugs through different mediums and awareness campaigns.



■ Some of the performers with officials at the end of the play