

Public teacher in dock for leaking question paper on WhatsApp

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A female public school teacher has confessed to leaking the question papers of a seventh-grade final examination to her students through WhatsApp.

Southern Governorate Chief Prosecutor Noor Shehab said she confessed to the crime after investigators confronted with evidence.

She is looking at jail terms of up to five years if found guilty.

The High Criminal Court will begin a trial on 22 May 2019 in the case.

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officials notified public prosecution about the leak.

The teacher was accused of a crime as per Article 371 of the Kingdom's Penal Code.

The prosecution has interrogated the suspect, heard witnesses' testimonies and viewed the evidence.

Article 371 of the Penal Code stipulates: "A punishment of imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding BD100 shall be

inflicted on a person who divulges a secret entrusted there-to in his official capacity trade, profession or art in conditions other than those prescribed by the law or uses it for his personal benefit or for the benefit of another person, unless the person concerned with the secret allows the divulgence or use thereof."

However, the article stipulates that punishment should be severe in the case of public servants.

"The punishment shall be imprisonment for a period not exceeding 5 years if the perpetrator is a public servant or an officer entrusted with a public service to whom the secret has been confided during, because or because of performing his duties or service," Article 371 mentioned.

Update WhatsApp

Anti-cybercrime cell asks to update WhatsApp to its latest version to rectify a vulnerability discovered recently

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Bahrain's Anti-cybercrime cell has asked Whatsapp users here to update to the latest version of the app to rectify a vulnerability that allows spyware to be injected into a user's phone.

As per reports, the Israeli cyber intelligence company NSO GROUP has developed the spyware.

Attackers could transmit the malicious code to a target's device by calling the user and infecting the call whether or not the recipient answered the call. Logs of the incoming calls were

often erased, the report said.

"There was a fault in the WhatsApp application which could lead to the hacking of smartphones and e-devices," the Director-General of Anti-corruption and Economic & Electronic Security said in a statement.

The Anti-cyber Crime Directorate asked people to immediately update the application to its latest version.

"We also ask individuals to contact the department on 992 if they find their devices had been hacked, to learn about the necessary steps to take," the statement added.



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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC & ELECTRONIC SECURITY

Migin Vincent, Threats Manager App

The Remote Code Execution (RCE) vulnerability (CVE-2019-3568) affecting the popular messaging platform WhatsApp was discovered earlier this month.

According to the recent advisory published by Facebook, a buffer overflow vulnerability in WhatsApp VOIP stack allowed remote code execution via a specially crafted series of SRTCP packets sent to a target phone number.

"It can be exploited by calling a vulnerable device via the WhatsApp calling feature, which remotely installs the surveillance software on the device.

"It should be noted that the calls did not have to be answered and often disappeared from the call logs. WhatsApp deployed a server-side fix on Friday last week and issued a patch for end-users on Monday alongside Facebook's advisory."

Users are advised to upgrade to the latest version of WhatsApp as soon as possible.

Affected Versions

1. WhatsApp for Android prior to v2.19.134,
2. WhatsApp Business for Android prior to v2.19.44,
3. WhatsApp for iOS prior to v2.19.51, WhatsApp Business for iOS prior to v2.19.51,
4. WhatsApp for Windows Phone prior to v2.18.348
5. WhatsApp for Tizen prior to v2.18.15.

Man dies after falling from eleventh floor of building

● The victim is 29-year-old Sahadot from the Pabna district in Bangladesh

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Mohammed Zafran

A man has died after falling from the 11th floor of a building in Juffair in a workplace accident.

The victim, a Bangladeshi national, according to sources, was an employee of a construction firm.

"He fell from the 11th floor and landed onto one of the lower floors," the source said adding: "Unfortunately, the fall was too steep for him to survive."

"Co-workers rushed to save him but he died soon after the fall," the source said.

The victim, Sahadot, 29-year-old, hails from the Pabna district in Bangladesh.



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A SOURCE



Sahadot

about what led to the fall."

He added that all formalities and arrangements will be made as required by the victim's family.

"He is an employee of a construction firm and was engaged in a project at a building in Juffair," he added.

Bangladeshi Embassy Labour Consul Shaikh Tahidul Islam confirmed the incident stating, "The embassy has been informed about the incident."

"The embassy is aware of the incident and are following on this. We do not have details

Amjad Taha, British Arab journalist and political analyst, Regional director of the British Middle East Center for studies and Research

This spyware clearly shows that many applications we use are not very secure, especially social media which is quite dangerous as well.

"The incident also raises questions on a lot of cybersecurity issues.

"Bahrain has an advanced cyber security team where they have succeeded a lot in countering terrorism. A lot of applications were pulled down along with their proxies.

"Iran has been using a lot many contents to promote terrorism where Facebook has spoken about it too.

"Iran has dozens of Facebook accounts and along with more than 23,000 twitter accounts used both by Iran and Qatar regimes.

"They also put links on websites to hacks accounts of journalists and rights activists monitoring the Iranian human rights situation and Qatar's abuse of international law by supporting terrorism.

"I was one of the victims of the Qatar regime's hacking attempt.

"My case is still in the court in the USA, where the New York Times has spoken about it.

"Qatar has tried to hack a lot of journalists through various ways and one of the prominent ways is through emails and spyware and also through various texting applications.

"Lastly, Bahrain as a nation has been very successful in safeguarding cybersecurity and tackling terrorism on Whatsapp

and Facebook despite these apps putting a lot of individuals privacy in danger."



Representative picture

American University of Bahrain holds second open day

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The American University of Bahrain (AUBH) is holding its second open day today at the Four Seasons Hotel, Bahrain Bay, from 9 pm to 12 am.

There will be a presentation, starting at 9:30 and ending at 10, and the opportunity to discuss enrollment with AUBH advisors, organisers said in a statement.

The Open Day is offered for students wishing to attend the September 2019 term, and their parents, teachers and guidance counsellors.

Admission process opened for the first term of AUBH in September 2019, with hundreds of



Participants during the first open day held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Bahrain Bay.



students and parents attending the University's first Open Day at the Four Seasons Hotel, Bahrain Bay.

Dr Susan E. Saxton, Founding President of AUBH stated, "We were overwhelmed with the great attendance during

the Open Day, and even more enthused with those who are visiting our 12th-floor office in the World Trade Center to en-

rol for the first term. We decided to host a second Open Day next week for those who were unable to join our first time

around." To view current openings and send your CV refer to careers@aubh.edu or call +973 17260798