



■ Parliament chairman Khalifa Al Dhahrani yesterday met Thai Premier Abhisit Vejjajiva in Bangkok as part of an official five-day visit at the invitation of the country's parliament. His delegation was also received by Thai King's daughter Chulabhorn Walailak and later met parliament speaker Chai Chidchob.

## Milestones celebrated by hospital

AL HILAL Hospital held a ceremony yesterday to mark 250,000 visits and treatment of 100,000 patients since its inauguration in December 2006.

Health Minister Dr Faisal Al Hamer unveiled a plaque commemorating the accomplishments.

I am satisfied with the service provided by the able doctors and staff and I wish them all the best, he said.

The ministry's primary care and public health assistant under-secretary Dr Mariam Al Jalahma, Indian Ambassador Dr George Joseph, former ministry under-secretary Dr



■ Dr Al Hamer with officials at the event

Abdulaziz Yousif Hamza, Shura and municipal councils officials, dignitaries and community leaders attended. Dr Al Hamer also toured facilities.



■ More than 100 staff members of Crowne Plaza Bahrain yesterday took part in a clean-up near the Asry Beach, as part of the hotel's commitment to the environment.

## Street children in spotlight



■ Khalifa Shaheen Digital Imaging managing director Khalifa Shaheen inaugurates the event in the presence of US Ambassador Joseph Adam Erili, the Indian Ambassador, ILA president Shanthini Raja and Dr Dafer Al Omran from the Foreign Ministry. Below, Ms Nair with Mr Roy

THE lives of street children in Indian metropolises were highlighted in Indian Ladies Association's annual Leela Jashanmal lecture yesterday at Bahrain National Museum's Cultural Hall.

Indian non-profit organisation Salaam Baalak Trust founder and trustee Praveen Nair was the keynote speaker

at the event, attended by more than 300 people.

A photo exhibition Street Dreams featuring works of former street child-turned-photographer Vicky Roy was also held. It was sponsored by Khalifa Shaheen Digital Images. Photographs were on sale with proceeds going to the trust and local charities.





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