



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Sakhir Air Base yesterday French Ambassador to Bahrain Cécile Longé. He expressed thanks and respect to France for its important participation in Bahrain International Air Show (BIAS) 2018 which, he said, reflects deep-rooted and outstanding historic relations between the two friendly countries. HM the King lauded the advanced level of bilateral relations and growing cooperation at all levels. He expressed respect to French President Emmanuel Macron for his keenness to bolster relations of friendship with Bahrain, praising France's active role and contribution, alongside the international community, to promote regional and international peace and stability.



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, accompanied by Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov, paid a visit to Bahrain International Air Show 2018. The two leaders visited the United Arab Emirates pavilion, Russian pavilion and listened to a brief on the Russian airplanes specifications and performance data. They also visited the Saudi Military Industries Company and a number of US companies pavilions, where they were briefed on the companies roles at the military and civil levels.

HRH Premier to hand over top award to Ban Ki-moon

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At a ceremony to be held on Sunday at the Gudaibiya Palace, His Royal High-

ness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa will hand over the “Khalifa bin Salman Award for Sustainable Development” to former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Mr Ban has been selected for the 2018 award, in recognition of his efforts in serving humanity, promoting peace –and- security and achieving sustainable development goals.

Chairman of HRH Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa Award for Sustainable Development, Shaikh Hussam bin Isa Al Khalifa, had named the award winner in September this year.

The announcement was made

during the “Bahrain Forum: Shared Visions for a Successful Future” organised by the Kingdom on the sidelines of the last UN General Assembly in New York.

Anna Tibaijuka, former Minister of Land, Housing and Human Communities of the Republic of Tanzania, former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and former Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), was the winner of the previous version of the 2016 Award.

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China.

The 2010 award was granted to the Bento Ribiao Foundation's project called the “Land and Housing Programme”, from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mr Ban, who will be honoured tomorrow, is the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations.

His priorities during his presidency of the United Nations 2007-2016 focused on mobilising world leaders on a range of new global challenges ranging from climate change, economic turmoil, epidemics and increased pressures on food, energy and water.

He sought to bridge the gap between member nations of the United Nations. His key mandate was to promote sustainable development and his first initiatives at the 2007 climate change summit were followed by intensive diplomatic efforts that helped to place the issue of sustainable development at the forefront of the global agenda.

During his presidency, Mr Ban sought to strengthen the peace efforts of the United Nations, including through the New Horizons for Peacekeeping Initiative, the Global Field Support Strategy and the Review of Civilian Capacity.

Labour Court orders bank to pay BD15,000 over ‘unfair dismissal’

Top Arab legal consultant was sacked ‘without serving notice’

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The High Labour Court has ordered a local bank to compensate an Arab legal consultant with BD15,000 for illegal termination of his contract.

The court also ordered the bank to pay one per cent legal interest per annum from the date of the claim until full payment.

From her side, lawyer Shireen Al Ghazali, the plaintiff's legal representative, said that the bank had contacted her client several times in six months, asking him to join the legal team of the bank in order to benefit from his legal experience.

“My client also serves as an international arbitrator and was chosen in 2015 on Legal 500 magazine's list of the most 100 influential legal consultants.

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LAWYER

“Due to the defendant's insistence, my client resigned from his post in order to join

the bank.

“In the first six months of his tenure, the bank made many direct successes, managing to collect BD6,000,000 from settlements with debtors who stopped covering their instalments.

“He also made essential changes to the articles of association of the bank.

“However, the bank shocked my client by asking him to sub-

mit his resignation in one hour.

“His email was deleted from the database of the bank and all the works were directed to other employees serving in the legal department,” the lawyer told The Daily Tribune.

The court considered the bank's action illegal and the plaintiff's dismissal unlawful and ordered the bank to compensate him for the remaining term of the contract.

Court rejects fake bombers' appeals

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The High Criminal Appeals Court has rejected the appeals filed by four men convicted of planting a fake bomb.

The four were tried in connection with planting a fake bomb on Budaiya Highway, and they were sentenced to three years behind bars each.

The defendants were arrested after their human cells were extracted from the device which was found at the scene.

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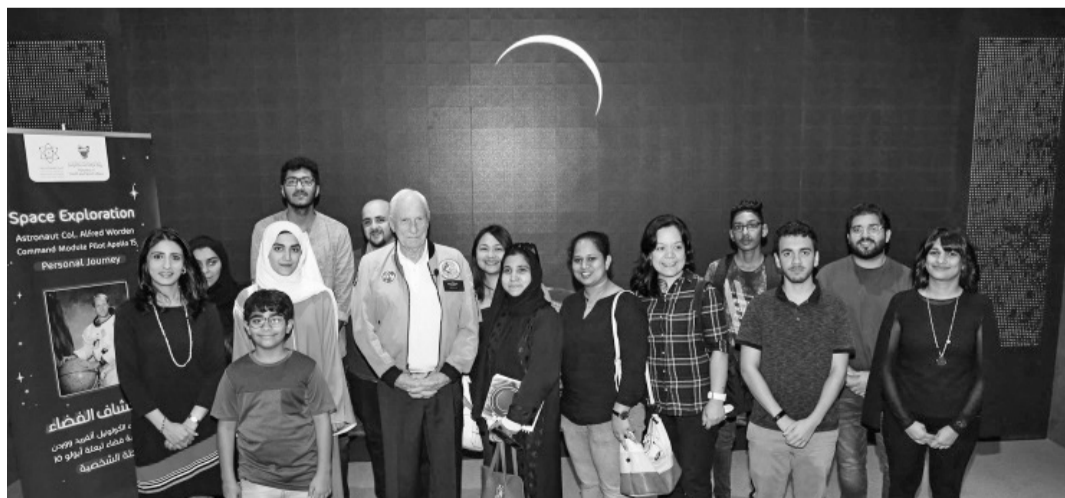
FIRST DEFENDANT

Bahrain Science Centre hosts astronaut

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The Youth and Sports Ministry's Bahrain Science Centre has hosted, in cooperation with the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and the US Embassy, American astronaut, Alfred Worden, who was the Command Module Pilot for the Apollo 15 lunar mission in 1971.



Mr Worden with Bahrain Science Centre officials and students.

The astronaut delivered a lecture in which he introduced himself and highlight his suc-

cessful lunar mission, as well as ways his preparations ahead of it.

He also reviewed the equipment and special clothes that should be used by the astro-

naut, in addition to medical check-ups they should undergo.

He also described his feelings during the launch of the space shuttle and throughout the journey, in addition to what he had seen while on the moon.

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Shaikha Noora bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Director of Youth Activities at the Youth and Sports Ministry, said that hosting the American astronaut is part of the centre's events and programmes aimed at informing youth and youngsters about successful experiences in space sciences.

“I was with the trio at the third defendant's grandfather's house and we agreed to plant a mock bomb on Budaiya Highway.

“We used a big water bottle, tapes and electrical wires to make the device,” the first defendant told prosecutors.

“I was asked to monitor the place to make sure that there were no police officers. And I did it.

“I then called the second defendant and instructed him to plant the bomb,” he added.

The defendants were given lighter sentences owing to their ages at the time of the incident.