

# Two held with fake currency, printing machines, police say

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Police are investigating two men who are allegedly involved in circulating fake currency notes in the Kingdom.

The suspects were caught red-handed with 30,000 Bahraini dinars and equipment used for printing them.

The accused are currently in police custody.

Police are currently investigating the suspects with financial crimes and money laundering department.

Head of the Capital Governorate Prosecution said the men



had also allegedly defrauded undisclosed amounts from people here.

The first suspect, police said, confessed to using various devices for printing the counterfeit notes.

The public Prosecution has ordered

their pre-trial detention pending further investigation.

Prosecutors ordered to seize the equipment and sent them for expert examination.

The investigation is ongoing.

Some of the ill effects that counterfeit money has on society include a reduction in the

value of real money; an increase in prices due to more money getting circulated in the economy; a decrease in the acceptability of paper money; and losses when traders are not reimbursed for counterfeit money detected by banks, even if it is confiscated.

In March 1993 new security features were added to the Bahraini Dinar to develop the currency and protect it from the counterfeit processes. With that, a new family of banknotes were issued BD20, BD10, BD5, BD1 and BD1/2 along with the coins, 100fils, 50 fils, 25 fils, 10 fils, 5 fils and 1 fil.



## Drug lord, his delivery rider gets 10 years in jail

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A Bahrain judge has sentenced a man, an Asian national designated as a drug lord, to 10 years in prison.

The High Criminal Court also awarded ten years to another man who, police said, was a delivery agent for the drug lord.

The court also slapped a fine of BD10,000 each on both of them.

Three other men implicated in the same case received a much lighter sentence of six months in prison on charges of drug abuse.

Police said they arrested the suspects following a tip-off received.

The information said that a



U.S. Coast Guardsmen on Aug. 1, 2014, aboard the maritime security cutter, a large USCGC Stratton, remove an estimated 12,000 pounds of marijuana in San Diego.

group of men are peddling heroin in the Kingdom.

After verifying the correctness of the information, police said they assigned an undercover agent to get in touch with the suspects. The agent posing as a buyer approached the suspects and established a relationship.

After winning their confidence, the agent also placed a BD50 worth order with them and agreed to make the payment at a place of choice.

On the day of the deal, even though police waited for the first suspect, setting a trap, the drug lord didn't come. Instead, he sent the second suspect with the drugs to complete the deal.

Police took him into custody

as soon as he handed over the heroin to the undercover agent and took the money.

During interrogation, officers said the suspect confessed to his crimes and revealed the whereabouts of the main suspect.

After securing a warrant, police raided the man's hiding and detained him alongside three others. The trio turned out positive for using drugs during a medical examination.

The court also ordered the deportation of all the men after completing jail terms.

### Transit points

According to the United Nations, Turkey acts as a prominent transit country for heroin.

The UN report also refers to the high levels of amphetamine seizures in recent years. The report says amphetamine seizures from countries in the Middle East continue to refer predominantly to tablets bearing the Captagon logo. The nature of the psychoactive ingredients in such tablets is not always clear, but reports suggest that amphetamine trafficked from South-East Europe is the main ingredient in Captagon tablets found in the Middle East, frequently alongside caffeine. Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Syria serve as important transit points, the report adds. In North Africa, large seizures of cannabis herb are reported from Morocco.

## Woman gets a month in prison for shooting, acting in obscene video

Court acquitted a second suspect

Dismissed charges of misusing phone, social media

Public Prosecution to file appeal

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A woman charged with performing indecent acts in public will now spend a month behind bars, ruled a Bahraini court. The court, however, acquitted her of charges of misusing telecommunication devices and social media.

The court also acquitted a second suspect, an Arab man,



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charged along with the woman. They are preparing to file an appeal against the sentence.

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video clip of her immoral acts online, which gained viral status in no time.

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Police also quickly located the woman matching the video description and took her into custody for investigative purposes.

The prosecutors told the judges that the woman admitted to posting the clips online during interrogation.

Police had also taken into custody a man who allegedly imported the dress worn by the woman in the video. During

interrogation, the woman told police that she came to Bahrain to work as a DJ in hotels here following an agreement signed with a Bahraini man.

The woman also confessed to shooting the clip and uploading it on her Snapchat account.

The woman also told police that she purchased the dress shown in the video from the Arab man.

However, the Arab man denied the accusation levelled against him and said that he imported the dress as two pieces, and it was not supposed to be in the way the woman had worn it.

The Capital Governorate Prosecution said the woman underwent trial in the First Circuit Criminal Court. The head of the Capital Governorate Prosecution said the Public Prosecution is studying the ruling in preparation for filing an appeal.