

Two men jailed for beating friend to death

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Two men have been sentenced to imprisonment by the First High Criminal Court yesterday for beating their friend to death in a drunken argument at a farm in Seqaya last July.

The court sentenced the first defendant to 15 years in jail after finding him guilty of killing the 42-year-old victim, while his accomplice was given a three-month jail term.

Both men, aged 50 and 61, were arrested on July 14, two hours after the Capital Governorate Police Directorate was informed about the victim's dead body being found by passersby at the farm.

Chief Prosecutor at the Capital Governorate Prosecution Abdulla Al Banki, in a statement yesterday, said that in-

vestigations showed that the defendants were drunk when a heated argument erupted between one of them and the victim.

The first defendant assaulted the victim leading to his death, while the second one helped him flee the crime scene.

"The Public Prosecution began the investigation procedures as soon as it was notified of the incident and it moved to the crime scene, where the necessary examination was carried out and the forensic doctor was appointed," said Al Banki.

"The prosecution then interrogated the two defendants and ordered their precautionary detention. It also listened to the witness and requested police inquiries about the incident before referring both defendants to criminal trial."

NPRA joins Tawasul system

● e-interaction aims to improve services and productivity

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The Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) has joined National Suggestion & Complaint system "Tawasul" to promote interaction with the public and beneficiaries in an easy way all the time.

This was announced yesterday by Interior Ministry Undersecretary for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

He said that the NPRA is dedicated to providing vari-

ous digital services to meet its strategic plans of commitment to the digital transformation of various services. He added that e-interaction would improve services and productivity.

The NPRA join the system in collaboration with the Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA), which is one of the key e-channels providing clients and partners the opportunity to efficiently and swiftly provide suggestions, proposals and comments to government authorities within the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The NPRA welcomes all proposals, complaints and inquiries submitted by "Tawasul" available on the national portal www.bahrain.bh/tawasul, or by downloading the "Tawasul" App for both iOS and Android via www.bahrain.bh/apps.

A salute to Bahraini women

'Dependable and equal partners' in Kingdom's comprehensive development process

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Bahraini women are dependable and equal partners in the comprehensive development process of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This was emphasised by Information Minister Mohammed bin Ali Al Romaihi who praised the achievements of Bahraini women particularly in the fields of diplomacy and media.

The minister thanked His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for their utmost support to women.

Al Romaihi congratulated Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of HM King Hamad and president of the Supreme Council for Women, on Bahrain Women's Day.

The minister lauded women's distinguished role as diplomats since 1972 and their role in high positions both in diplomatic missions abroad and within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Bahrain appointed its first woman ambassador in 1999 and its first undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1917. In 2006, a Bahraini woman was elected president of the UN General Assembly, becoming the first Arab and Muslim woman to hold the distinguished



Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa with women achievers



Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal ... Bahrain's first woman parliament speaker

post. According to the latest figures, 31 per cent of Bahrain's diplomatic positions are held by women.

Al Romaihi expressed pride in Bahraini women assuming many administrative, executive and supervisory positions in light of the issuance of more than 50 legislation and administrative decisions supporting their rights.

They include the laws organising work, the 2027 Family Law, the 2015 protection against domestic violence law and other national laws in line with international conventions, mainly the Convention on the Elimina-

31%

The percentage of Bahrain's diplomatic positions being held by women, according to the latest figures.

50

The number of legislation and administrative decisions supporting the rights of Bahraini women.

tion of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

The minister pointed out to the role of women in supporting the democratic process by participating in the drafting and approval of the National Action Charter, representing half of the electorate in five legislative terms, and winning one-fifth of the seats in the legislative elections.

Bahraini women also made great strides by being elected as speaker and as presidents of the National Institution for Human Rights and the Bahrain Journalists Association, and by becoming members in the International Federation of Journalists Gender Council and numerous civil society organisations.

They also have an active role in establishing justice and the rule of law, representing 11% of the judges, holding membership in the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Judicial Council and in family courts.

The minister referred to women's active participation in the economic and social process, representing 52% of the workforce in the public sector, 35% in the private sector, and 43% of entrepreneurs.

Bahraini women ranked first globally in indicators of enrollment in secondary and high-

er education, according to the Davos Circularity Gap Report.

They represent 59% of university graduates, 71% of master's and doctoral holders, and 47% of academic staff.

The minister expressed the thanks, appreciation and pride of the Bahraini society for the sacrifices of Bahraini women from the health, security and media sectors in the Team Bahrain headed by HRH the Crown Prince in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, holding 80% of the leadership positions in the team and 75% in the front lines.

He also commended Bahraini women for their pivotal role in media awareness by representing a third of the personnel of the Ministry of Information, for their contributions to remote education and for promoting the digital transformation of government services.

Such honorable stances will remain etched in the records of national achievements, he added.

Al Romaihi stressed the success of the Supreme Council for Women in elevating the status of women and in strengthening their family and societal stability in tackling the coronavirus under the theme of "Solidarity for the Safety of Bahrain".

Deal signed to construct new tennis courts



The agreement for the construction of the new tennis courts at the Bahrain Tennis Club was signed on Sunday by Khamis Muhammad Al Muqila, president of the Bahrain Tennis Club, and Jalil J. Zabar, managing director of the Gulf Fencing and Specialist Surfacing Est. W.L.L., in the presence of Mirza Al Sammak, vice president of the Bahrain Tennis Club, and Khaled Ghuloom Ali, the club's board member. According to the agreement, the Gulf Fencing and Specialist Surfacing Est. W.L.L. will construct two new tennis courts at the Bahrain Tennis Club, with comprehensive maintenance and renovation work for tennis court No. 6, so that the club has 10 tennis courts, all in compliance with international specifications, qualifying BTC to host international tournaments.



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Two civil defence personnel promoted for professionalism

● Reward for swift rescue efforts during F1 accident

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Interior Minister Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa has ordered exceptional promotion for two civil defence personnel for their professional

performance during this weekend's F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir.

It was part of the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to reward the police personnel for their preparedness and capability in dealing with sudden accidents.

The Minister received the two personnel in the presence of



Minister Shaikh Rashid with civil defence personnel

Chief of Public Security and Director-General of Civil Defence.

He conveyed to them the thanks and appreciation of HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister and hailed their professionalism in rescuing one of the participants in the race who figured in an accident.

He also hailed the competency of civil defence personnel for their courage and swift response, expressing best wishes for all in serving the nation.