

GCC nationals laundered millions to buy prime Real Estate, Court rejects appeal

Arab nationals, a man and a woman, received three years in jail and BD100,000 fine

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Two Arab nationals, who robbed around \$5 million in public funds from a Gulf Cooperation Council country and used it to buy prime real estate in Bahrain have had their appeal rejected at a court here.

The defendants, a man and a woman will now serve three years in jail here and will have to pay a BD100,000 fine each.

The court also ordered to confiscate the laundered amount from them.

Court files say the woman, who resided in a GCC nation, opened a bank account in Bahrain, to which she transferred



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the ill-gotten gains. This way, the pair bought a BD1.8 million property in Juffair, a man, use the funds to buy properties on her behalf.

According to court files, the woman opened a bank account in Bahrain, to which she transferred the ill-gotten gains, while her accomplice used the funds to buy properties on her behalf. The investigation revealed that the duo had embezzled the cash from a Gulf Cooperation Council country, leading to their conviction.

a BD950,000 property in Amwaj Islands, and a BD347,000 worth of land and a villa in Juffair.

The woman also sent money to her father in her home country, and at the time of their arrest, she had BD90,000 in cash in her account.

Investigators discovered the duo had embezzled the cash from the GCC country, leading to their conviction of money laundering and embezzlement.

Yesterday, despite their appeal against their three-year jail term and BD100,000 fine, the court upheld their conviction and ordered the laundered amount be confiscated from the convicts.

Five men jailed for stealing pistols from deceased businessman's home

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Stealing pistols from the abandoned house of a deceased businessman have landed five men, all Asian nationals, in jail for terms ranging between four and one year.

Police arrested the suspects following an investigation into a tip-off from an Asian labourer who witnessed their criminal activities.

Based on this, police identified the suspects and obtained a warrant and discovered drugs and hidden pistols.

During interrogation, the suspects confessed to their crimes, revealing that they had taken the pistols from a businessman's



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home, who passed away in 2013. Three pistols were found in their possession, with one given to the third defendant and another hidden in an abandoned building.

The men confessed to taking the pistols from the businessman's house, and their drug test results further incriminated them.

"We found three pistols inside a bag, and we took them. We gave one to the third defendant," the first suspect told prosecutors.

"We hid one of them in an abandoned building, while the other one we kept with us," he added.

The case took another dramatic turn when the defendants also tested positive for various types of drugs, further incriminating them.

Unjust firing: Woman wins BD13,000 compensation from training institute

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Firing a Bahraini woman from her job without prior notification has landed a private training establishment in hot water, with the court ordering compensation of BD13,000.

The woman had approached the court seeking justice after being evicted just 40 days after the renewal of her contract, which offered a monthly salary of BD727.

The petition also accused the organisation of non-payment of salaries and cancelling the contract without any valid reason.

The woman's lawyer argued that the organisation had renewed the contract appreciating her efforts but dismissed her without any valid reason.

In its ruling, the High Labour Court stated that dismissal of work without notification is a breach of law, and it was

solely to end the tie without compensating the plaintiff.

Therefore, the plaintiff deserves compensation for the remaining days of the contract and the unused vacation days, which amounted to BD13,000.

Court files say the woman received termination after the organisation renewed her contract praising for her excellence at job.

"However, to her surprise, she received a termination letter just 40 days into her new contract," her lawyers told the court.

"The organisation did so without giving any valid reason," the woman's lawyer told the court.

The High Labour Court ruled that the dismissal without notification was a breach of the law and ordered the establishment to compensate the woman for the remaining contract period and the unused vacation days.

Ministry denies claims of school interfering with students' prayer times

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The Ministry of Education has dismissed rumours that a private school had prevented its students from performing noon prayers, calling the reports baseless.

In a statement, the ministry revealed that its private education licensing directorates had conducted an investigation into the matter.

The statement further explained that students could perform the noon prayers at their homes itself since school ends before that time.

The ministry also confirmed that no prior violations had been reported against the school in question.

The statement emphasised that the school has the right to file a complaint against the false accusations levelled against it.

Bahrain to receive 24 surplus attack helicopters from US for \$350 million

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Bahrain is set to acquire 24 surplus Bell AH-1W SuperCobra attack helicopters for an estimated \$350 million, reports said citing the US Department of State.

The former US Marine Corps platforms, along with spares, training, and other services, will be purchased by Bahrain to improve its ability to fulfil maritime patrol, close air support, and search-and-rescue missions.

The sale is subject to approval by the US Congress, and if approved, The package also includes the delivery of spare T-700-GE-401 aircraft engines, M272A1 missile launchers, other spare parts, support, training, publications, and related logistics and programme support.

"The proposed sale will improve Bahrain's capability to meet current and future threats by improving its ability to fulfil maritime patrol, close air support, and search-and-rescue missions," the US Defense Security Cooperation Agency said in



The US Marine Corps operated the AH-1W Super Cobra until late 2020 (Courtesy of flight global)



Last month, Bell Textron completed the delivery of the last AH-1Z Viper production aircraft built for Bahrain.

its notification.

The helicopters, which were retired by the USMC in 2020, were first to be equipped with a new 'glass' cockpit ahead of transfer to their new customer(s).

Having entered service with the USMC in 1986, the AH-1W is a highly capable variant of the Vietnam War-era AH-1 Cobra that is still in global service with Bahrain (it also operates the AH-1E/F and the latest AH-1Z models), as well as Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

Police arrest three for selling drugs in Capital



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Three men in their early thirties, identified as Asian nationals, were apprehended by the Capital Governorate Police Directorate for allegedly selling intoxicating substances within the Kingdom.

The arrest was made following a tip-off received about the

suspects operating from an apartment in the Al-Naeem area.

Subsequent searches and investigations were conducted, leading to the discovery and seizure of a quantity of the illegal substances.

The case has been referred to the Public Prosecutor's Office.