

## Brothers who rob dead drug dealer lose final appeal

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Two brothers, who were convicted of robbing a drug dealer after he died due to an overdose of drugs last year, lost their final appeal against the 15-year imprisonment issued against them.

Both men were earlier acquitted by the court of the charge of manslaughter.

According to court files, the case unfolded when the 58-year-old drug dealer's body was found inside an abandoned home in Gudaibiya in the capital last year. A used injection

was found near the body and an examination showed head injuries on the man.

Further investigations were launched into a possible murder case and it turned out that the brothers abused heroin along with the victim. When he lost consciousness, they beat him in an effort to rob him of his belongings. However, it was later proven that the man was already dead when the brothers assaulted him.

The duo was eventually identified and arrested, and they were referred to the Public Prosecution to be interrogated.

One of the brothers told interrogators: "When we realised he was under the influence of drugs, we decided to rob him. We then hit him with a stone on his head and stole his wallet, mobile, and his heroin stash."

The brothers admitted to robbing the victim but denied the manslaughter charges, and they were later acquitted. However, they were each sentenced to 15 years behind bars for robbery and drugs abuse.

They appealed against the verdict twice and they lost their final appeal before the Court of Cassation yesterday.

## Two arrested for dealing shabu worth BD120,000

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Anti-drug police have arrested two Asians for promoting the narcotic substance shabu, with its value estimated at about BD120,000, the Ministry of Interior reported.

The ministry said that the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence director-general announced the detention of the individuals, who are aged 20 and 28 years old.

The director-general explained that, within the framework of the Anti-Narcotics Directorate police's role in implementing the law and combatting the abuse of drugs and their promoters, the two Asians were identified and were arrested while committing the crime.



A picture released by the ministry showing the two Asians with the shabu and money they were caught with

In addition, the money collected from the illegal sale of the drugs was confiscated.

The director-general indi-

cated that legal measures have been taken and the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution.

# Death penalty upheld

Court of Cassation upholds capital punishment issued against three Asian men convicted of manslaughter

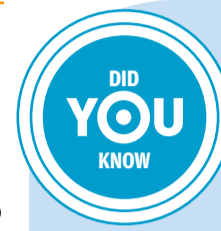
● The trio were sentenced to death earlier this year by the First High Criminal Court after finding them guilty of beating to death a fellow-Asian, the victim, using hammers and cement blocks, following an argument that went out of control over an amount of BD1,000 the three men claimed they were owed

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The Court of Cassation yesterday upheld the death penalty previously issued against three Asian men who were convicted of manslaughter.

The trio were sentenced to death earlier this year by the First High Criminal Court, which found them guilty of killing the victim, who is a fellow Asian national, using hammers. The incident took place in the Capital Governorate last year.

Investigations showed that the motive behind the murder was a dispute over an amount of BD1,000, which the victim owed



The Court of Cassation was established in 1989 to serve as the final court of appeal for all civil, commercial, and criminal matters. The judges for the court are appointed by royal decree

to the three men. They apparently killed him after luring him to an abandoned property in Al Daih village.

The results of the investigation also indicated that the three men had beaten the victim to death using hammers and cement blocks, after an argument over the amount he owed them had apparently gone out of control.

The case was first reported when the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science was notified about a severely injured man found in a farm in Al Daih, a couple of kilometres to the west of the capital.

The victim was rushed to Salmaniya Medical Complex after informing the police that he was attacked and robbed by three individuals. The man soon succumbed to his wounds and passed away in the hospital.

The authorities launched a manhunt to nab the three sus-

pects, who were eventually arrested after investigators acknowledged that they are actually relatives of the victim.

The trio told interrogators that they had requested the victim to meet them after he apparently cheated them by selling them a work permit (employment visa) for BD1,000, promising that it is valid for two years, while it was actually only valid for one year.

On May 14, 2019, the Public Prosecution charged the three men of premeditated murder and robbing the victim.

The prosecution ordered to detain them and referred the case to the First High Criminal Court, which deliberated the case and announced its verdict.

They appealed once before the Supreme Court of Appeals and got their plea rejected. They pleaded again before the Court of Cassation, which also rejected their request.

## Fire safety campaign launched in local markets

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The General Directorate of Civil Defence's Protection and Safety Department has launched an awareness campaign on the requirements for fire prevention in commercial markets.

This comes within the framework of awareness and educational programmes being implemented by the directorate, as part of its efforts to prevent accidents and fires.

Teams of civil defence personnel conducted campaign visits in local markets, where they emphasised safety re-

quirements and gave information on how to deal with fires, and the importance of the availability of fire extinguishers, fire detectors and identifying fire exits and safe areas.

The visits were made at the popular markets in Isa Town, Hamad Town and Muharraq, where posters in several languages were posted with information on how to use fire extinguishers and providing smoke detectors.

The posters also shed light on how to evacuate the market and how to properly act in the event of a fire.



Unsafe electricity connections are inspected by civil defence officers

## US joins global efforts to assist Lebanese people

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The US is joining global efforts, including that of Bahrain's, to assist the people of Lebanon following the devastating blast that hit its capital Beirut last week.

This was confirmed in a statement yesterday by US Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Margaret Nardi.

"Our hearts go out to the Lebanese people as they deal with the aftermath of last Tuesday's tragedy," the statement read.

"We salute the Kingdom of Bahrain for its generous assistance. The US is joining with the global community in sending humanitarian assistance to help the Lebanese people."

## Saudi relations discussed

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani held a phone call with his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud.

They reviewed solid brotherly bilateral relations binding

the two Kingdoms, stressing growing ties at all levels.

They also discussed aspects of cooperation and joint coordination regarding different regional issues related to the process of Gulf action, as well as topics of common concern.

## BAC honours retiring employees



BAC officials during the farewell ceremony

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Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport, held a farewell ceremony for two employees who are retiring after years of service.

Nader Redha from Develop-

ment and Technical and Khalil Yacoob from Airport Operations were honoured in the event.

BAC CEO Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah and other senior company officials attended the ceremony, in which—and in line with government regulations—all attendees wore

facemasks and followed social distancing measures.

"Our employees are the backbone of our organisation and they continue to play a key role in our growth and success," Al Binfalah said.

"A committed workforce is vital to the success of any organisation and in our case, it

has been a key success factor to BAC's role in the Airport Modernisation Programme.

"Everyone who has worked on this important national project can take pride in being part of aviation history in Bahrain and contributing to a more connected future for the Kingdom."

## Seventeen detained for indecency incitement, illegally selling alcohol

● Arrested individuals include Asian and African nationals, 10 of whom were women

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Seventeen Asian and African individuals, including 10 women, have been arrested for indecency incitement and illegally selling alcohol.

This was reported by the Ministry of Interior last night.

The ministry said that the Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science director-general revealed that an investigation into received information led to identifying the suspects, which resulted in their detention.

The items related to their crimes were confiscated.

Legal proceedings are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution, the ministry said.