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Crown Prince holds majlis







His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday held his weekly majlis at Riffa Palace. Members of the royal family, senior government officials, members of the Shura Council and Council of Representatives, members of municipal councils, religious and community leaders, journalists and diplomats attended the majlis. His Royal Highness welcomed the broad range of visitors at the weekly majlis, which demonstrates Bahrain's commitment to rooted traditions and values that are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations to maintain a strong bond amongst Bahrain's society.

Prosecution witnesses set to testify in gambling joint case

Police officers raided the Muharrag house converted into a gambling joint, in May

Investigations revealed that one of the five would visit the house every day to collect his share from the profits generated.

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♦ he hearing of five Bangladeshi men who converted a Muharraq house into a gambling joint has been adjourned until October 1, 2018, to hear prosecution

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undercover officer was put in charge starting from 10:00 pm until 3:00

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Police officers raided the house last May and four men were arrested while they were playing cards and money was kept in front of each one of them.

They revealed the identity of fifth co-defendant, accusing him of running the place.

They even helped police officers to arrest him as one of them called him, asking to come to his house.

He is said to have resisted arrest and attacked police officers.

The first defendant was also charged with assaulting cops.

The defendants had earlier pleaded Investigations revealed that one of not guilty before the High Criminal

Man pleads not guilty in kissing case

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ABahraini manager accused of attempting to kiss two female colleagues, pleaded not guilty yesterday before the High Criminal Court.

Two female colleagues have accused the man of attempting to kiss and molest them on different occasions.

After hearing the pair's statements, the High Criminal Court decided to adjourn the case until September 18, 2018, for the closing arguments. The manager, however, was ordered to remain in police custody, pending the outcome of his trial.

The defendant's criminal history showed that there were several similar cases lodged against him, including rape for which he was sentenced to one year behind bars.

He is also an accused in many fraud cases,

Tribune reported yesterday that the defendant was put on trial after he was accused of harassing two women during their first 30 days of joining the company.

"He called me to his cabin to complete some tasks. He locked the door and began kissing and molesting me. Somehow, I managed to escape," the first victim had told prosecutors.

UN forum to discuss new data collection methods

The forum which is in its second edition will be held in from 22 to 24 Octobe **2018** in Dubai.

The UN World **Data Forum will** bring together major producers and users of data, to collaborate and launch innovative initiatives that will deliver better data on various topics.

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non-governmental organ-⊾isations from the King-United Nations to discuss ways 2018 in Dubai. of advancement in the field of innovative data solutions.



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statisticians coming to the event will benefit from connecting to their counterparts from around the world and learning from over 80 sessions where they will be exposed to new methodologies in data collection.

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human rights, and other aspects of sustainable development.

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The topics to be discussed dur-Bahraini participation has 'strengthening statistical capacbeen confirmed for UN World ity and financing better data for

ty', and 'utilizing new data sources' (e.g. big data); 'Data principles and governance', 'including openness and transparency vs. and users of data, to collaborate privacy and confidentiality'; and 'Implementing the Cape Town

Responding to a query from Tribune, Stefan Schweinfest, time, new digital data sources are Statistics Division said that said that event will help Bahraini offiing the conference will include, cials upgrade the data collection aspects in the government.

Data Forum 2018 that will probe development'; 'spurring innova- coming to the event will benefit of the data revolution to address innovative initiatives that will tion and synergies across the data from connecting to other govern- the data needs of the 2030 Agenhelp deliver better data on field among official statistical ment statisticians from around da and to achieve sustainable health, migration, refugees, ed-systems', 'geo-spatial informa-the world and learning from over development," organisers said ucation, income, environment, tion and the scientific communi- 80 sessions where they will be in a statement.

exposed to new methodologies and how other countries are solving the problems.

"They may also be inspired by other government officials from the academia, civil society and the private sector and the data initiatives that they have," he said.

"The previous edition of the event which was held in Cape Town set the frame for the issues that we should work on in the next couple of years and that resulted in the Cape Town global action plan. Now we can improve data flows and how we can improve financing and funding of statistics of data. This forum will be primarily about those issues, the technological improvements and issues of data privacy," he added.

"Despite big strides in data collection, huge data gaps remain: e.g. over 100 countries still lack comprehensive birth and death registration data. At the same

"By bringing together data leaders from the public and private sectors and NGOs to collaborate, the Forum aims to spur "Government statisticians solutions that harness the power

Terror cell 'aimed to kill officers'

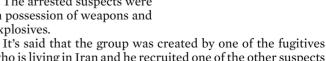
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wenty-one people formed a terror cell in an effort to murder police officers and attack vital places in Bahrain, it is learnt.

The cell was dismantled last April and 15 of its members were arrested while the rest are still at large.

The arrested suspects were in possession of weapons and explosives.



members of the terror

group are accused in

the case.

who is living in Iran and he recruited one of the other suspects to operate it and invite others to join it. According to court data, the main purpose of the cell was to

supply terrorists with weapons and explosives as well as target Prosecutors said that the organisation members received a big

volume of weapons and explosives which they stored in their homes to hand them over to other terrorists.

The court files say several suspects involved in the cell were trained on how to use bombs and arms in Iran.

The High Criminal Court heard yesterday their case, and adjourned it until September 18, 2018, for the closing argu-