

Survivor's struggle

Woman suffers PTSD after acid attack masterminded by ex-husband

● Court verdict set for February 25

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A 37-year-old Bahraini woman is suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) following a vicious acid attack orchestrated by her ex-husband, the High Criminal Court heard on Monday.

The penultimate hearing before the verdict highlighted the victim's profound physical and emotional trauma.

Medical reports revealed she sustained 60% permanent disability, severely limiting the movement of her left arm and fingers.

Attack

Her 41-year-old ex-husband earlier denied involvement, but his 28-year-old nephew confessed to carrying out the attack at his uncle's behest.

A court-ordered mental evaluation of the nephew concluded that he was responsible for his



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Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition triggered by trauma, causing flashbacks, anxiety, nightmares, and emotional distress.

actions, a finding confirmed in a medical report presented on Monday.

The victim testified that while in a mall parking lot with her daughters, they alerted her to a masked man.

Ex-husband

Attempting to photograph him, believing it to be her ex-husband, she was attacked.

The masked man, later identified as the nephew, threw a container of liquid, causing severe burns.

A witness confirmed her account, describing a masked in-

dividual throwing liquid before fleeing.

Security footage

Police presented security footage that led to the nephew's identification and the recovery of the mask.

Further investigation uncovered phone calls between the uncle and nephew before and after the attack, with the nephew allegedly confessing to completing the "task."

Forensic evidence, including DNA from the mask and hat, and chemical analysis of the victim's clothing, confirmed the presence of sulfuric acid.

Orders

The nephew, who claims to have autism and a history of mental health issues, initially confessed, stating he acted on his uncle's orders to exact revenge after the victim reported him.

The ex-husband, nabbed in Kuwait and extradited to Bahrain, maintains his innocence, claiming he was out of the country at the time of the attack.

The verdict is expected to be issued on February 25, 2025.

Khatwa beneficiary registration completed

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The Ministry of Labour has completed the registration of 147 individuals from the Khatwa Programme who had their pensions suspended and were listed under the unemployment allowance scheme for jobseekers, following the directives of the Cabinet to process their applications.

The ministry stated that applications are thoroughly reviewed to ensure compliance with eligibility criteria. Of those registered by February 2, 100 individuals have been approved for unemployment benefits, while the remaining

applications are under review. Eligible individuals will receive their benefits according to the approved schedule.

Documents

The ministry urged those who have not completed their registration to submit the required documents through available platforms. Additionally, the Ministry of Social Development is assessing whether affected individuals meet the eligibility criteria for social assistance.

In coordination with relevant authorities, the ministry will contact those identified to ensure they fulfil all requirements for evaluation.

Road rehabilitation project begins



The complete resurfacing of the road

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A long-awaited road rehabilitation project has commenced in Block 536 of Al Duraz village.

The project, a key initiative championed by the Northern Governorate Municipal Council Chairman Dr. Sayed Shubber Al Wedai, addresses residents' concerns regarding deteriorating road conditions.

The project involves the complete resurfacing of several roads within the block, including the removal of existing asphalt and the application of a new layer.

Improvements

Further improvements include the installation of underground conduits for future use by utility services, as well as the repainting of road mark-

ings and the implementation of updated traffic signage to enhance safety.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Al Wedai revealed that the project's scope was determined following a thorough assessment of road conditions conducted in collaboration with Ministry of Works specialists.

Larger plan

"The current work represents the first phase of a larger plan to rehabilitate roads throughout the block, which was among the residents' top priorities for improving their quality of life and safety. A follow-up visit is planned to assess the remaining roads and develop a comprehensive plan for future phases," he stated.

"This project underscores the importance of a collaborative approach," he added.

Former restaurant general manager awarded BD2,600 in labour dispute

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A former general manager has successfully sued his former employer, a restaurant owner, for unpaid wages and compensation.

The court ruled in favour of the plaintiff, awarding him a total of BD2,666.67 in back pay, compensation, and interest, although the defendant employer claimed that the relationship was not one of employer-employee but rather a business partnership in which the plaintiff was responsible for all operational expenses and shared profits.

According to the plaintiff's

lawyer, Ali Al Qasseer, his client filed a lawsuit demanding BD2,800 in unpaid wages, compensation for delayed payment, annual leave allowance, notice pay, end-of-service gratuity, compensation for contract termination, and a return airfare ticket.

Notice

"My client worked for the restaurant for eight months at a monthly salary of BD400 before his employment was abruptly terminated without prior notice or payment of outstanding dues," the lawyer argued before the Labour Court.

The defendant, the restaurant owner, alleged that the relation-

ship was a partnership, claiming the plaintiff managed the restaurant, covering all expenses (rent, electricity, staff salaries, materials, and equipment) and sharing profits.

He claimed the plaintiff misappropriated funds and failed to meet his financial obligations, leading to accumulated debts.

The court, however, rejected the defendant's claims.

The court's ruling cited Article 4/40 of the Labour Law, which mandates immediate payment of wages and dues upon termination of employment.

The court noted the defendant failed to provide evidence of payment and considered the

plaintiff's employment contract, bearing the defendant's apparent signature and seal, along with proof of employment termination and work permit cancellation.

Overdue wages

The court ordered the defendant to pay the plaintiff BD2,666.67, plus 6% annual interest on the overdue wages for the six months or less before the due date, until full payment is made.

The ruling underscores the legal protections afforded to employees under Bahrain labour law and the importance of adhering to contractual agreements and legal obligations.

Runway maintenance plan



Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), has announced its 2025 runway maintenance plan for Bahrain International Airport (BIA), focusing on safety, efficiency, and operational sustainability. The launch of the plan was marked by a site visit attended by Khalid Hussain Taqi, Gulf Air Group (GFG) Chairman, and Mohamed Yousif AlBinfalah, Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) Chief Executive Officer. The plan reinforces BAC's commitment to operational excellence, ensuring BIA remains a leading regional hub. BAC is coordinating with the Bahrain Civil Aviation Authority to adhere to regulatory guidelines and international aviation safety standards.

'Vasant Panchami'



Bengal Cultural Society Bahrain celebrated "Vasant Panchami" at Telegu Kala Samithi Hall at Adliya on 2nd Feb 2025. A vibrant community engagement was witnessed with guests from Indian Embassy. Association President, Mr Saikat Sarkar, wished happy festivities to everyone.