

Police attackers' sentences cut

THREE Bahrainis jailed for 10 years for attempting to "burn policemen alive" have had their sentences reduced to seven years each on appeal.

They were found guilty of attacking a police checkpoint in A'ali with Molotov cocktails.

They planned to "kill" three policemen inside a security cabin in May last year, according to prosecutors.

However, one of the policemen spotted them and alerted his col-

By NOOR ZAHRA

leagues, who managed to disperse the rioters using tear gas.

The defendants appealed against their convictions at the Supreme Criminal Appeals Court, which yesterday reduced their sentences.

Two other defendants were earlier jailed for 15 years each by the High Criminal Court, which also sentenced three others to 10 years in absentia.

However, only the three defendants

who lodged appeals are in custody.

They were all convicted of attempted murder, taking part in an illegal gathering, possessing Molotov cocktails and arson.

Two aged 16 and 19 confessed to prosecutors and gave up the names of their co-defendants.

However, they later pleaded not guilty in court.

Petrol bombs found at the scene were submitted as evidence during the trial.

noorz@gdn.com.bh



■ Saudi Arabia's national volleyball team celebrated their national day at Royal Phoenicia Hotel in Manama. The event was organised by the hotel's management, in which around 30 members from the under-19 team cut a celebratory cake and enjoyed a host of activities. Above, the players cutting the cake along with officials from the team and hotel.



Acrylic work exhibition next month

AN exhibition of work by Bahraini artist Areej Rajab is due to open next month at the Gulf Hotel.

The week-long Visions in Colour exhibition will start on October 27 at 7pm and will feature a selection of acrylic works, which will also be available to buy.

Ms Rajab has a diploma in art from the London Art College and has been an artist for more than 10 years.



■ A workshop on solution-oriented communication and action was held at Mercure Hotel, Seef District. The three-day event was led by Stepping Stone Global founder and president Jean Nicolai and attended by a team from Zayani Investments, which sponsored the workshop. Above, participants at the workshop.