

Man on death row files appeals over Shakhooora killing verdict

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A man sentenced to death for stabbing his neighbour to death in Shakhooora has lodged an appeal less than a day after the ruling.

The First High Criminal Court of Appeal is due to hear the case on 21 July.

The appeal follows a unanimous ruling by the High Criminal Court, which sentenced the man to death and ordered him to pay provisional compensation to the victim's family.

The court also ordered the confiscation of the knife and other items used in the attack.

Confession

The defendant had confessed during questioning by investi-

gators, according to the court's written judgment.

His answers were said to be calm and coherent, showing full grasp of the questions put to him.

A psychiatric assessment found no signs of disorder.

The judges concluded he was fully aware of his actions and had acted of his own accord.

Plan

The court found that the man had planned the killing in advance.

He had watched the victim's movements, chosen his moment, and waited outside the house.

On the day of the attack, he stood near the front door wearing gloves and holding a knife.

When the victim stepped outside, the defendant lunged at



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him and stabbed him repeatedly in different parts of the body.

Intent and awareness

The court said this showed both intent and awareness.



The High Criminal Court has sentenced the man to death and ordered him to pay provisional compensation to the victim's family.

He had suffered several stab wounds. Prosecutors were informed and opened an inquiry on the spot.

A team from the Public Pros-

ecution, along with a forensic doctor and crime scene specialists, examined the area and inspected the body.

Samples were collected for testing, and the forensic team was asked to determine the cause and nature of the wounds.

Security cameras

Witness statements and footage from nearby security cameras helped identify the suspect, who turned out to be a relative and neighbour of the victim.

He was arrested on the order of the prosecution.

When questioned, he admitted to the killing.

He said the attack followed a long-running personal dispute. He had decided to lie in wait for the victim and stab him as he left the house.

Youth City Breaks Records

84 youth startups featured

5,500 training slots offered

Event opens on Sunday

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The 14th edition of Youth City 2030 opens today, bringing together a record 5,500 participants and 84 pioneering youth-led ventures in what is now Bahrain's largest-ever youth showcase.

The national initiative, hosted at Exhibition World Bahrain, is organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in partnership with the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) and will continue until August 31.

Themed 'Beyond Dreams', this year's edition features over 195 specialised training programmes across five sectors - science and technology, arts and culture, leadership and entrepreneurship, media and entertainment, and sports and health.

Future-focused platform

Open to Bahrainis aged 9 to 35, Youth City 2030 offers



Ministry of Youth Affairs Undersecretary Marwan Fouad Kamal inspects the facilities ahead of the launch

morning and evening training sessions designed to align young people's skills with labour market demands.

Over 70 percent of the programmes integrate artificial intelligence tools, reflecting a shift toward technology-driven training.

The AI-focused content was developed in coordination with the Skills Bahrain initiative, and a newly formed Talent Committee will evaluate participants through structured scientific assessments to identify stand-out potential.

Startups and strategy

A standout feature of this edition is the showcase of 84 youth-led startup projects.

The exhibition space is de-

signed to promote entrepreneurship and provide a platform for young Bahrainis to present innovative solutions to their peers and the public.

This year also marks the introduction of mental health support programmes, reinforcing a holistic approach that balances professional skill-building with psychological well-being.

Volunteer-led operations

The event will be managed by 248 volunteers, trained in collaboration with recognised institutions to ensure quality and smooth execution.

Their role is central to delivering over 150 entertainment and engagement events planned across the city's various centres.

Appeal against jail terms, fines in 'dirty money' case rejected

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Four defendants have lost their appeal against prison terms and fines in a money laundering case tied to human trafficking and prostitution earnings.

Judges upheld a five-year sentence for each, along with a BD100,000 fine, and ordered the confiscation of BD175,557,882 from their assets.

Three of them, identified as the first, third and fourth accused, will also be deported.

The case unfolded following investigations by a First Lieutenant at the Financial Intelligence National Centre (FINC).

Inquiries

He told prosecutors that inquiries had been carried out using unnamed sources.

The first accused, he said, ran a criminal ring trading in women, and the others played various parts in handling the proceeds.

Cash made through these crimes was funnelled through different financial dealings, including overseas transfers made through local exchange houses. The amounts varied, and the transfers were spaced out.

The aim, according to the findings, was to cover the tracks.

Accounts

Authorities moved to examine accounts and property linked to the accused.

Letters were sent to several government bodies.

The data pointed to regular use of exchange houses, currency swaps and remittances, enough, the court ruled, to uphold the convictions.

Woman held over indecent videos on social media



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A woman has been remanded in custody for seven days after prosecutors accused her of sharing indecent videos online, violating public decency laws.

The Cybercrimes Directorate, alerted prosecutors after noticing explicit footage openly available on the woman's social media account.

Prosecutors swiftly issued an arrest order, and officers detained her shortly afterwards.

When confronted with the video clips during questioning, the woman admitted responsibility for posting the content.

Investigators seized her mo-

bile phone, believed to have been used to publish the offending videos, and preparations are now being made to refer the case to a criminal court.

The Cybercrime prosecutor warned the public to be cautious about what they choose to share online, pointing out that posting content offensive to modesty can land offenders in prison for up to two years.

Devices used to commit such offences will also be confiscated.

She added that prosecutors remain determined to enforce the law against those responsible for sharing explicit or morally unacceptable material online.

Four Asians held for illegal shrimp fishing

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Coast Guard patrols arrested four Asians in possession of 90 kilograms of shrimp illegally caught during the banned season, in violation of a ministerial decree prohibiting shrimp fishing during this time of year.

It was part of the Coast Guard's efforts to safeguard maritime security and the marine environment,

The shrimp were caught using banned bottom trawling



Evidence seized from the suspects

nets (known locally as "Koffa") in the Fasht Al-Azm area, east of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Coast Guard stated that the necessary legal procedures have been taken in preparation for referring the case to the Public Prosecution.

It reaffirmed its ongoing commitment to combating such violations in order to protect marine resources and uphold the laws and regulations in force in the Kingdom.

Tourism cooperation



H.E. Abdulla Abdulfatif Abdulla, Bahrain's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva, chaired the fifth meeting of the Arab Ambassadors Council, held at the Permanent Mission of the League of Arab States in Geneva. During the meeting, Shaikha Al Nowais delivered a briefing to the Arab group following her appointment as Secretary General of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation.