

DEPUTY PREMIER RECEIVES HRH THE PM'S COURT UNDERSECRETARY, PERSONAL SECRETARY



The Deputy Premier, HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, held a meeting yesterday with HRH the Premier's Court undersecretary, Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa, and the Prime Minister's personal secretary, Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa. The Deputy Premier (right) congratulated the two on their new, key posts, wishing them every success in carrying out their duties.

HRH THE PM'S ADVISOR RECEIVES HRH THE PM'S COURT GUARD COMMANDER



HRH the Premier's advisor Shaikh Khalifa bin Rashid Al Khalifa received yesterday, HRH PM's Court guard commander, Brigadier General Mohammed Salman Al Qassimi, and facilities protection department head, Colonel Khalid Mohammed Al Sada. Al Qassimi and Al Sada congratulated Shaikh Khalifa on his new post, commanding the security department. They wished him success in his new missions, praising his outstanding experience in security. Shaikh Khalifa said that assuming the responsibility is an honour for him and he expressed his gratitude and pride for HRH the Prime Minister's trust.

Three arrested in security guards assault

● Video footage showing Asian men who were part of a group physically assaulting two Bahraini security guards goes viral on social media

● One of the guards dispersed part of the crowd after he waved a knife at them. Seconds after he put the knife away, several men suddenly approached him and beat him using wooden boxes. More men began hitting both guards and chased them down the alley



A screenshots of the video

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Police said late on Saturday that they have arrested three Asian men who were part of a group that physically assaulted two Bahraini security guards on the same day.

This is related to footage widely circulated on social media platforms showing the group of Bangladeshis beating the men in uniform and chasing them down alleys.

The Interior Ministry confirmed a few hours after the video emerged that three of the men involved were arrested and

a manhunt has been launched to nab the rest.

The Ministry tweeted: "Concerning a circulated video on social media of a physical assault between a group of persons and two private security guards, the Capital Police and CID arrested three individuals and search continues for the arrest of the remaining suspects."

The video sparked public outrage among citizens and netizens, as it showed the group of around 20 Bangladeshi men beating and chasing the Bahraini guards in a "barbaric and vicious manner".

Both guards were seen in the

beginning of the video while, in what seems to be an argument with the group, at an entrance of a building. The argument quickly turned physical, with both guards being shoved around and yelled at.

One of the guards dispersed part of the crowd after he waved a knife back in his pocket, several men suddenly approached him and beat him using wooden boxes. More men began hitting both guards and were seen chasing them down the alley, which is reportedly in central Manama. However, this information could



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not be verified.

Enraged Response!

Several MPs and social activists quickly responded to the incident, demanding rapid and tough action against the offenders. MP Ali Ishaqi described the incident as "shameful and humiliating", while attributing it to the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) as "the primary responsible party".

"We are awaiting the reaction of LMRA to this footage, to take strict measures with the culprits and put an end to these recurring shambles," he said in a press statement yesterday. "Prejudicing the dignity of one citizen means prejudicing the dignity of all citizens."

Meanwhile, MP Ibrahim Al Nefaei commented on the matter in a tweet saying: "The repetition of the disgraceful violations of Asian labourers, such as



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insulting the national currency and physical assault on Bahraini citizens, reflect moral turmoil and chaos, and an undervaluation of the country and its laws. The necessary controls must be endorsed to prevent the recurrence of such incidents and hold perpetrators accountable."

Also on Twitter, MP Khaled Saleh Buenq said: "Citizens are not insulted during the prosperous era of HM the King, and the government, under the leadership of HRH the Prime Minister and HRH the Crown Prince, does not accept that the citizens are assaulted."

"We confirm, as MPs, our total rejection of what a number of expatriates have done to attack the people of the country, and the relevant authorities need to take all measures regarding this."

As for social activist Ali Al Sakran, he posted a one-min-



Al Nefaei



Al Sakran

ute video online to comment on the matter. Al Sakran said: "This is a result of the leniency towards this community in Bahrain. This is not the first incident in Bahrain and tens of Bahrainis were killed by the same nationality in the past, either by a grinder, a hammer or a machete."

No comments were available from the LMRA or the Embassy of Bangladesh.

WhatsApp messages help Estonian woman win case against Bahraini business partner

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Records of WhatsApp messages helped convict a Bahraini man who refused to compensate his female European business partner for the money she gave him to invest in commercial exporting.

This comes as the Estonian woman provided the judges of the Fourth Minor Civil Court with records of WhatsApp messages and e-mails, proving her claims after the defendant denied it.

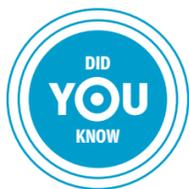
The Plaintiff's Attorney Mervet Janahi explained that the court ordered the defendant to pay the amount in installments, as well

as a 0.5 per cent annual legal interest.

The man had earlier appealed against the verdict, but the Court of Appeals upheld the previously announced sentence.

According to Janahi, her client had agreed with the defendant, under an oral agreement, to invest a certain amount of money in the field of exporting by issuing a CR (Commercial Registration), in addition to a work permit for her, as she entered Bahrain under a tourist visa.

The lawyer said the defendant breached the agreement, lost the money and caused financial losses to her client, who transferred



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the money to him directly in his bank account.

Janahi also clarified that the court reviewed the correspond-

ence between her client and the defendant, as well as a copy of the CR mentioned in it.

Additionally, a female witness, a mutual friend, testified in the court that they, the plaintiff and defendant, were business partners.

After deliberating the case for the second time and reviewing the presented evidence, the Court of Appeals concluded that the defendant and the plaintiff were business partners in a joint venture, and added that the defendant's bank account statement proved that he had received the amount, as claimed by the complainant.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF PARTICIPATES IN GCC MEETING



Operations assistant chief of staff, Major-General Ghanim Ibrahim Al-Fadhala, participated in a virtual meeting of the Operations and Training Committee of the assistant chiefs of staff of the armed forces of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states. They discussed enhancing joint GCC action and strengthened military cooperation among member states.