



■ The Bahrain Businesswomen's Society's entrepreneur's committee organised a seminar on problem-based learning in projects. It was held at the society's headquarters in Mahooz, where officials from Bahrain Polytechnic spoke about new methods in learning. Above, workshop participants with committee chairwoman Batool Dadabhai, standing, 10th from right.

Motorist is jailed for killing friend

A BAHRAINI motorist who ran over two of his friends, killing one of them, has been jailed for life.

The 20-year-old was behind the wheel of a white Nissan Altima when it ploughed into two Bahrainis in Sehla, killing a 19-year-old and leaving a 16-year-old with injuries to his back and right hand.

He then drove off following the incident on March 1 last year.

The High Criminal Court yesterday found the defendant guilty of premeditated murder and attempted murder.

The 20-year-old was charged with planning to kill the teenagers after accusing the 19-year-old of stealing his mobile phone to take numbers of his homosexual friends.

He then reportedly started a relationship with the 19-year-old's gay lover, but was confronted by the teenagers, who threatened to attack him if he did not meet them in Sehla.

Defence lawyer Fatima Al Hawaj earlier claimed the defendant suffered from a mental disorder and argued he did not intend to kill the teenagers because he tried to stop the car before hitting them.

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Fake marriage police officer behind bars

By NOOR ZAHRA

A POLICE captain has been sentenced to five years in prison for tricking his former lover into a "fake" marriage.

His accomplice, who posed as a religious cleric to conduct the sham marriage ceremony, was also jailed for five years by the High Criminal Court yesterday.

The Bahrainis, who are not in custody, failed to appear in court for the verdict.

The police captain was found guilty of rape and staging a fake marriage, while his co-defendant was convicted of aiding and abetting.

The Bahraini victim told prosecutors she only discovered her marriage was fake after she lodged a complaint against her "husband", claiming he attacked her with a knife during a row.

Both defendants earlier pleaded not guilty, but judges yesterday ordered for a compensation claim to be filed at the High Civil Court.

"The court found the defendants guilty due to their confessions and prosecution witnesses' evidence," read court verdict documents.

Defence lawyer Younis Zakariya, representing both men, said he would lodge an appeal against their convictions at the Supreme Criminal Appeals Court.

Rioter sent to prison

A BAHRAINI man who was part of a gang that obstructed traffic by pouring oil on a highway and blocking it with burning tyres has been jailed for five years.

The 21-year-old was found guilty of arson, putting motorists' lives at risk, possessing Molotov cocktails and taking part in an illegal gathering by the High Criminal Court.

He was part of a mob of masked men who placed 10 tyres and poured oil on Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway on December 17, 2012, according to court documents.

They then set four of the tyres ablaze – but did not manage to set the rest alight when officers arrived to clear the debris opposite Adhari Park.

Police arrested the defendant after his fingerprints were lifted off a glove that he had left behind at the scene.

Authorities also confiscated a banner which contained political slogans.



■ Mr Buzizi, front row, seventh from right, with Skal members and guests at the event

Special dinner held to mark Skal Day

A SPECIAL dinner was hosted by Skal International Bahrain last night at Ramada Hotel, Adliya.

It was attended by around 45 mem-

bers including president Mohammed Buzizi, officials from the travel and tourism industry and media representatives.

The event was held to mark World Skal Day, which is celebrated by more than 500 clubs in 85 countries.

Skal International is a professional

organisation of leading executives in the hospitality industry, and Skal International Bahrain was established in October 1972.