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■ The minister with beneficiaries and other officers

Houses distributed to B

MINISTER of State for Defence Affairs Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa yesterday distributed 125 housing units in Al Wadi project in Hamad Town to BDF non-commissioned officers at a ceremony at the BDF Officers Club.

The supply and logistics director thanked Bahrain's leadership for their keenness in citizens' welfare. He also thanked the minister for patronising the event.

Lt Gen Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa reflected on the projects reflected to provide BDF personnel with a better standard of living. He thanked BDF Commander General Dr Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmad Al Khalifa for his leadership and support. BDF assistant commander Major General Ali bin Abdulla Al Khalifa and other officers attended.



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Bootleggers arrested

A MAN and woman, both Asians, were yesterday caught red-handed as they were selling wine in Budaiya, the Northern Police director general said. Police arrested the duo at their house in Budaiya and confiscated alcoholic drinks and cash which were in their possession. The suspects will be referred to the Public Prosecution to face charges.

Marriages alert

MARRIAGE between blood relatives is the main cause of genetic and metabolic diseases in the Arabian Gulf. "The incidence of such diseases in the GCC and Bahrain exceed the international rates," said Arabian Gulf University paediatric Professor Dr Abdulaziz Al Ameen. He warned against endogamy, which is the main cause of incidence of genetic and metabolic disorders in Gulf societies. He stressed the need to examine new-born babies to ensure early detection of genetic diseases which may cause mental retardation, disabilities and death. According to updated statistics, an average of 20,000 babies are born every year in Bahrain.

150 attend ghabga

MORE than 150 people took part in a ghabga hosted by the "Power of the Word for Self-Development" team at Bahrain Medical Society's premises in Juffair. Dr Abdulla Al Hamadi delivered a lecture focusing on spiritual and religious aspects that affect a person's life. The event also featured entertainment and cultural competitions and meetings with TV stars Al Bassam Ali and Mohammed Saqr. Team's deputy chairman Ahmed Al Janahi said that following the success of the ghabga, the team will launch a comprehensive cultural project that serves Bahraini youths.

Meeting hailed

KUWAITI Ambassador Shaikh Azam Mubarak Al Sabah hailed Bahrain's hosting of the meeting of Palestinian ambassadors to Arab countries. At a ghabga hosted by the Kuwaiti Embassy yesterday, he described the initiative as a reflection of Bahrain's unwavering support to the Palestinian issue. He said the meeting of the ambassadors in Bahrain reasserts the Arab solidarity in supporting the Palestinian cause.



■ Bahrain Polytechnic hosted a ghabga night for their students at the university's student council. Entertainment, such as quizzes and...



Officers at the event

BDF officers

Shaikh Mohammed stressed that such is the leadership's care and keenness towards its personnel with a decent life. He also commended Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa for his role as the chief of staff for supply and logistics and thanked Ahmed Yousef Al Ruwaie and senior

Co-operation of food companies is hailed

INDUSTRY and Commerce Minister Dr Hassan Fakhro yesterday expressed the government's appreciation for co-operation shown by food companies and importers to provide consumers' needs.

This came as he visited supermarkets to ensure availability of citizens' requirements in light of increasing demand during Ramadan.

The minister visited Nesto

Market, where he was received by Nader Abdulla Hassan, who briefed him on market movement and the availability of goods, especially ones that are in demand during Ramadan.

Dr Fakhro also visited Aswaj Ramez in Manama, where he was briefed on promotional offers and campaigns underway on consumer goods and foodstuff by Ghalib Mansour.



Dr Fakhro during his visit to Nesto Market



Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa visited the Ramadan majlis of Butabniya in Arad, where he met Jassim Butabniya and citizens from Muharraq. He stressed the importance of the Ramadan majlises in consolidating national unity and assessing citizens' needs. Shaikh Isa, the honorary president of the Good Word Society, also visited the society's premises.



A team that will represent Bahrain in the final of the Microsoft Imagine Cup in the US met government officials. Transportation Minister and Bahrain Economic Development Board acting chief executive Kamal Ahmed congratulated members of Butterfly Team, which won \$10,000 for their mobile nail polish mixer in the Imagine Cup semi-finals in Qatar last month. They will be among 36 teams competing in the final in Seattle from July 29 to August 2. Above, Microsoft regional country manager Tareq Hijazi, second from left, hands over the \$10,000 prize to Butterfly Team member Alla Abdurraheem, centre, in the presence of Mr Ahmed, second from right, and other officials.

Four held for selling SIMs to terrorists

FOUR Asians accused of selling SIM cards to terrorists have been taken into custody pending investigation.

Police investigation has revealed that the SIMs were used to detonate booby-trapped cars using mobile phones.

The accused buy phone lines, using fake names and wrong data from previous customers, and sell them to other people, at a profit.

They were in possession of

more than 1,000 SIM cards when police arrested them, said a report in our sister paper *Akhbar Al Khaleej*.

Appearing before the Public Prosecution, they admitted to trading in SIM cards illegally.

One of the suspects was found in possession of a machine for selling cards and phone numbers.

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) rules impose a strict ban on selling

phone numbers to unidentified people without accurate customer data.

The suspects admitted selling phone numbers to expatriates who are overstaying their residence.

The Public Prosecution ordered to take them into custody and charge them with fraud, use of forged documents and violations of TRA rules and regulations.



its campus in Isa Town. More than 400 students attended the event, organised in collaboration with and friendly competitions, were also provided along with authentic Arabic music and regional cuisines. Above, students at the ghabga.



Kingdom of Bahrain Ministry of the Interior

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Wishing You a Happy Holiday

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- 2- Passport office at the Security Service Building in the Muharraq Governorate from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM.
- 3- Passport office at the Central Governorate in Isa Town from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM.