

Appeal verdict date set in murder trial

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Two Egyptian men, aged 36 and 37, convicted in a murder case will learn the fate of their appeals on October 29.

The duo was earlier sentenced to life in prison by the High Criminal Court and the ruling was upheld by the High Appeals Court.

However, the Cassation Court ordered for them to be re-tried before another High Appeals Court, which set the aforementioned date to announce its decision.

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THIRD SUSPECT

with a knife during a brawl on October 24, 2013.

Mr Taqi's wife took him to the nearby Bahrain Specialist Hospital, but doctors were unable to save him.

The attack took place on one of the streets in Juffair as Mr Saleh allegedly owed one of the assailants his commission for renting out the apartment.

And his wife earlier told the High Criminal Court that the defendants had sent several threat messages to her husband before carrying out the assault.

“They rang our apartment's bell, and he went down. After a few minutes I went down to check on him and found that he

was lying in a pool of his blood,” she told prosecutors.

The duo was charged with premeditated murder for their direct link with the crime.

A third suspect – a Bahraini policeman was also involved in the case. But his sentence was reduced from three to two years behind bars after he filed an appeal.

He was accused of concealing crucial information from the authorities and not reporting the murder on time.

“The suspect called me at night and asked whether I knew about a brawl and stabbing incident on Juffair Street,” the officer said in his statement to prosecutors.

“I said ‘no’ to him. I was drinking alcohol and was watching a football game. After a few minutes I fell asleep, forgetting to report the incident to higher officials.

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A fourth man was earlier detained on suspicion of supplying the men with weapons but was later released due to lack of proof.

“I did not know the suspects' intentions and they took the hockey stick from my car without my permission,” he had told prosecutors.

Court to hear four murder cases today

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The High Criminal Court will be swarmed today with murder cases including that of the cold-blooded killing of Bahraini imam.

Two suspects in the imam murder trial are expected to appear before the court for the first time in a “speedy trial” as described by Chief Prosecutor Ahmed Al Hammadi.

The imam's body was cut into pieces and was found inside plastic bags, near a scrapyard in Askar more than a month ago.

Subsequently, the main suspect, a prayer caller at the same mosque in Muharraq, where the imam worked, was arrested along with his accomplice.

The main accused is a 35-year-old Bangladeshi national who was allegedly into free visa trade.

“The imam had warned him many a time against engaging in free visa trade and he killed him in an act of revenge,” according to sources.

The court will also hear the case of a Bahraini man accused of beheading a Filipina woman and pulling her eyes out.

The defendant had told prosecutors that he committed the crime after his victim forced him into having sex at her house.

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In the third case, a Bahraini man accused of murdering his father will appear before the court after the medical report confirmed that he was responsible for the murder.

The 31-year-old self-confessed drug addict told prosecutors that he didn't intend to murder his father but was provoked by his brother to commit the crime.

The fourth hearing will see a Sudani national, accused of murdering an Indian national, appearing before the court. The 41-year-old suspect had told prosecutors that he killed the man “out of his love for Bahrain”.

“I saw my victim in an inebriated state on the road and advised him to stop drinking. But he was not seriously listening to me. I followed him to his apartment and strangled him to death following a fight,” the man had told prosecutors.

Bahrain ‘regional leader in FinTech sector’

● On Sunday, the Deputy King, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, chaired the board meeting of the Economic Development Board (EDB) held at the organization's headquarters at Bahrain Bay.

● HRH Prince Salman stressed that the Kingdom remains committed to strengthening its regulatory system by incorporating modern technologies and processes, increasing the efficiency of government services for investors and citizens.

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Bahrain is leading the way in the field of FinTech in the region and can soon become leaders globally as well, according to a senior government official.

FinTech is growing quickly in Bahrain as various government initiatives have removed obstacles for the private sector, said the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board (EDB), Khalid Al Rumaihi.

Speaking to Tribune, he said FinTech being a new area, countries are just beginning to get a fix on it and Bahrain has managed to become a leader in the FinTech sector in the region.

“This is a new global phenomenon. Being a young industry, countries are still filling up regulations. Everyone is trying to come to terms, especially with regulations in financial services.



FinTech Bay was opened to help Bahrain advance in the Fintech Sector.

You need to protect consumers, money flows, ensure transparency, protect against money laundering etc,” he pointed out.

“I see Singapore, and the United Kingdom to be at the forefront globally. We are behind these countries but we are not that far behind. When we look at the region, we are right at the forefront. We have set up an onshore regulatory sandbox and we are the only country in the Middle East to have done this, although some neighbouring cities have a sandbox but are limited to a zone.

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“When I talk about moving to the cloud and blockchain, it is to pursue our goal of how we can continue to push the envelope. By doing this we will attract innovation, from all over the world. They would want to incubate their ideas in Bahrain in a similar fashion as to what is happening in Singapore.

“If we are nimble and agile then we have the opportunity to become not only a region leader but also a global one, this is the ambition,” he said.

He said that Bahrain's leadership as well as the authorities remains all committed to make this happen. “Yesterday we were honoured by HRH the Deputy King visiting the Bahrain Fintech Bay. He reiterated instructions to remove all obstacles to innovation and to continue to encourage innovation.

“On the tour were also other senior officials, who also echoed support for innovation. I think the government has done a lot, a regulatory sandbox was introduced and also made it easier for banks and companies to move to cloud computing etc. We are going to put everything in place for FinTech to thrive.”

On Sunday, the Deputy King, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, chaired the board meeting of the Economic Development Board (EDB) held at the organization's headquarters at Bahrain Bay.

HRH the Deputy King instructed the swift implementation of initiatives designed to increase Bahrain's competitiveness and facilitate opportunities for citizens.

HRH Prince Salman stressed that the Kingdom remains committed to strengthening its regulatory system by incorporating modern technologies and processes, increasing the efficiency of government services for investors and citizens.