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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy **Supreme Commander** and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday received Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), at Riffa Palace, HRH the Crown Prince commended the Commander-in-Chief's commitment to further developing the operational readiness of the BDF.

195 worksite accidents in first six months this year

Labour officials blame flouting of safety norms at construction sites for maximum number of accidents

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abour inspection authorities have recorded 195 worksite incidents in the first six months of the year 2018.

According to the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, the number of worksite accidents reported last year stood at 388, which was an increase, compared to 2016 statistics wherein 341 cases were recorded.

This year the authorities reported 195 incidents in the first six months of 2018 including eight deaths caused by accidents.

Speaking to Tribune, Ahmed Alhaiki, Director of Inspection and Labour Union at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, said, "There are a total of which 83 were minor accidents and 52 involved fall from heights.

occurred at construction sites."



Many safety awareness programmes are being conducted by the Labour Ministry for workers.

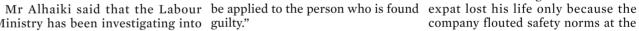
Mr Alhaiki said that most accidents managers, employers, the safety foreman, to be aware of safety measures and at construction sites."

occurred because of the violation of Ministry has been investigating into guilty." 195 accidents that were reported, out of safety norms. "We urge all the project all worksite accidents to find out the reasons.

cidents and a maximum penalty would conducted for labourers in different Muhammed," the family had said.



Authorities should step up inspections at worksites to reduce safety violations. MR ZUHAIR



Khatib Zuhair, Head of Labour Safety and Welfare Committee at Migrant "There is a zero tolerance policy Workers Protection Society said safety labourers to get the work done. It is "Out of the eight death cases, seven to further adhere to it strictly especially when it comes to deaths caused by ac- awareness classes should be regularly because of their negligence we lost



We urge all safety officers to strictly implement safety norms at construction sites. MR ALHAIKI



"Authorities should step up inspections at worksite to reduce violations at worksites. Safety officers should be given more power to force companies implement safety norms at worksites," he said.

Tribune reported a worksite accident in the last week of May in which Muhammed Nauser, a security guard lost his life. The family of the deceased alleges that the Indian

company flouted safety norms at the worksite.

'The company was using unskilled

Six Bahrainis face trial over attempt to murder officers

Revamp work on track at Muharraq Central Market

The revamped

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a bid to lure police of- tovcocktails. ficers into an area in Nucourt files revealed.

Aged between 16 and 26, the Bahrainis are said to have however, admitted to taking planted an explosive device part in the riot but ruled out before the police officers ar- the connection between him rived, purposely to kill maxi- and the blast. mum police officers.

Nuwaidrat because a riot would attack police officers. broke out in the area. There And I met the other defendwere 20 to 25 masked riot- ants one hour before the ers when we reached," an assault. We were given iron officer who was among the rods and firebombs. Then we teams dispatched recounted headed to the area where we the events occurred prior the were expecting police officers explosion.

"Suddenly, a blast occurred ant said. and one officer was wounded, while our patrol car got damaged. The officer was taken Court on charges of attemptto the hospital for treatment," he added.

According to court files, po-

lice officers combed the area and found eight firebombs and 22 bottles which were rix men burned tyres in intended to be used as Molo-

Police investigations estabwaidrat in order to kill them, lished the involvement of the six men in plotting the attack.

The second defendant,

"When I met the third de-"We were called to go to fendant I was told that they to arrive," the second defend-

> The six men will be tried before the High Criminal ing to murder police officers, rioting, possessing firebombs as well as bombing.

facility is part of a strategy drawn up by the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban **Planning to modernize** and upgrade central markets across Bahrain.

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Works, Municipalities Affairs over at the beginning of Sep- tions. and Urban Planning Minister tember. Essam Khalaf.

opment site, accompanied by national days. Undersecretary Dr Nabil Mohammed Abul Fateh, Muharraq of development projects or- of this year. Municipality director-general dered by His Royal Highness al Asem Abdullatif and other ried out in Muharraq. officials.



Mr Khalaf along with other ministry officials review revamp work at Muharraq Central Market

main construction work on the 28,000 square metres features Bahrain.

he revamping of the Mu- BD6.2 million-facility would be a hypermarket covering 3,000 harraq Central Market is completed this month, adding sqm and 106 outlets for the nearing completion, said that shops would be handed meat, fish and vegetables sec-

Khalaf underlined the minis-He announced that the pro- try's keenness on fast-tracking He announced the progress ject would be inaugurated of- work on the central market in of work on the project as he ficially in December as part of Muharraq, in compliance with paid a field visit to the devel- festivities marking Bahrain's the directives of HRH the Premier to inaugurate the mile-The revamped market is part stone before the third quarter

The revamped facility is Ibrahim Al Jowder, Southern Prime Minister Prince Khalifa part of a strategy drawn up by Municipality director-gener- bin Salman Al Khalifa to be car- the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban The three-storey develop- Planning to modernize and up-The minister said that the ment facility which covers grade central markets across

Corrigendum

Arianne Deseree Viardo was the winner of the second preliminary round of Mutya Ng Pilipinas Bahrain 2018 and not the title winner as reported by Tribune on Sunday. The contest is ongoing and the title winner will represent the Kingdom at the upcoming Mutya Ng Pilipinas. The Mutya Ng Pilipinas Pageantry is a Filipino foundation that organises the event every year.