

Thai drugs sellers acquitted 'after giving info on kingpin'

Accused helped cops nab drug lord, who has been jailed

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The First High Criminal Court has acquitted two Thai women from the

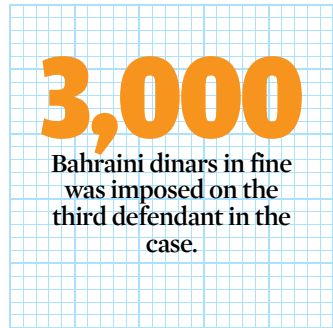
charges of selling drugs, sparing them a jail term of up to five years imprisonment, after they led the cops to their drug dealer, another woman of the same nationality who shares residence with them.

The court, however, sentenced both to six months imprisonment and fined them BD100 each.

According to the documents of the case, the investigations of the Anti-narcotics police led to the defendants, who were selling methamphetamine in Juffair.

A trap, with the help of an informer, was set to catch both women red-handed.

The informer communicated with one of the women, requesting to buy methamphetamine, which is common-



ly known as 'Shabu', worth BD400.

The woman then asked him to rent an apartment in Juffair, promising that she will come along with the second defendant to deliver the drugs to him.

Police provided the informer with the amount, which was previously fixed, for it could be used as an evidence of conviction.

Policewomen were also waiting in the apartment to arrest the women when they delivered the drugs to the informer.

After the deal was done, the women were arrested and four bags of Shabu and the copied amount were found in their possession.

After being interrogated at the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, the defendants agreed to lead the police to their flat mate, who they told was their source of the drugs.

A force of policewomen then raided the flat, where the third defendant was found in an "abnormal condition".

A bag of Shabu, a delicate scale and a bong (tool used to consume drugs) were found in

her possession.

At the Public Prosecution, the three women were accused of selling and consuming drugs.

But the court acquitted the two defendants from the charge of selling and only sentenced them for consuming drugs.

The acquittal came as both defendants co-operated with the police and led the investigative teams to the source of the drugs.

As for the third woman, the dealer, the court sentenced her to five years imprisonment and fined her BD3,000.

The three defendants were also sentenced to be deported and were blacklisted from entering the Kingdom ever again.

Arab woman faces trial for insulting cops

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An Arab woman cursed a policewoman that she wouldn't be able to give birth to children as she along with her team approached to arrest her.

The woman is said to have been under the influence of alcohol when she crashed her car and the policewomen attempted to arrest her.

The accused hit one of the policewomen in the face with the handcuffs before hurling the other cops with insults.

"We were notified on the incident and we rushed to the scene. When we arrived, the Arab woman was hysterical and very angry.

"We tried to calm her in an effort to take her to the Ministry of Interior's clinic to examine as she was obviously drunk," one of the policewomen told prosecutors.

"I tried to handcuff her but she hit me with the cuffs in the face, bruising my lower lip.

"She then cursed both of us saying, you wouldn't be able to bear children," she added.

The Arab woman was eventually arrested and tried for carrying out a physical assault and insulting two policewomen.

Environmental police plan may be 'dropped'

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The plan to create an 'environment police' may not come to life after the Supreme Council for Environment expressed its reluctance to go ahead with it.

The Northern Municipality's hope to create an environment police is unlikely to move ahead as the Supreme Council of Environment has expressed its reservations about the plan.

Responding to the proposal, the council stated that there are already many measures taken against environmental violations.

"There is a strong co-oper-



'Environmental police' concept has gained huge popularity in Western countries.

ation with the Ministry of Interior to tackle environmental violations."

The SCE said that it already has qualified inspectors at its disposal who are dealing with such violations.

"The proposal from the municipal council refers to many tasks already carried out by many inspectors. The Council shall study the feasibility of proposal regardless," an SCE official said.

"The inspector with the Supreme council for Environment have a high status and are highly qualified to tackle this issue," he added.

"The council participates in

campaigns organised by other ministries and coordinates with other government bodies for environmental safety."

The Northern Municipality members said they put forward the proposal because of the high level of importance for environmental safety.

In the proposal various threats to Bahrain's environment was highlighted as the council called for the formation of the environment police under the Ministry of Interior.

Earlier this year, the enforcement of the technical regulations, which resulted in the ban of single use plastic bags came into effect.

'NotifyMe' system benefits stressed at forum

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The Deputy Chief Executive of Electronic Transformation at the Information and eGovernment Authority, Dr Zakareya Ahmed Al Khajah, participated in a panel discussion titled "Consumer Protection Laws, Operational Functions, and Technical Infrastructure Readiness" at the Consumer Protection Forum and Expo 2019.

Dr Al Khajah noted that the Government Notification System 'NotifyMe' was launched following the directives of the Government Executive Committee - chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister - to introduce an integrated notification system related to all government services via SMS and email.

Dr Al Khajah added that 'NotifyMe' aims to enhance the efficiency of the government notification process and further strengthen government-to-citizen communication, adding that citizens will now receive notification



Senior government officials with other dignitaries attended the event.

about all government-related services, including license expiration date and maintenance works in residential areas.

Dr Al Khajah highlighted the progress of iGA's e-initiatives that

aim to further enhance consumer protection and promote transparency in government service delivery.

Dr Al Khajah also highlighted other national e-projects, such

as the National Suggestions and Complaints System 'Tawasul' and the Pre-Employment Health Checkup Appointment service that improves patient flow.

He concluded by emphasising

iGA's pledge to ensure that consumer protection remains tight throughout the digital automation process.

The iGA participated at the Consumer Protection Forum

and Expo 2019, held under the patronage of the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed Al Zayani, during which the iGA showcased its most prominent projects.