

Group of thieves held by cops after stealing spree

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A gang of elusive shop thieves, who allegedly carried out stealing spree at many shops, were finally nabbed by police.

The gang members are accused of carrying out thefts at automobile spare part shops.

They were nabbed after the Interior Ministry constituted a special team following many complaints.

One shop owner alone reported a theft worth over BD2,000. The gang members allegedly stole spare parts as well as cash from the shop.

Investigations revealed that the gang was involved in 10 similar thefts in the Naim area.

The special team was able to soon identify the suspects, nab-



A CCTV footage shows one of the suspects walking towards the shop, where theft occurred.



Another suspect, whose image was caught by CCTV cameras.

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Another man, wearing what appeared to be a traditional Pakistani dress, alighted from the vehicle and joined the first man. Later, a third man also joined them.

“They had their faces covered and hence it was difficult to iden-

tify them initially.

“The three then disappeared from security cameras and apparently broke open the locks of the the shop, making off with the stolen goods,” a report in Interior Ministry’s publication Al Amn stated.

“He said investigators succeeded in identifying the minibus and, through security cameras, saw it was making its way towards the airport on the King Faisal Highway opposite the Bahrain Financial Harbour.

“The same vehicle was again spotted as it traveled from Manama towards the airport. The car was traced to a car rental com-

pany, whose owner was interrogated.

“He said the sedan owner was a Bahraini man. This man was then summoned to the police station and asked about the car.”

It was revealed that the minibus, which was used in the crime was also stolen.

“He told investigators that an Asian man had taken the car from him for two days and had further given the vehicle to another Pakistani man.

“The suspects were identified and called to the police station. When confronted with evidence, they initially refused to admit they were involved but they confessed to the crime when they were shown all the CCTV footage and other evidences.”

It emerged later that the suspects had been involved in a series of similar thefts and in carrying out the latest theft, they had stolen the minibus from the Naim area.

In all, the gang admitted to have carried out 10 thefts in the area. The investigation head confirmed the police were making all efforts to control such incidents and bring the culprits to justice.

He said two weeks after the incident, all the tools the suspects used in carrying out thefts, were seized.

“All necessary procedures were then taken by the Public Prosecution,” the Al Amn report stated.

BTECH annual conference set Manama

The Bahrain Association of Technology Companies (BTECH) and WorkSmart are organising their annual conference under the patronage of Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdullhussain Mirza on September 3.

The event is being held for the second consecutive year and deals with protection and security of information and in support of the efforts of digital transformation in Bahrain.

It also encourages government agencies and the private sector to use modern technologies such as “cloud computing” and “big data”, in addition to “Internet of Things” with the required measures to ensure avoiding threats that arise from their use. In a statement, Dr Mirza said the Government of Bahrain is keen to give the utmost importance to the protection and security of information, which is evident through the involvement of the Higher Committee for Information and Communications Technology, chaired by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister.

He said information security is an essential part of our daily lives and involves the use of technology.

BTECH Chairman Obaidli Al Obaidli said as Bahrain continues to thrive as a unique IT hub in the Middle East, it has been successful in attracting technology companies from around the world.

He said the conference provides an advanced platform that seeks to stimulate dialogue to arrive at the best ways to protect data.

He said the conference will this year look at issues such as the future of blockchain in the telecommunications sector, and “tracking and follow-up programmes”.

WorkSmart CEO Ahmed Al Hujairi said that an exhibition will be held on the sidelines of the conference to attract companies that offer solutions in the field of information security, cyber security and blockchain.

He said it would open new opportunities for participating companies to enter into deals and partnership agreements to develop such technology.

He said the exhibition will support the work of the conference in highlighting the importance of ensuring information security through the rational and safe use of the Internet and smartphones, exchange of knowledge and rich experiences, and communication.

UoB students invent ‘smart wheelchair’

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A smart wheelchair invented by a group of Bahraini students was on display during an event recently.

A group of Bahraini female students from the University of Bahrain showcased their latest invention, an electric wheelchair, at a project exhibition held at the University of Bahrain.

The exhibition was organised by the Faculty of Engineering at the university. The wheelchair was the work of students Basanat Fawzi, Sarah Hassan, and Eman Al Halwaji.

They are students of electrical engineering branch at the university.

The electric wheelchair is equipped with various sensors to increase safety of the user.



Mr Al Hamer, Prof Hamzah with other dignitaries at the expo.

Speaking to media, Basanat said: “The wheelchair has many features, it has sensors to read distances, and has automatic brakes. This is to ensure the safety

of the users.”

She added that the smart wheelchair has the option of automatically alerting the user’s family or relatives if the user

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falls out of the chair.

“The wheelchair is lightweight and will help the users become independent.”

The professor who supervised the project Dr Ibrahim Abdulrahman Abdullah, said that the wheelchair has underwent a series of successful tests.

President of the University of Bahrain Prof Riyad Hamzah and Minister of Housing Basim Al Hamer were present during the event.



Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) welcomed pilgrims arriving from the holy city of Mecca at Bahrain International Airport (BIA) yesterday. Chocolate boxes and Arabic coffee were distributed to the pilgrims upon their arrival. More than 5,500 pilgrims travelled through BIA this year.