

New Tubli mosque on way...

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A NEW mosque is to be built in New Tubli, thanks to a donation from Shaikha Khalil Kanoo.

Her donation for the land and funds to construct the mosque was announced at a Press conference at the E K Kanoo headquarters in Manama yesterday.

E K Kanoo Group president Mohammed Kanoo signed an agreement with Emaar Engineering executive director Aaref Hejres.

The mosque is being built in keeping with the Kanoo family tradition of being conscious of its social and community duties, said Mr Kanoo.

This also reflects the active involvement of the

● Kanoo family's gift to residents

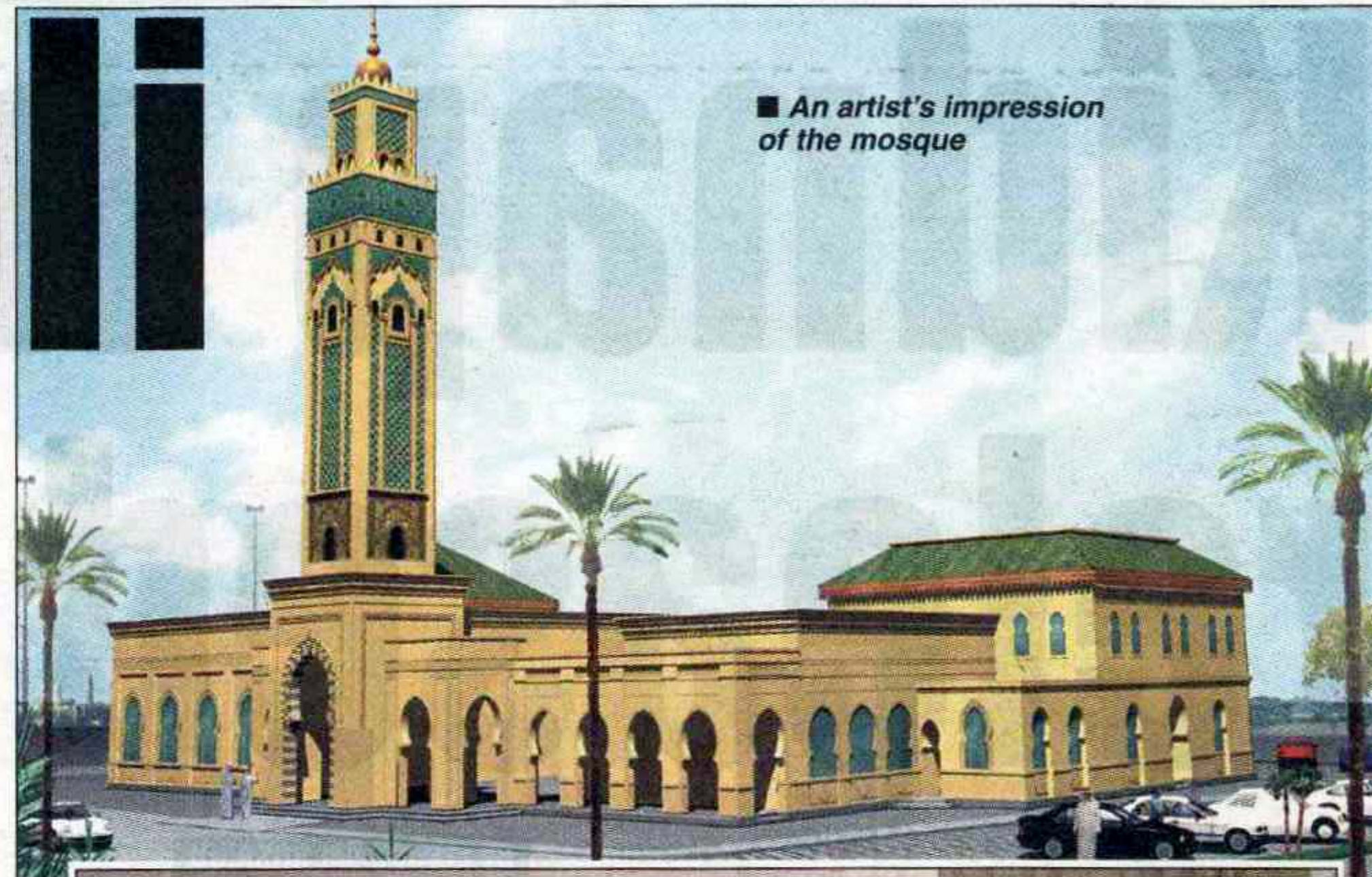
family in community matters by contributing to local charities, he noted.

The project will benefit the residents of New Tubli, at Road No 77 leading to Jidali.

The mosque will include a variety of annexes to meet community needs, said Mr Kanoo.

Its main structure will include a prayer hall for 500 men and another prayer hall for 70 women.

The mosque will have an additional outer prayer space to accommodate 300 people.



■ An artist's impression of the mosque



■ Mr Kanoo, second from right, signs an agreement with Mr Hejres, second from left

The mosque annexes include a special functions and ceremonies hall, Holy Quran reading hall, a library, two residential flats for the mosque's Imam and Al Moathen (the prayer caller), service units and support facilities.

This mosque is expected to be ready for opening in 2007, said Mr Kanoo.

It will be presented on completion to the Sunni endowment (Waqf) and will be managed by the Islamic Affairs Ministry's Directorate of Al Awqaf Al Sunneyah. The mosque's design idea is based on the Moroccan architecture style, that is consid-

ered to be the most aesthetic Islamic architecture used in mosque construction.

"In implementing this unique design, Shaikha Khalil Kanoo has crystallised her desire to create a distinct touch to this mosque," said Mr Kanoo.

"This design is considered to be first in Bahrain, and will radiate an outstanding ambience to the entire area."

Emaar Engineering's design includes Moroccan arches, roof elevations and a minaret.

The mosque has been designed with four entrances, including a special entrance for women