

Fatal crash justice

Nine-year prison term upheld in tragic drug-fueled accident on the road that killed family of three

● Bahraini driving license revoked for one year

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In a heartbreaking case that shook the community, the Court of Cassation has upheld the rulings of both the lower and appellate courts, sentencing a Bahraini man in his twenties to nine years in prison over a devastating traffic accident that claimed the lives of an entire family.

The court also ordered the revocation of his driving license for one year following the completion of his sentence, along

with the confiscation of the vehicle used in the incident.

The tragedy unfolded in the Saar area, where the defendant, driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, caused a catastrophic collision that killed a husband, his wife, and their child, while leaving two other children with severe, life-threatening injuries.

According to prosecutors, on May 30, 2025, the accused lost control of his vehicle while under the influence of hashish and alcohol.

Speeding

His reckless driving included speeding over 30% above the legal limit, dangerously overtaking, and veering into oncoming traffic—ultimately leading to a fatal head-on collision.



A tragedy defined by recklessness

At approximately 12:21 AM, the defendant was traveling along Road 13 toward Saar when he suddenly swerved into the opposite lane. He collided head-on with a taxi driven by the father, who was traveling lawfully with his family. The sheer force of the crash pushed the vehicle backward into an embankment.

Fatal

The impact proved fatal. The parents and their son succumbed to their injuries after being rushed to the hospital.

Meanwhile, their two other children survived but suffered devastating injuries—one with severe fractures in both thighs, and the other with multiple fractures, internal bleeding, lung damage, and critical abdominal injuries.

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Statement of financial position

At 31 December 2025

	2025	2024	1 January 2024
	BD	BD	BD
		(Restated)	(Restated)
ASSETS			
Property and equipment	36,628	-	-
Right of use asset	69,082	18,827	2,758
Investment securities:			
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)	15,592,288	16,807,616	19,200,154
Financial investments at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	21,213,722	20,389,869	20,735,664
Insurance contract assets	8,584	23,043	4,350
Reinsurance contract assets	72,189	153,837	34,759
Prepayments and other receivables	239,214	329,697	305,795
Cash and bank balances	1,666,019	962,920	1,597,775
Total assets	38,897,726	38,746,109	41,941,255
HEAD OFFICE FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Head Office Funds			
Head Office account	6,486,936	6,228,043	7,018,969
Cumulative change in fair value of securities	(559,754)	(1,168,959)	(1,004,475)
Total Head Office funds	5,927,182	5,059,104	6,014,494
LIABILITIES			
Provision for employees' end of service indemnity	15,564	21,244	13,454
Insurance contract liabilities	31,385,797	32,410,163	34,510,322
Reinsurance contract liabilities	353,417	538,237	786,689
Accounts payable	975,772	700,730	813,413
Lease liability	69,364	16,631	2,883
Tax Payable	170,630	-	-
Total liabilities	32,970,544	33,687,005	35,926,761
Total Head Office Funds and liabilities	38,897,726	38,746,109	41,941,255

Country Manager
George Kotsalos

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Statement of profit or loss

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	BD	BD
		(Restated)
Insurance revenue	8,968,668	8,405,157
Insurance service expenses	(6,546,795)	(6,501,143)
Insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held	2,421,873	1,904,014
Net expense from reinsurance contracts held	(502,866)	(500,118)
Insurance service result	1,919,007	1,403,896
Interest income from financial investments at FVTOCI	617,547	677,848
Realised and unrealised gain on financial investments at FVTPL	2,651,317	2,202,666
Other investment income - net	27,898	72,654
Net investment income	3,296,762	2,953,168
Finance expenses from insurance contracts issued	(3,252,833)	(2,598,554)
Finance income from reinsurance contracts held	557	48,474
Net insurance finance expenses	(3,252,276)	(2,550,080)
Net insurance and investment result	1,963,493	1,806,984
Other income	118,585	127,540
Other operating expenses	(944,544)	(774,557)
Profit before taxation	1,137,534	1,159,967
Taxation	(170,630)	-
Profit for the year	966,904	1,159,967
Statement of comprehensive income		
For the year ended 31 December 2025		
Profit for the year	966,904	1,159,967
Other comprehensive income/(loss):		
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>		
Net changes in the fair value of financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)	609,185	(164,464)
Total other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	609,185	(164,464)
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,576,089	995,503

Rethinking vaping safety

● Study reviews health effects of e-cigarette use

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April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month, which highlights the importance of oral health and early detection.

This year, it comes amid raising concerns that vaping may be linked to cancer risk, with researchers examining how e-cigarettes may affect the mouth and lungs at a cellular level.

Latest is a study from the University of New South Wales, Sydney, which adds to a growing body of research challenging the idea that vaping is a "safer" alternative to smoking.

What stood out most in the study was that although vapes don't contain tar or carbon monoxide, chemicals in vape aerosol, including nicotine-derived compounds, flavouring agents, volatile organic compounds, and trace metals can damage tissues in the mouth and lungs, causing inflammation and stress, and potentially increasing long-term cancer risk.

Awareness

In a discussion with The Daily Tribune regarding oral cancer awareness, Dr Nadia AlSikri, Consultant, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Salmaniya Medical Complex said, "Even occasional vaping is not risk-free. While heavy and prolonged use increases exposure and risk, intermittent use can still introduce harmful chemicals into the oral environment."

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— DR NADIA ALSIKRI

carcinogenic substances that may damage oral tissues and DNA. While the link is not as well established as with smoking, there is growing concern about its role in developing oral cancer. More long-term studies are still needed," she noted.

Screening

In light of oral cancer awareness month observed every April, Dr Nadia further explains that individuals who vape should ideally have oral examinations every six months.

Those with additional risk factors may benefit from more frequent screenings as advised by their dentist.

Screening involves a thorough visual and physical examination of the mouth, tongue, gums, and throat.

Dentists look for abnormal lesions, colour changes, or ulcers, and may palpate tissues for lumps.