



The effects of economic and social globalisation and the ways to deal with it were discussed at a Ramadhan evening organised yesterday by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (picture above). Held under the patronage of the Minister, Abdul Nabi Al-Sho'ala, the event — concluding with a ghabga (late Ramadhan meal) — also honoured ministry employees for their long service (below).



## Dineshan slays a giant in chess open

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CHESS player Dineshan slayed a giant on Wednesday by beating defending champion Ahmed Abdul Latif in 43 moves of a Queen's Pawn Opening at the end of the ninth round of the Ramadhan Open Chess Championship.

The upset victory helped two-time champion Sabu Mathew and challenger Luis Lao maintain their slim hold of the lead, at 7.5 points apiece, as the tournament enters into its last two rounds tomorrow and on Sunday.

The win also pushed Dineshan up to second place along with Latif who, despite the loss, still has a chance of retaining his crown.

Also waiting in the wings for a long shot at the top is Ninoy Reyes, who is in solo third place with six wins.

He drew his match with Hussain Abdul Kareem after 51 moves of a Sicilian Game.

Mathew retained his lead by beating Ed Mallari in 25 moves of a Sicilian Game, while Lao kept in pace by winning over compatriot Celso Mendiola in 27 moves of a

French Defence.

Quiet wins and quiet draws were scored in a round that saw most games finishing early.

But the board wars are expected to heat up tomorrow and on Sunday following the announcement by tournament organisers of the prizes at stake for the top ten players.

The champion will get BD300, the second placer, BD200, and the third placer, a round-trip ticket to Cairo. Prizes for other placers include a beeper, wrist watch, deep fryer, room heater, hand iron and toaster.

Crucial matches that will help decide the top ten placings tomorrow will see Mathew going up against Dineshan, Lao against Reyes, Lou Felisilda against Latif, Maher Abdul Jalil against Celso Mendiola, Jim Tabuzo against Ed Mallari and Kareem against Hussain Abdul Jalil. The Ramadhan tournament, Bahrain's longest-running chess competition, is one of two competitions organised every year by the Al Oruba Club. The next tournament will be held in mid-year, probably in July.