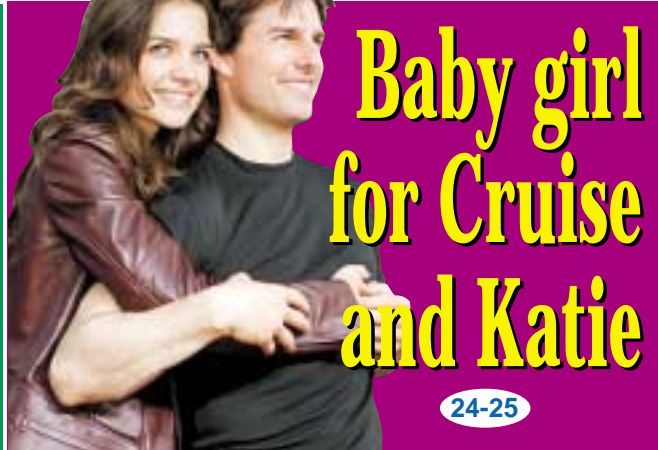


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● **Dhow owner freed on BD3,000 bail**

MANAMA: The Bahraini owner of the ill-fated *Al Dana* dhow has been charged with manslaughter and released on BD3,000 bail, it was announced yesterday.

The dhow's Indian captain and co-captain have also been charged with manslaughter, but are being kept in custody.

All three are also charged with unintentionally inflicting injury, said

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Muharrag Public Prosecution head Osama Al Oufi.

The owner has been banned from leaving the country, said Mr Al Oufi.

All three deny the charges and will be brought before the criminal court in the first week of next month, he said.

Fifty-eight people died and 72 survived, when the dhow capsized on March 30. It had been hired by contractor Nass, Murray & Roberts for a party to celebrate the completion of concreting work on the Bahrain World Trade Centre.

The owner will also be charged with employing a captain who was not under his sponsorship, said Mr Al Oufi.

"The Public Prosecution decided to release the owner on a BD3,000 bail and under a travel ban since he is a well-known Bahraini figure with a permanent place of resident," he said.

"The investigation is almost over so there is no fear that he would have an influence on the evidence presented against him."

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■ **Dignity not dollars...**

GAZA CITY: Palestinian Premier Ismail Haniyeh yesterday insisted his government would not renounce violence despite mounting Western pressure over its failure to condemn a Tel Aviv bombing. "Your visit is proof that this country is more important than money, that dignity is more important than dollars. Today you prove that dignity is most important thing," Haniyeh said during talks with police and security officers. His defiance was later backed by six militant groups at an outdoor news conference by gunmen in Gaza City that broke up only after the appearance of an Israeli helicopter.

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■ **Crash horror**
MANAMA: A one-year-old Bahraini girl died after being accidentally run over by a car that her father was reversing into the garage at their home in Sitra village yesterday. The accident happened at about 6.15pm and the badly-injured toddler died on the way to Sitra Health Centre of severe head injuries. The Traffic Directorate and Public Prosecution are investigating.

■ **Rocket hits Kabul**

KABUL: A powerful rocket exploded in a TV station compound in the Afghan capital early today, near an area where the US embassy and Nato peacekeeping force headquarters are based, police said. The massive blast from the "very strong" rocket sent shrapnel flying hundreds of metres but it was not known if there were any casualties.

■ **Prodi win confirmed**

ROME: Italy's supreme court last night confirmed centre-left leader Romano Prodi's lower house election win, all but ending Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's five-year grip on power. It said Prodi's Union coalition won 19,002,598 votes in the lower house to 18,977,843 for Berlusconi's House of Freedoms coalition.

Bahraini youths jailed for riots

By MOHAMMED ASLAM

MANAMA: Seven Bahraini youths were each jailed for a year yesterday for illegal assembly and rioting.

They were sentenced at the Lower Criminal Court, as family members and supporters demonstrated outside. The seven were convicted in connection with violent clashes with police in Daih and Jidhafs. All were present in court to hear the ruling, along with three of their lawyers.

The seven defendants are: Jaffar Abduljabbar Jaffar, Ahmed Yousuf Ahmed Nasser, Mohammed Abdulrasool Ahmed Ahmed, Abdulla Madan Ahmed, Mohammed Hassan Yousuf Saif, Ali Jaffar Jassim and Jaffar Hussain Mahmood Yousuf.

Trouble flared and spread to other areas following a march in Sanabis on January 19, by supporters demanding the release of 21 people held following a demonstration at Bahrain International Airport, on December 25 last year.

As the seven were taken away in handcuffs yesterday, protesters began shouting and chatting as police stood by, but there was no trouble.



■ **His Majesty and the Premier are welcomed by young girls at the opening ceremony**

MANAMA: Bahrain put the spotlight on its future generations as it celebrated its rich past in the annual heritage festival yesterday.

The one-week festival, focusing exclusively on traditional children's folksongs, was opened by His Majesty King Hamad, in the presence of Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, at the Bahrain National Museum.

His Majesty stressed the importance of developing children's cultural knowledge and educating them on folklore songs.

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