

Driver stabbed, car stolen in alleged knife attack

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A routine evening for a private driver waiting inside his parked vehicle turned violent last October when a man allegedly threatened him with a knife, stabbed him in the shoulder and drove away with his car, according to prosecutors.

The case is now before Bahrain's High Criminal Court, where a 26-year-old defendant appeared this week and denied charges of robbery by coercion.

During the hearing, the defendant told the court that he had gone out earlier with others and later fell asleep in the back seat of the vehicle, claiming he was heavily intoxicated at the time of his arrest and had no recollection of the alleged attack.

The First High Criminal Court adjourned the case until March 17 to appoint a defence

lawyer for the defendant.

Judges ordered that he remain in custody until the next hearing.

According to the Public Prosecution, the incident occurred in October 2025, when the defendant allegedly approached a private driver waiting inside a car parked near an exchange company.

Prosecutors say the suspect threatened the driver with a knife before stabbing him in the shoulder, forcing the victim to abandon the vehicle.

The attacker then allegedly drove away with the car.

The injured driver later reported the incident to authorities and identified the defendant as the person who carried out the assault.

Investigators said the knife recovered from the suspect matched the weapon used in the attack.

Police later located the stolen vehicle in the defendant's possession.

Fight ends with three-year jail term over nose bite

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A fight at a stable that left one man with part of his nose gone has ended with Bahrain's top court upholding a three-year prison term for the other man.

The Court of Cassation backed the sentence after a clash between a 42-year-old and a 30-year-old turned into a brawl on the ground. The younger man was left with a lasting injury put at 10 per cent.

An earlier ruling by the High Criminal Court of Appeal had also upheld a BD50 fine for one man and a three-year jail term for the other.

The older defendant said the other man had gone for him more than once and had started the fight.

He told the court he did not mean to bite him, saying he was pinned down and only trying to break free.

The case began when an Asian worker heard shouting and rushed over. He found the two men wrestling on the ground and tried to pull them apart.

By the end of it, the younger man was bleeding from the face. The older man then drove away from the stable, while the witness stayed behind to help stem the bleeding from the man's nose.

Infant tragedy

Parents face trial over death of premature baby buried near workplace

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A premature baby who prosecutors say was denied medical care and later buried in a patch of ground near his parents' workplace has become the centre of a criminal case now before Bahrain's High Criminal Court.

Judges are expected to deliver a verdict on April 14 in the case involving an Asian couple accused of failing to protect their newborn child and concealing the infant's death.

Prosecutors allege that the 35-year-old mother and 26-year-old father did not seek medical help when the baby was born prematurely at roughly six to seven months of pregnancy — a stage at which specialists say survival would normally require intensive medical care.

Neglect

Authorities say that neglect ultimately led to the child's death, though not intentionally.

Also charged is a 39-year-old co-worker of the mother, accused of helping the parents bury the baby without notifying authorities before any official investigation could take place.

The woman and the mother also face separate charges of remaining in Bahrain illegally after failing to renew their residence permits.

Defence lawyers asked the court to acquit all three defendants. The mother did not attend the most recent hearing.

The case first came to light when a colleague who worked with the mother approached investigators.



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Pregnant

The woman told police she had realised in mid-2025 that the mother was pregnant and later asked about the child.

In August, the mother reportedly told the colleague she had delivered a healthy baby.

But when the colleague returned in December carrying gifts for the child, she instead encountered the third defendant, who informed her that the baby had died.

According to the witness's account, the infant died two days after birth and had been buried in an open area near the workplace.

Witness

The witness also told investigators that the mother had previously claimed the baby had been sent to her husband's home country.

A police captain from the Capital Governorate Police Directorate testified that authorities received information indi-

cating a baby had been buried in the Adhari area.

Investigators later questioned the couple and several co-workers, eventually locating the burial site and exhuming the remains.

Body

A forensic doctor who examined the body told the court the remains measured roughly 40 centimetres and showed signs consistent with a foetus of six to seven months' gestation.

The body had decomposed significantly, making it impossible to determine the precise cause of death.

However, the umbilical cord had been cut and tied using non-medical thread, indicating that the birth likely occurred without medical supervision.

At that stage of development, the doctor said, a premature infant would normally require specialised treatment to survive.

The forensic doctor also said that, when the mother was examined by a specialist, it was

found that her hymen was still intact and had been so for a long time, while there were also signs consistent with previous vaginal births, though their timing could not be fixed with certainty.

He added that there was nothing medically to rule out her having been pregnant at the time in question, and a separate forensic assessment placed the pregnancy at about six months to the start of the seventh month.

Role

During questioning by prosecutors, the mother admitted her role and said the third defendant assisted with the burial while the father searched for a suitable place.

The father acknowledged involvement but claimed the two women carried out the burial themselves.

DNA testing later confirmed that the couple were the biological parents of the foetus.

The court is scheduled to deliver its ruling on April 14.



The couple did not seek medical help when the baby was born prematurely at roughly six to seven months of pregnancy. That neglect ultimately led to the child's death.

War and disaster losses 'excluded' from Bahrain insurance cover: Lawyer

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War damage and other large-scale losses are usually left outside standard insurance cover in Bahrain unless the policy says otherwise in plain terms, lawyer Siddiq Al Mawali said, urging people and firms to check the small print before relying on a claim.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, she said the starting point in Bahrain, as in much of the world, is simple: losses caused by war, political unrest and military action are often excluded from cover.

"The general rule in the insurance sector, in Bahrain and in most countries, is that the risks of war, political unrest and military operations are treated as basic exclusions in insurance policies," she said.

"This means insurance companies are not bound to pay for



"Careful reading of insurance documents is important for both individuals and firms, above all when war or other major disasters are in view."

— SIDIQA AL MAWALI, LAWYER

damage caused by such events unless the policy states in clear terms that they are covered."

She said many policyholders

assume market oversight means insurers must meet every kind of claim. That is not how it works.

In her account, the first and last guide remains the contract itself.

"The insurance policy remains the main reference in deciding the scope of cover and the duties shared between the insurer and the insured," she said. "Regulatory oversight does not in itself mean that insurance companies must cover every kind of risk."

Rules

In Bahrain, the sector falls under the Central Bank of Bahrain, which lays down rules meant to keep the market sound and to protect policyholders.

Those rules cover risk management and financial solvency, with the aim of making sure insurers can meet claims that fall within the agreed cover.

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Invitation to the members of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry to elect the Board for the 31st Session

The Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Bahrain Chamber) is pleased to invite its registered members to elect the members of the Board of Directors for the 31st session in accordance with Article (53) of the bylaw of the Law of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry issued by Resolution No. (156) for the year 2013.

The election of the BCCI members of the Board of Directors for the 31st session will be by direct secret ballot undertaken under the supervision of the Election Commission and attended by representatives of official bodies and civil society institutions, on Saturday 28th March 2026 from 8:00 in the morning until 22:00 in the evening at Exhibition World Bahrain in Sakhr. The Election Committee will declare the election result immediately after the completion of the counting process. To exercise the voting right, the Chamber member must pay all their Chamber's dues within a period not less than seven days prior to the date of election, in accordance with Article (14) of the Chamber's Bylaw, taking into account the following:

- 1- The member in the election process is represented by the owner of the establishment or the legal representative for the chamber member company, and if they multiply, they shall delegate one of them to elect.
- 2- The member exercises the right to vote by himself, and the member may not delegate or authorize others.
- 3- Each member shall have a number of votes restricted by his capital in accordance with the Commercial Registration at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and according to the voters' list.
- 4- Each member has the right to elect any number of candidates for the membership of the Board of Directors, but not exceeding eighteen candidates, otherwise, his vote will be null and void.
- 5- Non-Voters and non-organizers shall not attend the Election Hall.
- 6- The member must present an identity document (Identity Card or Passport) of the individual establishment and the legal representative of the member companies when attending the election.
- 7- The ballot paper that a member signs or mark will not be considered.

For more information, or to see Decree law No. (48) for the year 2012 concerning the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and industry and its implementing Bylaws, and the Voters' List, please visit the Chamber's website: www.bahrainchamber.bh.

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