

# MYSTERY LOOMS OVER CAFETERIA EXPLOSION

**Baneen Sandwiches and Falafel shop struck by an explosion**

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**M**ystery looms over the latest mishap in a cafeteria at the Capital Governorate, after an explosion destroyed much of Baneen Sandwiches and Falafel shop on Friday.

The falafel shop in Bilad Al Qadeem was closed when the blast took place at around 3:30pm, a source told *DT News*.

No injuries were reported in the incident. However, items worth around BD4000 were destroyed in the explosion. Some of the vehicles parked near the shop were also affected.

The impact of the blast



Inside the shop

cracked and shattered the windows of the neighbouring shops, as the explosion forced soft-drink coolers, food items and other goods to fly out onto the road facing the shop.

Mohammed Noor,

shopkeeper of the adjacent store, ran to the scene first. He told *DT News* he was sleeping inside his shop when the explosion took place. "It was so loud I thought it happened in my shop," he said.

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The neighbour then informed the shop's in-charge Ashraf, who arrived shortly at the scene. According to him, all three workers at the cafeteria were sleeping in their room, located in the same residential block, when the incident took place.

"I informed the owner and the authorities," said Ashraf.

"Initial investigations showed



A view from outside after the explosion

that it was caused by a gas leak, but this idea is hard to believe," he weighed in.

"There were no signs of flames or smoke," continued the person in charge of the shop, "...and we keep the gas

cylinders at the back of the building – some 20 meters away – not inside the shop."

"Everything at the entrance was destroyed, while the back of the restaurant was slightly damaged," Ashraf added.

## Cops escape bomb attack at fuel station

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exploded in their presence. Police officers stationed beside the fuel station regularly use the restroom of the station. Keeping this into account, the

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according to court files.

Two policemen escaped with minor injuries after the bomb planted in station's restroom

## Peddler caught with 79 kilograms of drugs

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**A**man was arrested in the Kingdom trying to sell drugs weighing 79 kilograms, court reports revealed.

He was apprehended following a tip-off to the anti drugs department in the Ministry of Interior, after an undercover officer lured the accused to do business with him.

The accused agreed to sell four kilograms of hashish at BD9200. As soon as the transaction was done, the

anti-drugs squad who were waiting nearby, pounced on him.

He sensed he was being surveyed, and tried to escape. But, the accused was eventually caught as he tried to scale a fence after his attempt to escape by his car failed. He is expected to be produced at the High Criminal Court for his trial, scheduled to be heard on November 25.

If the judges find him guilty, the accused could face up to 10 years in jail and a BD5000 penalty.

## Ten years jail sentence in bomb making case

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**T**he High Criminal Court sentenced 16 persons accused of setting up a bomb to 10 years behind bars each.

Another 16 suspects implicated in the same case were given only three years in prison each. The defendants reportedly made a bomb with the intention of targeting police officers.

They also initiated a riot in Duraz to lure police officers to the scene to trigger the explosives.

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They were found guilty of participating in an illegal gathering, possessing flammables and putting lives at risk.

## Doctor beaters' trial: hearing on November 11

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**C**losing arguments will be heard on November 11 in the trial of three men involved in attacking a doctor.

Two among the accused were earlier sentenced to five years each behind bars, while their accomplice was given six months in prison.

According to court files, the victim was attacked violently by the trio following a comment he made

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on the smartphone app Instagram which they deemed defamatory.

One of the doctor's female colleagues saw the prime accused trying to pull the victim out of his car while she was on her way to meet him. The two men were then joined by the accomplice. "They attacked him with their bare hands and kicked him," she recalled the terror. "One of them then snatched the mug the doctor was holding and banded

his head with it," the eyewitness told prosecutors earlier.

"I tried to block them," she recalled, "Then I asked pedestrians to help rescue my colleague..."

The assault has caused some visual impairment to the victim's left eye, according to court files. The accused have been convicted of causing physical harm to the victim as well as insulting him verbally during the assault.