

Two sentenced over child's electrocution

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The Third Minor Criminal Court yesterday announced its judgement in a child electrocution case, sentencing the landlord and tenant of the property where the victim died.

The tragic incident occurred on a farmland in Hajar village in the Northern Governorate.

The court sentenced the two men to six months imprisonment for unintentional murder and fixing electricity extensions without obtaining the necessary permit.

This was confirmed by Family and Child Prosecution Chief

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PROSECUTORS

Prosecutor Ibrahim Al Binjassim, who explained in a press statement that the Public Prosecution was notified by Budaiya Police about finding the body of a child on a farmland.

Mr Al Binjassim explained

that the site was inspected and the safety of electricity extensions was checked.

“Witnesses’ testimonies, including that of a technician with the Electricity and Water Authority, were heard.

The technician confirmed that the internal extensions of the farm were unsafe, which violated the Electricity and Water Authority laws.

“The coroner’s report has proven that the victim’s cause of death was electrocution, which suddenly stopped blood circulation and respiratory functions, leading to the child’s immediate death,” Mr Al Binjassim said.

The Chief Prosecutor also clarified in his statement that the person renting the farm and the owner of the farm were interrogated.

The tenant told the prosecutors that the victim was accompanying him and admitted that he had fixed the extensions himself.

Both the tenant and the landlord were charged of unintentional murder and fixing electricity extensions without obtaining a permit, contrary to safety and security standards.

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Wrong side biker loses appeal

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Police officers spotted a rider steering his bike on the wrong side of the road and alerted him to pull over.

However, he refused to obey the order, fleeing the scene.

He wasn’t even wearing a helmet but police officers failed to nail him down as he succeeded to disappear by diving with his bike into small alleys unfit for car use.

Police officers gave up running after him and investigations were opened into the case. The culprit eventually fell into the police net thanks to a thorough search. And he admitted to his wrongdoing and was sent for a trial before a traffic court.

He was initially fined BD1,100, but the verdict was challenged. He yesterday appeared before the court to hear the outcome of his appeal, which was rejected.

He told judges that he can’t settle it in one stretch and requested to let him pay the amount on a monthly instalment basis.

However, the judges ordered him to pay the full amount in one stretch or face six months jail.

Expat dies of heart attack



The deceased Chandran

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Indian national Panamparangi Raghavan Chandran died after suffering a heart attack yesterday.

His nephew, also a resident of the Kingdom, said that Mr Chandran, was taken to the hospital after noting a spike in his blood pressure.

“Within the next few hours, he would suffer a heart attack that led to his death.”

He is survived by his wife and two children, who lives in India.

Sniffer dogs foil drug smuggling attempt

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A team of sniffer dogs belonging to the Customs Department were recently able to foil an attempt to smuggle drugs hidden in the front bumper of a car that was entering the Kingdom from Saudi Arabia.

Interior Ministry confirmed in a statement issued on Tuesday that the seized drugs included Hashish and captagon pills, and explained that the incident happened on King Fahad Causeway.

Quoting the Land Ports Director in the Ministry’s Customs Affairs Director, the statement mentioned: “The K9 dog suspected one of the cars in a particular lane and the search resulted in the confiscation of the substances that were hidden inside the front part of the vehicle.”



Drugs were hidden in the front bumper of the car.

According to the ministry, the case and the seized drugs were referred to the Anti-narcotics Directorate of the General Di-

rectorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, to proceed with the legal procedures.

Man who burnt cop's car loses appeal

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The Supreme Criminal Court of Appeal yesterday upheld the imprisonment sentence of a Bahraini man who is convicted of burning a policeman’s car in Karzakkan village the Northern Governorate.

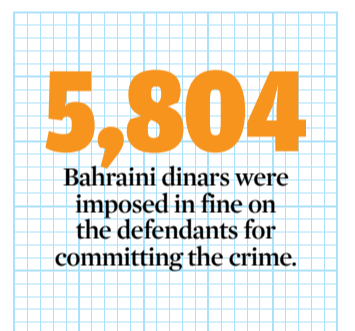
The same court earlier reduced the imprisonment sentence of another defendant who’s involved in the same case to five years.

However, it held on to its initial decision to fine both of them BD5,804 collectively in compensation for the vehicle they burnt.

The details of the case show that both defendants have agreed to burn the victim’s car while it was parked next to his house in the village, with the intention of disturbing the peace and public order, and spreading terror among citizens and residents.

Anyhow, investigations and according to the defendants’ statements in the interrogation, the appellant was the mastermind behind the crime.

They poured petrol, which was provided by the appellant,



on the car and the latter torched the car before they both fled the spot.

On August 13 last year, both defendants were interrogated by the Public Prosecution, which accused them of intentionally burning the victim’s car, and endangering people’s lives and properties serving a terrorist purpose.

The prosecution referred the defendants to the criminal court, which earlier sentenced both to 10 years imprisonment and fined them BD5,804.

The second defendant’s appeal was accepted and his sentence was reduced by half, but the appeal of the first defendant, the mastermind, was rejected.

AGU launches first Master's programme in regenerative medicine in the region

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The College of Medicine and Medical Science in the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) has announced that it is launching a Master’s programme in Regenerative Medicine by the beginning of the upcoming academic year 2019-2020, becoming the first university in Arab countries and the region to offer such a new and innovated major.

The announcement comes within several new graduate studies academic programmes that were confirmed and approved during the 85th meeting of the university’s Board of Trustees held in Oman in March this year.

On the occasion, Molecular Medicine Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine and Medical Science in AGU, Heart Surgeon and Stem Cell Specialist Dr Sfoug Al Shammery said: “This unique and innovated programme,



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which is also known as the medicine of the future, is provided for the first time in universities in Arab and regional countries.”



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Dr Al Shammery announced that registration for the programme will be soon opened, adding that it is aiming to benefit doctors and medical professionals in GCC States.

He also explained that distinguished professors from Japan, Austria, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom will be in charge of teaching the two-year programme, which focuses on two main specialisations; stem cells and anti-ageing.

The regenerative medicine tackles tissue engineering and regeneration of cells, tissues and organs of humans, making them work in a natural way. It depends on the activation mechanisms of the body’s self-repair.

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