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■MEETING ... *The General Organisation for Social Insurance board held a meeting yesterday chaired by Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala to discuss the budget and the formation of permanent and temporary committees.*

Bahrain



HONoured ... About 40 disabled athletes and their coaches were last night honoured by the Bahrain Mobility International (BMI). They included 24 gold, silver and bronze medal winners of the GCC Disabled Athletics Championship which was held in Bahrain last December. The prize presentation ceremony was held at Isa Town Rehabilitation Centre, which is part of the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry. The event was held under the patronage of Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala who presented the awards to the participants in the championship. Present were Ministry Under-Secretary Shalkh Ahmed bin Sager Al Khalifa, Assistant Under-Secretary for Labour Affairs Shalkh Abdulrahman bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Bahrain Disabled Sports Committee chairman Shalkh Daij bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Assistant Under-Secretary for Social Affairs Sadiq Shehabi and other leading officials at the ministry and BMI. Left, Mr Al Sho'ala receives a presentation from a disabled child; centre, Mr Al Sho'ala with Shalkh Daij, other top officials and awardees; right, Shalkh Daij presents an award, as Mr Al Sho'ala looks on.

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■TALKS ... Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala yesterday met the new British Ambassador Ian Lewty and discussed bilateral relations between Bahrain and the United Kingdom.