

Trial reset as Gulf man set to undergo psychiatric exam after airport assault

Two police officers attacked

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A Gulf man accused of attacking two police officers while transiting through Bahrain is to undergo psychiatric assessment before his trial continues.

The High Criminal Court has adjourned the case to 11 August.

The 45-year-old, reportedly intoxicated after drinking on a flight, arrived in Bahrain intending to board a connecting plane to his home country.

Altercation

Instead, he became involved in an altercation with two policemen, during which he allegedly swore at them, pushed them repeatedly, and tried to film them.

Prosecutors said the events took place on 19 June at Bahrain International Airport.

The man is charged with assaulting both officers during the course of their duties, with medical reports confirming their injuries.

Cannabis

He was also found in possession of cannabis, which he is accused of intending to consume, in breach of the law.



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He faces further charges of being drunk in a public place, insulting public servants without referring to a specific act, and disturbing the victims by misusing communication tools.

One officer said he approached the man near a gate around 11pm and asked for his passport.

The man, said to be in a state of anger, refused to comply and became aggressive.

Insults

The officer attempted to calm him and said help would be provided, but the man allegedly pushed him several times and shouted insults.

The officer then contacted his supervisor.

The defendant then pulled out his phone, began filming, and continued insulting both officers.

He also made threats and, when asked to show documentation for the phone, refused.

‘Dirty money’ flow

BD80,000 drug money laundering trial resumes for three suspects

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A Bahraini man and two others, among them an American diver already serving life behind bars for drug offences, are facing trial over laundering nearly BD80,000 linked to narcotics.

The High Criminal Court adjourned the case to 11 August to appoint legal counsel for the first defendant.

The second defendant is to be brought from detention, while the third is to be served with a fresh summons.

The two currently in custody will remain held.

Dead-drop postal exchanges

The American was previously convicted for growing and sell-



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ing drugs through dead-drop postal exchanges.

Investigators looking into that earlier case found that he had worked with the other two accused to move the money gained from drug sales through financial channels to cover its origin. According to the Financial In-

telligence Directorate, the funds were sent abroad and used to buy items in a way designed to muddy their source.

Money

The Public Prosecution stated that all three were aware the money came from drug traf-



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ficking.

Prosecutors allege the first defendant handled BD38,000 through transfers and deposits at currency exchanges.

The other two are accused of laundering over BD40,000 by funnelling it through foreign financial firms.

Investor wins BD19,310 after falling for fake project pitch

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A civil court has ordered a man in his thirties to repay BD19,310 after persuading a man two decades older to hand over BD27,000 for supposed profit-making projects.

The incident took place in 2022, when the older man was led to believe he was investing in ventures that would yield steady monthly returns.

The promised profits never came. He managed to retrieve

a portion of the money before turning to the courts.

Ruling

Lawyer Shaima Mohammed, acting on his behalf, secured a ruling from the High Civil Court. The court found the defendant liable for the remaining BD19,310.

In parallel criminal proceedings, the man had already been convicted of misusing funds entrusted to him under a power of attorney.



He was sentenced to one year in prison for misappropriation.

Findings

In its ruling, the civil court relied on the findings of the earlier criminal case.

It stated that the BD19,310 had originally been given to the defendant by a third party to pass on to the claimant. Instead, he kept the money.

The defendant had argued that he had already paid BD6,555 and asked for it to be deducted from the total.

Request

The court rejected the request, noting that the claimant had denied receiving any part of the sum being claimed.

Focus on emergency management system



Deputy National Security Advisor and Deputy Secretary-General of the Supreme Defence Council, Shaikh Khalid bin Ali bin Jaber Al Khalifa, visited the National Civil Emergency Management Centre, where he met with the Deputy Chief of Public Security, Major-General Dr. Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa. During the visit, the official was briefed on the operations of the Executive Office of the National Committee for Civil Emergency Management and gained insight into the overall emergency management system, including coordination plans among relevant entities in areas such as early warning and field response.

Vehicle plunge



A 35-year-old Asian man sustained serious injuries after his vehicle fell from King Faisal Street onto Al Fateh Street, The General Traffic Department has reported. Emergency services responded swiftly to the incident, and the man was transferred to a hospital for urgent medical treatment. Authorities have launched an investigation and are taking the necessary legal measures at the scene.



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