Youngsters' jail term cut on plea

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A 21-year-old Bahraini man convicted of hiding a fugitive has had his sentence cut on appeal.

The High Criminal Court sentenced the defendant to three years in prison, but the High Appeals Court reduced it to one year. The defendant was a tow driver, and he said that the wanted man requested him to provide a shelter.

"I was in Busiateen towing a car and I received a call from him (the fugitive man). He told me that he wanted to meet me in Sitra," the 21-yearold defendant told police.

"He told me that he needed a place to stay because police officers were chasing him. I took him to my house, where he slept one night," he added.

The next day a team of police raided his house and both were arrested.

The fugitive was sentenced to seven years behind bars for launching an assault on Sitra Police Station.

Merkel thanks HRH Crown Prince

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His Royal ringimed.
Salman bin Hamad Al **T**is Royal Highness Prince Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier received a cable of thanks from German Chancellor Angela Merkel in reply to his cable of congratulations on the Day of German Unity.

The German Chancellor expressed heartfelt thanks and respect to HRH the Crown Prince for his kind feelings, wishing him abundant health and happiness and more progress and prosperity to the Bahraini people.

Closing arguments set in imam murder plea hearing

35-year-old Bangladeshi national sentenced to death for committing the crime

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in the appeal filed by the convicts in mosque imam murder bar. case until November 19 to hear the closing arguments

The 35-year-old Bangladeshi man was earlier sentenced to gal trading in visas. death for his crime, while his co-defendant, also a Bangladeshi a muezzin in the same mosque

prisonment after they were both

Court documents revealed that The High Appeals Court the convict cut his victim Abdulhas adjourned the hearing jaleel Hamood into pieces after killing him by hitting with an iron

> The imam was murdered after he complained against the convict with the Justice Ministry for ille-

The convict was working as national, received one year's im- where the imam was employed.

Death penalty is being handed down to the convict for the heinous crime as a medical evaluation confirmed that he is responsible for the crime.

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criminate between its citizens and neglecting his duties.' its expatriates, and that everyone his livelihood.

"The Kingdom accommodated him and his family and blessed firmed that the defendant was him with many good things as he responsible for his action. And as worked as a muezzin," the court a result, the court decide to punish said in its verdict.

"The accused came from his fendant was serving a house of country to the safe and secure God (a mosque) he began trading Kingdom, which does not dis- work visas for his fellow nationals,

The verdict pointed out that has the right to live and enjoy its the defendant plotted to murder security and safety, searching for his victim after his contract was terminated following complaints.

"A medical evaluation conhim with the death penalty for his "Despite the fact that the de-heinous crime," the ruling said.

National Day preparations in full swing: Capital Governor

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he Capital's Governor the fifth year successively. Shaikh Hisham bin Ab-Head of the governorate's High Committee for National Day festivities, has announced the including the celebratory progovernorate is putting in full efforts to make the National Day celebrations a big success.

attended by Capital Secretariat ed until December 16. general director Shawqia Humaidan deputy head of the High

The Capital's festivities will months. include display fireworks, potests, gifts, and kids toys villages. supervision.

A car raffle draw will be offered by Zayani Investments for

The meeting also discussed dulrahman Al Khalifa, latest developments and organisational matters regarding the National Days celebrations, gramme, location map and media plan.

Also, it was envisioned that This came during a meeting Tamkeen bazaar will be extend-

This was the third meeting in the series of meetings that Committee, and officials from brought together officials from the Capital's Secretariat and the Capital Governorate and Secretariat over the last two

All role distribution outlines lice music band performance, were in place including the main traditional Ardha show, young committees for security, serentrepreneurs exhibition, con-vices, media, protocols, and

Elderly burglar's sentence reduced

The High Criminal Court punished him with seven years in prison, but the Appeals **Court decided to** cut it to three years due to his old age.

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he High Appeals Court has reduced the sentence issued against a Bahraini man convicted of burglary.

The Bahraini man was arrested after he carried out a spate of burglaries by breaking into villas in a housing compound in Hamala.

I am jobless and I needed the money to cover my financial commitments as I owe money to many people.

DEFENDANT

defendant climbed the compound wall to enter inside the enclave before breaking into the money to cover my financial villas, from where he stole commitments as I owe money BD15.000

"I saw him inside the compound and when I asked him to punished him with seven years stop, he fled. He climbed up the in prison, but the Appeals Court fence surrounding the property decided to cut it to three years According to court files, the and I held onto his legs. How- due to his old age.

ever, he kicked my face several times and I let him go," the security man who was on duty told prosecutors.

"On the next day, I was told of the valuables that the man had burgled," he added.

According to court files, the defendant entered the villas by breaking the window panes.

The security man identified the convict at a line-up of criminals arranged by the police, according to court documents.

"I am jobless and I needed BD250 and a watch worth over to many people," the 57-yearold said.

The High Criminal Court

