

Company owner
sent to jail for
withholding VAT

● Fined BD195,000

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The High Criminal Court yesterday jailed a company owner for three years for withholding VAT he had collected, ordered repayment of BD65,102.068 with a matching fine, and fined the company's registration BD195,306.204.

The case began with a complaint from the National Bureau for Revenue that the defendant filed VAT returns while keeping the tax taken from customers.

Checks by the Bureau showed the company was registered for VAT and that returns were lodged without paying over the sums collected.

Inquiry

The Public Prosecution opened an inquiry on receipt of the complaint.

It placed a travel ban on the defendant, took statements from NBR staff and examined records and invoices tied to the transactions.

When questioned and shown the file, the defendant admitted the charge.

The Prosecution sent both the individual and the commercial registration (as the legal person) to the First High Criminal Court, which delivered the verdict.

Crypto crime

Court convicts defendant for processing more than BD75,000 'dirty money'

● Six years in jail, fined BD105,000 in international fraud case

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The First High Criminal Court has convicted a defendant of laundering more than BD75,000 obtained through international fraud schemes.

The court sentenced the defendant to six years in prison and fined him BD105,000, in addition to confiscating BD75,299 from his assets.

According to the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution, the case began after a report from the National Financial

Intelligence Center revealed the defendant's involvement in an organized criminal network.

He received funds from multiple victims of fraudulent investment schemes into his two bank accounts, then transferred them to his account on the CoinMENA platform to purchase cryptocurrency (USDT).

He later moved the funds to his account on Binance.com (outside Bahrain) before dis-

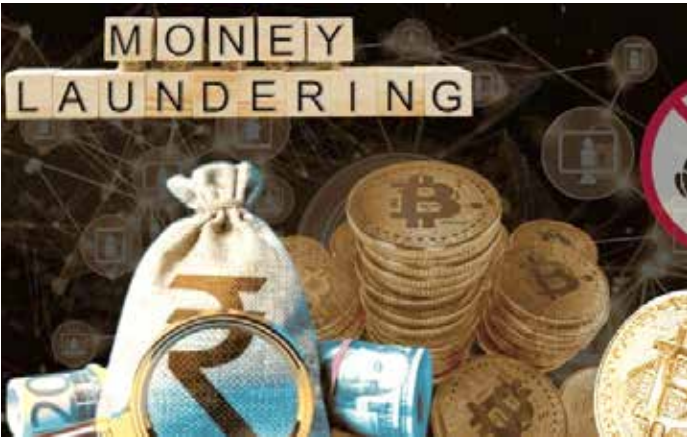


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tributing them to several electronic wallets provided by the criminal network, taking a commission for himself.

Investigations showed that the victims had been deceived by fraudsters posing as representatives of various investment companies, luring them with promises of high returns.

Illicit proceeds

Once the victims transferred their money to the defendant's

bank accounts, he knowingly processed and moved the illicit proceeds abroad, following instructions from the network's leaders.

The Public Prosecution confirmed that, in light of the court's ruling, further legal measures and international judicial cooperation requests are being pursued to hold all accomplices accountable and recover the illicit funds.

Three convicted
in BD38,000 drug
money laundering



● Five-year jail term, BD100,000 fine for each defendant

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The First High Criminal Court has convicted three defendants of laundering more than BD38,000 derived from cultivating and trafficking narcotic substances.

It sentenced each defendant to five years in prison and fined them BD100,000, in addition to confiscating BD38,769 from their funds and assets.

The first and third defendants were also ordered to be deported permanently after serving their sentences.

The case began after the Public Prosecution received a report from the Anti-Narcot-

ics Directorate indicating the defendants' involvement in cultivating and trafficking drugs.

Investigations

Rarallel financial investigations were launched by the Prosecution and tasked the National Financial Intelligence Center with tracing the illicit proceeds.

Investigations revealed that the defendants had acquired more than BD38,000 from drug trafficking and engaged in money laundering activities, including cash withdrawals, currency exchanges, and overseas transfers, in order to conceal the illicit origin of the funds and give them a legitimate appearance.

Based on the collected evidence and technical reports, the defendants were referred to the criminal court, which issued the above conviction and sentences.

Al-Dhaen: Tier 1 a Duty

MP says ranking proves Bahrain's human rights system works in practice

● MP hails eighth Tier 1 ranking

● Credits vision of His Majesty, HRH Crown Prince

● Calls achievement a renewed responsibility

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MP Dr Maryam Al-Dhaen

endorsement and a national responsibility.

She said the ranking affirms international confidence in Bahrain's system for safeguarding rights and dignity, describing it as "an integrated framework of prevention, protection,

and justice."

Al-Dhaen noted that Bahrain's rights model includes the region's first Labour Protection Centre for expatriate workers, the National Referral System for victims, the Wage Protection System, and specialised prosecution, court, and victims' fund.

She credited the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the vision of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for embedding human dignity at the core of national policy.

The MP said the milestone "is not an endpoint but a renewed national duty" to keep Bahrain at the forefront of justice and human rights.

Bahrain-US ties



His Excellency Nibras Talib, Chief Executive of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and Chairman of the National Committee for Combating Trafficking in Persons, received H.E. Elizabeth Litchfield, Deputy Ambassador of the US to the Kingdom of Bahrain. During the meeting, both sides affirmed the depth of the longstanding friendship, cooperation, and strategic ties between Bahrain and the US across various fields. They praised the mutual commitment of the two friendly countries to strengthening bilateral cooperation frameworks in a way that serves common interests and reflects the strength of their existing partnership.

Inspection visit



In line with the directive of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for the Ministry of Labour to present three job opportunities to every registered job seeker before the end of this year, His Excellency Yusuf bin Abdulhussein Khalaf, Minister of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Labour, conducted an inspection tour at the Ministry's Employment Services Centre to review the workflow and the organizational procedures in place. During the tour, the Minister met with a number of job seekers registered with the Ministry and listened to their feedback regarding the employment procedures, with the aim of improving and developing the quality of services provided. He noted that the Ministry takes all feedback into account as a basis for enhancing mechanisms to complete employment processes smoothly and efficiently.