

Asians arrested for stealing BD10,000, gold

● **Stolen money, items confiscated by Capital Governorate Police**

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Three Asians have been arrested for stealing BD10,000 and gold from a house in Tubli, the Ministry of Interior has announced.

The ministry said that the Capital Governorate Police director-general had announced the arrest of the trio, following an investigation into the case that led to identifying the suspects.

The stolen money and items have been confiscated.

The case has been referred to the Public Prosecution, the ministry noted.

Expat, 23, dies near hotel

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The Ministry of Interior announced yesterday the death of a 23-year-old foreign national near a hotel in Manama.

The ministry said that authorities have begun the necessary procedures in the case.

Drug traffickers' life sentences upheld

Court of Cassation rejects final appeal of two Asians found guilty in airport-bust case

● **Two others given one-year prison terms and fined BD1,000 apiece for their role in assisting in the crime**

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The Court of Cassation yesterday rejected the final appeal of two Asian men who were previously found guilty of drug trafficking and sentenced to life in prison.

Two others involved in the case were jailed for one year

each and fined BD1,000 apiece, for their role in assisting in the crime.

The case unfolded in March 2018 when the first appellant was caught red-handed as he attempted to smuggle 3.5kg of marijuana into the Kingdom through Bahrain International Airport.

The cannabis was stashed in his luggage and he was arrested on the spot.

The man was detected by the Customs Department officer, who was suspicious of oval-shaped wooden frames that were placed inside his luggage. The stashed marijuana

was found after the luggage was thoroughly inspected by the officer.

In the police interrogation, the man told investigators that he brought the frames with him, apparently not knowing what was inside of them, as per a request from a friend here in Bahrain.

Additionally, he explained that it was delivered to him at the airport in his country, a few hours before the plane took off for the Kingdom.

The police officer in charge ordered the man to call his friend to the airport and to agree that he will deliver the frames to

him in the airport's parking lots.

The handover took place under police observation, leading to the immediate arrest of the Bahrain-based accomplice while he was receiving the marijuana from the first appellant.

A third and fourth defendant involved in the case emerged as one of them drove the second appellant to the airport, while the other accompanied them.

The driver was sentenced in absentia, as he had apparently escaped from the airport.

The co-defendants claimed in their statements that the driver had gone to use the restroom and never returned.



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Southern Governorate steps up summer safety campaign

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The Southern Governorate is stepping up its "Your Safety in Summer" campaign under the auspices of Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

It comes in implementation of the recommendations of the security committee, with the aim to enhance awareness amongst citizens and residents of the importance of following all safety guidelines during the summer season.

The Southern Governorate Social Programmes and Communi-



Governorate officials handing out flyers to drivers

ty Affairs Department director Mohamed Hassan Al Faw said that the campaign is being held in partnership and cooperation

with the Southern Governorate Police Department and a number of Ministry of Interior security departments, and that it comes within the governorate's efforts to maintain the safety of all members of society.

A team of officials conducted an awareness tour, during which it distributed flyers with guidelines related to safety requirements during the summer.

They also distributed cold water and juices to workers in order to alleviate heat stress and to make them aware of the importance of drinking plenty of fluids during the hot summer months.

Gulf inmate dies in jail

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A Gulf national, who was an inmate at the Reformation and Rehabilitation Centre, died while receiving treatment at the centre's clinic, the Ministry of Interior announced yesterday.

The ministry said that the deceased, aged 28, was sentenced to jail in a drug case.

Relevant legal procedures are being taken in the case, the ministry added.

Three years' imprisonment upheld for assault convict

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The Supreme Court of Appeal yesterday upheld the punishment of a man who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment earlier this year for punching another man in the face and breaking his teeth.

The appellant was charged by the Public Prosecution with assault after investigations showed that he had punched the victim on the back of his head and on his mouth, breaking his front teeth, as shown in the medical reports, which also mentioned that the assault caused a two per cent permanent disability to the victim.

Court files showed that the case was first reported to East Riffa Police Station on September 18, 2019, by the victim's brother, who informed officers that his brother, the victim, was attacked by a group of people in the East Riffa area.

The brother told the cops that the incident took place near that same police station and that his brother lost con-

scious and was rushed to Bahrain Defence Force Hospital.

He also told police that the victim was unconscious for some time and he was not aware of what happened to him when he woke up at the hospital.

"My brother told me that three individuals, travelling in a white vehicle, stopped and suddenly attacked him on his head using a sharp object before he could realise what was going on," said the victim's brother.

"He said he fell on the floor and they repeatedly punched him and kicked until he fainted," the victim's brother explained in the interrogation.

A police probe led to the identification and arrest of the appellant, who was charged with assault before the First High Criminal Court. He was sentenced last January to three years in jail.

No further details on the other two accomplices were available.

Man gets six months' jail for sharing inciting tweets

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A man was sentenced yesterday to six months behind bars for abusing social media.

The verdict was announced after he confessed to posting tweets that were deemed by the court as inciting sedition and included hatred against a sect.

This was confirmed by Dep-

uty Attorney General Ali Al Jassim, who said in a statement issued by the Public Prosecution yesterday that the defendant was convicted by the Minor Criminal Court, which also ordered to confiscate the mobile he used to commit the crime.

TDT reported that the 35-year-old was arrested last month, as confirmed in a tweet

posted by the Interior Ministry in which he stated he was apprehended by the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, which referred him to the Public Prosecution for interrogation.

"Once notified, the Public Prosecution initiated its investigations and interrogated the suspect, who confessed to

posting the tweet," Al Jassim confirmed.

The man was convicted of sharing a post on social media networks consisting of incitement on sedition and hate against a group of people in a way that would harm public peace.

He has remained behind bars since the day he was arrested on July 18 of this year.

Sanitisation operations conducted in Gudaibiya, Zinj

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The Capital Governorate has conducted sanitisation campaigns in Gudaibiya and Zinj as part of national efforts to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The operations are being conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the Capital Governorate Police Directorate and the General Directorate of Civil Defense.

Streets and shops in the two areas were disinfected by a team of 50 volunteers.

They also made inspection visits to men's and women's barber shops and beauty salons, to ensure that all health require-

ments and procedures are being followed.

The team also distributed flyers in different languages to passers-by and to shop employees.

Capital Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa praised the role of the governorate police, civil defence personnel and volunteers in enhancing community cooperation and creating a growing awareness in the campaign to combat the coronavirus.

He said that similar campaigns have already been conducted in Jidali, Juffair, Um Al Hassam and Block 388 in Adliya.

He praised the awareness of the Capital Governorate's residents



A volunteer distributes a flyer to a resident of the capital

about the dangers of COVID-19 and the importance of playing

their part in helping overcome this crisis in Bahrain.

Nine detained for gambling

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Nine individuals, including three women, have been apprehended for their involvement in gambling activities in a flat in Manama.

This was announced last night by the Ministry of Interior, which said that the arrests were reported by the Criminal Investigation

and Forensic Science director-general.

Received information led to identifying and arresting the suspects, said the director-general, while the gambling tools and money were seized.

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

Lanes on Khalifa Al Kabeer Highway to be closed in stages

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Work on the Khalifa Al Kabeer Highway footbridge near the Coast Guard base in Muharraq necessitates the closure of the highway in

stages, the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning has said.

In stage one, there will be a full closure of the highway in both directions and the traffic movement will be diverted,

starting Friday at 12midnight to 12noon.

In the second stage, two lanes will be closed in both directions and one lane will be provided for traffic in both directions on Friday 12noon

to 11.30pm.

In the third stage, the highway will be fully closed in both directions and the traffic will be diverted, starting from Saturday at 12midnight to 4pm.