

# Sanity test for man accused of committing eight crimes a day

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The First High Criminal Court is hearing an unusual case in which a man is accused of committing eight different crimes in one day.

The crimes include impersonation, robbery and forgery.

The court yesterday decided to adjourn the case to February 25, while the accused has been referred to a psychiatrist to verify his mental condition and determine if he was responsible for his actions.

The details of the case show that the defendant had stolen a

student's wallet from his car that was parked on the premises of a leading university in Salmabad.

The man used the victim's identity card and forged his signature to rent a car and purchase a mobile phone, iPhone 7, from one of the telecommunications providers in the Kingdom.

The defendant then sold the phone for BD300 to a local mobile phone shop and stole the salesman's mobile phone on his way out, as the salesman apparently left it unattended on the counter.

Court files also showed that police investigations were



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launched after the salesman lodged a complaint against the defendant for stealing his phone.

The salesman provided the police with CCTV footage clearly showing the theft and the de-

defendant's face.

A manhunt was launched and the search led to the first victim who's the owner of the identity card.

The first victim informed the police that his wallet was stolen from his car and denied that he had purchased the device or rented the car.

Additionally, the victim identified the defendant in the CCTV footage, stating that he had seen him suspiciously walking around his car on the same day of theft.

Further investigations led to the arrest of the suspect who

was detained after being accused by the Public Prosecution of committing eight crimes on the same day.

The charges were stealing the first victim's wallet, impersonating the first victim and forging his signature to rent and use a car without the victim's consent, impersonating the first victim and forging his signature in the application documents of the telecommunications provider and providing false data to it, purchasing the mobile phone by using fraudulent methods, and stealing the mobile phone of the second victim.

## Drug smuggling trial adjourned

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The First High Criminal Court yesterday decided to adjourn the case of a Thai woman accused of smuggling narcotics into the Kingdom by hiding them in baby-powder containers, to Wednesday.

The court's decision was taken to assign a defence attorney for the accused, who was ordered to remain in custody.

The 24-year-old was arrested while arriving at the Bahrain International Airport from Bangkok on December 17, 2018.

**30,000**  
Bahraini dinars worth drugs were seized from the Thai woman, say prosecutors.

## 'Kamala' to be staged at renowned art festivals

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'Kamala', a dance drama produced by Bahrain-based artistes has been selected by the renowned cultural society Soorya for being presented at many art festivals organised by the society across India.

The inaugural show will be staged at Tagore Theatre Trivandrum, on 10 March, 2019.

The dance drama portrays Kamala's love for Siddhartha, their pairing and eventual understanding of the transitory nature of life and its myriad emotions.

It has been conceived and choreographed by Vidya Sreekumar, with music composed by Palak



From left: Vidya Sreekumar, Sneha Ajith, Mr Raghu, Mr Mohanraj, Mr Karakkal, Mr Ajith Kumar and Sarada Ajith at the Press conference.

and Sreeram and the Sanskrit lyrics by the famous poet Dr L Sampath. The script has been adapted by Sreekumar Ramakrishnan.

Sneha Ajith who elevated 'Kamala' with her dedicated artistic

talent and proficiency in dance forms is set to lead other Bahrain-based artists.

The event will be held at Soorya Trivandrum on Sunday, 10 March, 2019.

"Soorya is appreciating the

excellence of Bahrain-based artistes; Sneha and Vidya in particular," said Soorya Bahrain chapter secretary Varghese Karakkal, at a press conference held at the BKS.

BKS Acting President Mohan-

raj, BKS General Secretary M P Raghu, Mr Karakkal, Ms Ajith, Ms Sreekumar, Ajith Kumar and Sarada Ajith along with other BKS executive committee members were present at the Press conference.

Upon inspection, she was found to be carrying 162 grams of Methamphetamine, a drug commonly known as Shabu, whose market value is estimated somewhere in the neighbourhood of BD30,000.

The drug was hidden using five plastic bags stashed inside containers of baby powder, Vaseline and other skincare products kept in the luggage, according to prosecutors.

During the interrogation, the defendant confessed to smuggling the drugs into the Kingdom, claiming that it was given to her by her female boss, who's apparently based in Thailand.

## Traffic rule violator held in bid to smuggle drugs

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An Asian man, aged 30, was arrested at the Bahrain International Airport, attempting to smuggle half a kilogram hashish into the Kingdom.

The arrest and subsequent investigations would reveal that he was consuming drugs while driving, which had led to a number of red light violations.

According to court files, the defendant hid the drugs in his luggage and he told prosecutors that he brought the hashish with an intention to consume.

"I have been working in Bahrain as a truck driver since 2015. But I was on drugs. Due to their high prices in Bahrain, I decided to smuggle some from my country and I concealed the hashish in my luggage.

"Prosecutors inquired about the defendant's status in Bahrain, and it was found that he ran red light on five occasions. And he admitted that the reason behind this was that he was doped."

## Infra boost for Bahrain Polytechnic labs

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Bahrain Polytechnic has maintained a number of computer labs by providing the latest models of personal computers suitable for academic requirements as Bahrain Polytechnic delivers web media and software security programmes that need devices with high specifications, the institution said in a statement issued.

This came as Director of Information Communication Technology at Bahrain Polytechnic, Sameera Al Atawi, explained the features of the new equipment to Deputy CEO of Resources and Information Affairs of Bahrain Polytechnic, Shaikh Ali bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, during his inspection visit.

She pointed out that the renovation of the new personal computers will also bolster up the network and Internet capabilities for the students to benefit from a higher rate of service availability.

Last year, Bahrain Polytechnic has launched the Single Sign-On (SSO) feature, where students and staff are able to use one password to login to their emails, PC's, Moodle, Banner and Mahara.

This allows the user to easily login to their Self-Service



Shaikh Ali interacts with Bahrain Polytechnic officials during the inspection visit.

Banner (SSB) Portal with their existing computer/email credentials without the need to set

multiple passwords.

Following the inspection visit, Shaikh Ali Al Khalifa thanked

the Information Technology Communication Directorate for their efforts to provide high

quality and sustainable services to support the Bahrain Polytechnic community.