

Ex-flight attendant jailed for growing marijuana at home

The 56 years old Bahraini was acquitted of selling marijuana

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The Fourth High Criminal Court has sentenced an ex-flight attendant to three years in jail for growing marijuana at his home along with possessing illegal weapon and bullets.

The convict was also fined

BD1,000.

The 56-year-old Bahraini was arrested following a raid carried out at his home by a special team from the anti-narcotic wing of the Police Department after receiving a tip-off.

The Public Prosecution charged him with growing mari-

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ACCUSED

juana for the purpose of personal use and selling along with possessing illegal weapon and bullet.

However, the court acquitted the Bahraini of selling drugs as there was no enough to prove the crime. According to court details, the man admitted to using drugs. “I was growing marijuana for

my own purpose and not for selling. And I learnt the process through Internet,” the accused told court.

The court handed down one year jail for using drugs, one year for possessing illegal weapon and one year for growing marijuana at home.

Money laundering trial adjourned

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The First High Criminal Court has adjourned the case of an Arab national accused of money laundering.

The next hearing will be held on January 28, according to court sources. An Asian woman is also accused in the case.

The 46-year-old man was working as a manager with an exhibitions company and

ERC launches educational projects in Yemen

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Yemen

The Emirates Red Crescent (ERC), initiated seven education development projects in Yemen's Red Sea Coast.

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food parcels benefiting some 13,650 individuals were distributed in Hadramaut by the ERC volunteers.

This came as part of UAE's Tolerance Year. The move is part of the authority's humanitarian, development and economic projects in villages, cities and districts in the Taiz and Hodeidah governorates, Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported.

The new projects include

the restoration and refurbishment of schools in many areas of Yemen.

The ERC also dispatched food and relief convoys to remote areas, as well as medical centres across the Shabwa Governorate.

Sources from ERC said 1,272 food parcels were distributed, benefitting 7,709 people.

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So far in the Tolerance Year, the ERC has distributed 2,730 food parcels benefiting some 13,650 individuals in Hadramaut.

Saudi raps Houthi attack on Yemen UN monitors

● The UN Security Council this week agreed to expand the force to 75 monitors.

Jeddah

Saudi Arabia has strongly condemned the targeting of “UN personnel by the Iran-backed Houthi militia in Yemen” after cease-fire monitors came under fire.

The attack took place on Thursday in Hodeidah, where a truce agreed in talks in Sweden came into force last month.

The Houthi militia “have violated their signed commitments in Stockholm and continue to flout international law and escalate their aggression against the Yemeni people,” Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to the United States Prince Khalid bin Salman tweeted on Friday.

The UN said one round of small arms fire struck a UN-marked armored vehicle that was part of convoy carrying chief monitor Patrick Cammaert.

The UN monitors arrived in Hodeida — the entry point for the bulk of Yemen's imports — on Dec 23.

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PROSECUTORS

the Asian woman was employed as an accountant with the same firm, according to court details.

“Both used their official positions to launder money. The Arab national also used the laundered money to buy properties in his home country,” the Prosecutors said.

The Public Prosecution also accused the first accused of forging documents to launder money to the tune of BD163,736.

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Bahrain condemns terrorist attack in Bogota



A woman embraces a police officer close to the scene where a car bomb exploded, according to authorities, in Bogota



Forensic workers gather at the scene of a deadly car bombing at a police academy in Bogotá.

Manama

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has condemned the terrorist attack on a police academy in the city of Bogota, the Republic of Colombia, which resulted in the death and injury of a number of people.

In a statement, the Minis-

try of Foreign Affairs also expressed “deep condolences to the families of the victims, wishing those injured a speedy recovery”.

“The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms the solid position of the Kingdom of Bahrain, which rejects all forms of violence, extremism and terrorism, and calls for intensifying international

efforts to eradicate this dangerous scourge, which is aimed at destabilising peace and security,” the statement added.

At least 20 people have been killed in a car bomb attack in the Colombian capital of Bogotá, police say.

Dozens more were injured in the blast which happened at

20 people have been killed in the car bomb attack in the Colombian capital of Bogotá.

09:30 on Thursday in the south of the city.

The car's driver, who was also killed, has been identified as a 57-year-old man. No group has said it was behind the explosion.

President Ivan Duque described it as a “crazy terrorist act” and declared three days of national mourning.

The grey Nissan Patrol entered the compound of the General Santander police academy where a promotion ceremony for cadets was being held.

When the car was stopped by guards at a checkpoint, the driver accelerated and hit a wall, at which point the car exploded.