

Murder of teenager: Accused arrested, interrogated

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A twenty-year-old Bahraini man was arrested and interrogated for stabbing an Arab national to death in the eastern suburbs of the Capital late on Wednesday.

The defendant reportedly stabbed the 18-year-old Sudanese victim twice in the chest and abdomen. The assault occurred during a brawl that occurred in a yard in Hooraa, killing the victim on the spot.

Family and Child Prosecution Chief Attorney Amina Isa confirmed in a statement issued on Thursday that the defendant was arrested by the Capital Police Directorate (Hooraa Police Station) shortly after the incident took place and that he was interrogated by the prosecution on the next day of the murder.

"Hooraa Police Station reported that a previous dispute led to a brawl that broke out between a number of individuals in an open



Abdullah Hameed

yard in Hooraa on Wednesday night. The matter escalated when the defendant initially threatened the victim with a knife and later stabbed him twice, once in the left of the chest and then on the same side of the abdomen, resulting in the latter's death," the Chief Attorney said in the statement.

She explained further saying, "The Public Prosecution initiated its investigations immediately after it was informed of the incident, as it moved to the crime scene and examined the body of the victim. The victim's body was examined

by an official coroner who stated in his report that the death occurred as a result of a chest wound, resulting in a myocardial rupture."

Isa added that the defendant confessed to his crime in the interrogations of the prosecution, which ordered to detain him while further investigations continue in order to refer him to the criminal court.

The victim was identified as Abdullah Hameed, a Sudanese resident in Hooraa, as confirmed by a close relative.

A relative who preferred anonymity told *DT News* that "the dispute initially began between the victim and the defendant on Tuesday night in the camping area in Sakhir", adding that "he was ambushed by the killer and five of his relatives in Hooraa" and that "they were friends".

The victim's body was laid to its last resting place in Manama Graveyard on Thursday afternoon. He is survived by his parents, two younger brothers and a younger sister.

“The defendant has confessed to his crime during interrogations of the prosecution. Investigations are continuing to refer him to the criminal court, according to Chief Attorney



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Provide BD100 monthly allowance to citizens: MP

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Amidst the rapidly increasing cost of living, a Bahraini MP has demanded the Government to grant each citizen an allowance of BD100 monthly.

MP Mohammed Al Maarifi recently confirmed in a statement he posted on his personal page on Instagram that he submitted a bill that requires the Government of the Kingdom to disburse monthly allowances of BD100 to each Bahraini citizen since birth until they're employed "or married in the case of female citizens".

Al Maarifi claimed in his statement that "this will replace the insurance against unemployment and restructure the subsidy by injecting state funds into the pockets of beneficiaries and preventing the exploitation of

subsidies by the non-eligible". "This bill will have a significant impact on activating internal markets, lighten the increasing financial burdens on the breadwinners of Bahraini families and serve the welfare of Bahraini citizens," the MP explained.

Al Maarifi clarified further, "The proposed law will guarantee every citizen the maximum benefit from government support, where the needs of citizens and their financial priorities will vary, as it affects the lack of access to large parts of government support for those eligible. This proposal will restore the financial balance of the Bahraini wage earners and the ability to manage expenses in a way that suits them."

He added, "The disbursement of these funds is financed by including the social security and

disability allowance as well as pumping amounts from the State budget to ensure their continuity and that they cannot be interrupted or suspended under any circumstances."

The MP also said that his proposal comes to serve the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the Legislative (Parliament and Shura Councils) and Executive (Government) Authorities to reach a consensus to cease imposing financial burdens on citizens.

Al Maarifi's bill comes in the midst of various austerity, cost-cutting and subsidies removal procedures taken by the Government in recent years. The most recent procedures were increasing the prices of gasoline on January 8 this year and imposing taxes on certain products considered harmful to consumers' health by the beginning of the year.

Reckless ambulance driver arrested, suspended

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A reckless ambulance driver was arrested and suspended from work after posting videos online of himself over-speeding with blaring music while on a rescue mission in the Capital last week.

The Bahraini driver posted several videos on his personal account on SnapChat last week, bragging about his driving skills and speaking about an elderly woman he was supposed to rescue in Juffair area in the eastern parts of the capital. In the videos, he was seen driving over 150 kmph on Awal Avenue in Juffair and jumping red lights while the sirens were switched on. "A journey of action," as he described it in one of the videos. The videos were soon



A screenshot of the video of the man driving over 140 kmph in Juffair

commented by many online. Health Ministry confirmed in a statement issued on Tuesday night that it has launched a probe into the case and rejected the behaviour by the ambulance crew.

"This is a personal behaviour and doesn't reflect the ministry's policies. Every employee has pledged and vowed at the time of his/her graduation to maintain the sanctity of the profession, respect it and abide by the laws of the health institution they work for," the ministry said, confirming that the man worked at Salmaniya Medical Complex.

"In regards to the video circulated on social media showing an ambulance driver over-speeding, the driver was arrested and relevant legal procedures were taken," the General Directorate of Traffic in Interior Ministry said.

leaked to various local social media networks and drew nationwide condemnation as "the driver's behaviour reflected irresponsibility and disregard of the humanitarian duties of ambulance staff" as