



■ Seven Bahraini students have graduated from a 12-month training programme at Ericsson Bahrain. The students, who have been training in technical Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills, were presented with certificates. All seven graduates have been employed by Ericsson Bahrain as a result of the programme launched in May last year to help local graduates develop their technical skills in ICT. Above, some of the graduates with Ericsson Bahrain country manager Mikael Nyström, centre.

# Officer jailed for death of rioter

A POLICEMAN has been jailed for a month for shooting an alleged rioter with shotgun pellets.

The Bahraini officer claimed he acted in self-defence after he was struck with a dart fired at him by masked rioters, according to court documents.

However, the Lower Crimi-

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nal Court yesterday convicted him of assault and misusing his weapon.

The court heard the officer fired his weapon from a legal distance of more than 10m, but the verdict was based on the fact that the victim was shot from behind.

The incident allegedly took place when rioters attacked policemen in the Northern Governorate after they provoked police by torching tyres.

They are said to have used modified fire extinguishers to fire darts at police and also attacked them with Molotov cocktails, metal rods and stones.

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■ A new ICT innovation lab has been opened in Bahrain Polytechnic. The opening ceremony took place at the campus in Isa Town and was attended by university acting chief executive Mohammed Al Seeri, ICT and web media school officials and faculty members. Students will have access to a range of technologies for their projects at the new lab, which facilitates the delivery of innovative solutions to real world problems. Above, officials during the tour of the new lab.

## Ramadan food stock pledge

INDUSTRY and Commerce Minister Dr Hassan Fakhro yesterday visited the Reef Mart in Jidhafs to monitor market developments and ensure availability of goods during Ramadan.

He was briefed on shop facilities, its different sections and the number of patrons.

Ahmed Alawi confirmed the revamp of the

market which has required it to now open for 24 hours.

The minister also visited Al Huly Market where he was received by Shaker Al Huly, who briefed him on the availability of goods, especially ones in high demand during Ramadan.

Dr Fakhro praised traders and importers for catering to consumers' needs.

## ■ New technique to remove stains

TWO students at the University of Bahrain's College of Engineering have developed a technique to remove stains from water plants by an advanced oxygenation process. Mohammed Al Aradi and Waseem Al Khateeb's work was designated as the best eco-friendly graduation project. "Stains are the worst sort of pollutants nowadays. They constitute 20 per cent of all pollutants found in the world. These are chemically reactive substances that cannot be removed by means of conventional oxygenation methods," Mr Al Aradi said.

## ■ Festival set

THE annual Ta'a Al Shabab festival will take place from August 30 to September 19. Culture Minister Shaikha Mai bint Mohammad Al Khalifa recently received the festival's organising committee president, his deputy, the festival's sixth edition consulting committee and bureau members and discussed proposed ideas.

## ■ Forum held

A FORUM was organised by the Bahrain Institute for Political Development last night to discuss the importance of moderation and religious discourse in spreading a culture of civic peace. It was presented by Prof Mohy Eldin Afifi, dean of Islamic Studies College at Al Azhar Al Sharif in Egypt and Hassan Ali Al Amin, son of well-known Lebanese scholar Ali Al Amin.

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