

# Pakistan family struggling for legal stay in Kingdom

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The descendants of the head of a Pakistani family who passed away on Tuesday after a long struggle for legal stay in the country are in a catch-22 situation. They neither have the documents to go back to Pakistan nor to stay legal in the Kingdom.

Hafeez Khan, the man who struggled for legal stay in the Kingdom since 2013, succumbed to cancer and his body was repatriated to

Pakistan.

"The family had been struggling for a long time to stay legally in the country. They had approached the Pakistan Embassy several times for help as the father had served the embassy for more than 35 years, but they just kept stalling his request," said a man close to the family.

"The family had been going to the Embassy for help since the time the departed man was in coma. Also, the family was pressurized from all sides

and they are clueless as to what to do now as the head of the family is no more. They family is helpless to stay in the Kingdom and lead a better life," the source said.

"All the family now asking is a guarantee to stay legal so that they can be relieved as they have no clue what will happen to them as their sole breadwinner has passed away," the source added.

"It is very unfortunate to hear a situation like this as the person has served the

Pakistan embassy to Bahrain for so many years. We will make sure to work alongside the embassy to ease the problems of the family and do all we can to solve the matter," said General Secretary of the Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society. The embassy officials will do what ever they can to support and help the family, said Murad Wazir, the HOC of the Pakistan Embassy.

## Two arrested for extortion

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General Director of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science yesterday announced the arrest of two men for extortion, impersonating as policemen in Ras Ruman area. The duo extracted money from people, pretending to be police

personnel.

An investigation was launched shortly after the police received information about the incident and the suspects were identified, arrested and the car they used for their crimes was seized.

Legal proceedings are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

## PM issues edicts

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday issued Edict 12/2017 on amending some provisions of the Executive Regulation of the Civil Service Law promulgated by Edict 51/2012. Under the edict, clauses 1, 6 and 7 of the Executive Regulation of the Civil Service Law were amended. A new

clause, 42 biz, was added to Edict 51/2012. The Civil Service President shall implement the edict which will take effect a day after its publication in the Official Gazette. HRH Premier also issued Edict 13/2017 on amending some provisions of the Payroll table determining salaries and benefits and prescribing conditions for their entitlement for employees who are subject to the Civil Service Law.

## Video prompts BHRWS to launch rights campaign

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A campaign has been launched by a human rights organization after seeing a new video of a man picking up tomatoes from the trash bin. The person who recorded the video claimed that the man was collecting tomatoes from the trash to be used in food prepared in his restaurant.

"He was searching for tomatoes inside the trash bin to take with him," the voice in the video said.

The video that lasted over a minute showed the man scrounging the garbage bin at a crowded area. Another man helps him pack what they collected from the garbage bin. The video abruptly cuts off as the man recording the video moves towards the men.

The video has been submitted to Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS). The BHRWS has launched an awareness campaign titled 'Be right, Know your rights', to educate citizens about their rights and enable them to take action whenever they see such malpractices.

"We are launching this campaign to highlight the rights of the citizens and to correct wrong practices," BHRWS stated.




A screen grabs from the video

Responding to the video it stated, "We call upon the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism to investigate and take action".

Last week, a similar video showing several men picking out vegetables from a garbage


bin had gone viral.

The Society urged residents to record videos when they come across any such wrongdoing. To participate in the campaign, one can send such videos to the Whatsapp number 336633882 or 336455424.




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