

Bahraini man convicted of investment fraud

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A Bahraini man was sentenced to five years in prison for conning a high-ranking GCC personality out of BD3 million after convincing him that he would invest the money for him in properties.

The High Criminal Court found the accused, in his 40s, did not have the required licenses from the Central Bank of Bahrain and he was already held guilty in similar cases before.

It also fined him BD100,000 and ordered him to pay BD3 million to the victim.

According to court files, the victim's lawyer reported to the Anti-Economic Crime Department that the defendant was working in one of the international banks and he owned several construction companies, which were all deleted by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism several years ago.

"He offered to my client the chance to invest in the real estate. He introduced him to several people, stating that they were his partners in investment. As a result, my client made six transfer transactions at a total amount of BD3 million," the lawyer said, revealing that the two started making transactions in 2011.

"He gave him some of the profits reaching BD85,000 until he stopped transferring any money."

The defendant was reportedly convicted in money laundering cases. He allegedly conned several other people.

Modernising Bahrain irrigation systems

Mohamed Hassan Al Mahroos Company signs exclusive partnership agreement with Toro

● It also becomes exclusive distributor in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia of Toro's smart water-saving technologies

● The US-based company specialises in the field of irrigation of gardens, green spaces, agricultural projects, golf courses and artificial lakes

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Mohamed Hassan Al Mahroos Company has announced the signing of an exclusive partnership agreement with American company Toro, the world leader in the manufacture of modern irrigation equipment.

Al Mahroos Company will now be the exclusive distributor in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia of Toro's products and provider of modern and advanced irrigation systems as well as smart water-saving technologies, which are based in the US.

Toro is one of the largest companies specialised in modern irrigation technologies in the world, which has accumulated experience in the field of irrigation of gardens, green spaces, agricultural projects, golf courses and artificial lakes.

Since its inception in 1914, Toro has been recognised as the first supplier of farm tractors in the US, and has now become the leading global provider of innovative irrigation solutions, including garden maintenance

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Al Mahroos Company and Toro representatives hold talks online

mechanisms, green landscaping, management and operation of infrastructure construction, and the development of all solutions in the field of irrigation.

The company's customer base extends to more than 125 countries around the world, and provides a wide range of products to service a wide range of golf courses, government institutions, farm owners and contractors.

Toro has several advanced irrigation systems, most notably the Sentinel System, which ensures communication via radio, optical fibers or cables to provide centralised irrigation control.

It also provides modern irrigation services with high accuracy while saving time and facilitating the irrigation process for all customers.

Commenting on the new partnership, Talal Al Mahroos, Executive Director of Al Mahroos, said: "We are pleased to sign this strategic partnership agreement with one of the most prestigious international companies that continues to lead in harness-



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ing the latest technologies in developing modern irrigation systems, which in turn meet the needs of customers and various projects, such as gardens, agriculture and other green areas in order to serve the goals of preserving the environment and its resources.

"Muhammad Hassan Al Mahroos is proud to be the exclusive



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supplier of Toro products and solutions for modern irrigation systems and smart programs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Bahrain. This reflects our keenness to adopt its policy of providing the finest applications and automated equipment to contribute to the implementation of large projects in both kingdoms, in which we aspire to provide them in the market and keep pace with the aspirations of the region in taking advantage of the latest engineering and technical mechanisms in order to increase our ability to reduce time and effort."

Mohamed Ghaddar, Regional Sales Director of Toro, Middle East and Africa, said: "We are delighted with the new partnership with Al Mahroos in both the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Bahrain. Through this partnership, we

will strive to serve the aspirations and goals of Al Mahroos by making use of our modern technologies in irrigation, and we look forward to cooperating with the company to provide the best and most advanced solutions in the field of irrigation systems and water management.

"For more than 10 decades since its inception, Toro has strived to reduce environmental impacts and maximise the efficiency and production of resources in its operations, products and services to customers, in a way that ultimately increases environmental protection. Investing in innovation and developing new products is an integral part of our strategy by providing alternative energy solutions, smart applications and automated technologies, thus providing various advantages, such as less time and effort in addition to lower costs."

NIHR pays field visit to Jau Correction and Rehabilitation Centre

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has dispatched a delegation to the Jau Correction and Rehabilitation Centre to ensure the inmates' rights are protected and proper health care is served.

NIHR was informed about the report issued by the General Directorate of Reformation and Rehabilitation on Saturday, which indicated that a limited number of inmates had blocked corridors, refused to go inside their cells and violated instructions over the past days, resulting in hindering provided services, including calls and

healthcare for other inmates, as well as in disturbing work procedures.

In line with its human rights and oversight role, and wide-ranging powers vested in it as per the law, NIHR immediately sent a team to the Centre to inspect the buildings that witnessed these procedures, meet a number of its officials, and watch the video recording of the incident.

Following its entry into the buildings and the cells, meeting with a number of randomly-selected inmates, as well as meeting with the Centre's doctor to talk about the general

health status of the inmates, the NIHR's delegation found that the human rights and health situation of inmates is generally reassuring.

It said that what is being raised about their being beaten and transferred to an unknown location is inaccurate, indicating that all inmates were present in the buildings.

In a statement, the NIHR expressed its deep concern over the allegations aimed at creating a state of uncertainty among the inmates' families, stressing that dealing with inmates at the Centre is done in accordance with a legal and civilised way,

as well as with a high degree of self-restraint.

The NIHR urged inmates to cooperate with it in case there are any legitimate requests related to their rights, noting that the actions they had carried out during the past three weeks had deprived the rest of the inmates of their right to enjoy health care and communicate with their families, according to the centre's regulations, and that some of those deeds may put them in danger.

The NIHR affirmed its commitment to transparency, responsibility, credibility, and the promotion of human rights.

Citizens to benefit from healthy economy



Minister Humaidan meets LMRA's Board of Directors online

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It is important to stimulate the national economy to create more quality job opportunities for citizens.

This was emphasised by Labour and Social Development Minister Jamil bin Muhammad Ali Humaidan who noted that the Bahrain would be the first choice for employment.

Humaidan, also Labour Market Regulatory Authority's Chairman of the Board of Directors, chaired LMRA's Board of Directors remote meeting.

The Minister noted that cooperation is a necessity between the three production parties to achieve the government's vision and aspirations for "creating sustainable economic and social security" in Bahrain.

He said that LMRA continues

to support the existing cooperation with the authorities related to the labour market, and in this way it carries out its role in support of the stability and balance of the labour market, finding solutions that meet the needs of the national economy and giving it flexibility that enhances its competitiveness and its ability to adapt to different circumstances.

The authority works to implement a package of projects and procedures regulating the market in coordination with representatives of the productive sectors, including business owners and workers.

He noted the executive management's keenness to increase the effectiveness, productivity and high pre-preparedness of electronic work, which contributed to the continuation of its work mechanisms with the same capacity and efficiency.

No ban on selling energy drinks to minor

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The Shura Council yesterday rejected a draft parliamentary law aimed at banning the sale of energy drink products to people below 18 and preventing distribution for free to consumers or selling them in restaurants and canteens.

It also rejected move to prohibit promotion or advertisement of energy drink products.

The Health Ministry said that preparing a draft law to separately regulate the issue of reducing the consumption

of energy drink products is not consistent with the good legislative policy.

Energy drinks are widely promoted as products that increase energy and enhance mental alertness and physical performance. Next to multivitamins, energy drinks are the most popular dietary supplement consumed by teens and young adults.

In fact, the global energy drink market continues to grow. It was worth \$39 billion in 2013 and is forecast to reach \$61 billion by 2021.



Energy drinks may promise a boost, but experts are increasingly concerned that their cock-

tails of ingredients could have unintended health risks.

A study published recently in the Journal of the American Heart Association found that caffeinated energy drinks altered the heart's electrical activity and raised blood pressure.

Some of the popular energy drinks on the market today contain extremely high levels of B3 (niacin) and B6, which in excess, are known to also cause gastrointestinal problems, skin conditions, liver toxicity, nerve damage, and even blurred vision.