

# Final verdict date set in gruesome murder case

Public Prosecution has charged the Sudanese national with premeditated murder

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The First High Criminal Court yesterday said that it would announce its final verdict in the case of a Sudanese national allegedly murdering an Indian national in the Capital Governorate on

July 10, 2019.

The defendant, a Sudanese national, had earlier confessed to killing the Indian victim, after seeing him walking drunk on the road.

The 'Islamic State killing' was shocking as the 41-year-old tortured his victim, raped him and videotaped the process.

The Defence Attorney, Mohammed Bumtai, pleaded that his client isn't guilty, as medical reports proved he isn't mentally fit at the time when the crime took place, claiming that he wasn't responsible for his actions.

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medical reports. The report stated that the victim was strangled to death after he was beaten up. The defendant told the prosecutors earlier that he killed the victim out of his "love for Bahrain" and refusal to see drunk men walking publicly.

He said that he came to Bahrain in search of a job and that he holds a medical engineering certificate. The defendant said he came to Bahrain four months

before the incident took place.

"I was looking for a job and my sister works as a doctor at a hospital here. Her employers sponsored me for some time, but I couldn't find a job," the defendant said in his statements.

"I didn't have any relationship with the victim. I saw him on the day of the incident at dawn and he was drunk. I was talking with my Bahraini friends on the road and I stopped him.

"I asked him about his religion because I love Bahrain and I don't like to see drunk people walking in public. I ordered him to show me his identity card, but he ran away," he explained.

The man claimed that he learnt where the victim lived. "I went to his apartment because I wanted to advise him. He opened the door for me and I entered the apartment.

"He locked the door and started attacking me. I responded in self-defence," he alleged.

Court files showed that the defendant then proceeded with torturing the victim and later killing him.

To mislead investigators, he is said to have written slogans on the walls of the apartment with an intention to get people belonging to a certain sect indicted in the murder.

"I decided to pour chlorine on the body of the victim as I have seen using chemicals to conceal the traces of crimes in movies. I also poured alcohol and powder all around the apartment. Before I left I wrote some slogans on the walls to mislead investigators," he added.

The defendant has been accused by the Public Prosecution of premeditated murder.

**Man gets fines doubled for breaking 19 red lights**

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A Bahraini driver, who was earlier ordered to pay BD1,900 in fine for jumping red signals got his fine doubled by the judges when he appealed seeking a reduction.

According to court files, the man has jumped 19 red signals and when he went to the General Directorate of Traffic to settle the matter he was informed that a criminal verdict has been issued against him by the court, which fined him BD1,900 (BD100 for each offence).

In an attempt to reduce the fine, the defendant went to the Traffic Court and filed an appeal against the verdict.

But, the judge ordered to double the fine considering the recurrence of the same offence, making it BD200 for each offence, a total of BD3,800 for all 19 offences.

The court described the man's behaviour to break red signals 19 times as recklessness and deliberate disregard of traffic laws and regulations.

The law allows judges to amend verdicts and increase punishments in accordance with the gravity of the committed offences, repetition and circumstances.

The man eventually paid the entire BD3,800 fine, after he was informed that he had only two options; to either pay the fine or spend time behind bars.

## RUW to honour 11th graduating class

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Royal University for Women (RUW) will honour its 11th graduating class in a graduation ceremony that will take place at the Bahrain Gulf Convention hotel today.

RUW is celebrating the graduation of Class of 2019, where 123 students graduated, including 48 from College of Art and Design, 48 from College of Business and Financial Sciences and 27 from College of Law, the university said in a statement issued.

"In addition, 33 graduates from Summer of AY 2017/18 also participated in the ceremony."

Royal University for Women is the first private university which received the Higher Education Council accreditation, as well as being recognised and recommended by ministries of education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Oman.

The university has recently met the Bahrain Quality Authority (BQA) quality assurance requirements for the second cycle, being one of only two universities in the Kingdom to have this achievement.

## Event brochure released



The programme committee of World Malayalee Federation has officially launched the brochure for 'Naattaranagu 2019'. The event comprises arts and sports activities, fun games, competitions and cultural programmes, which will be held on June 20 and 21 at Al Hilal Hospital Auditorium in Salmabad. The registration is free, according to organisers.

## Cop attacker's prison term replaced with social service

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The Supreme Criminal Court of Appeal yesterday ordered a Bahraini man who's convicted of assaulting an on-duty policeman to do community service, replacing his one year jail term.

The 18-year-old attacked the cop, who was guarding the eastern gates of Bahrain National Stadium in Isa Town, after the latter tried to stop him from using the entrance doors to exit while a match was still

ongoing, in violation of the stadium's safety rules and regulations.

Justifying himself, the defendant claimed in the interrogation that a stampede occurred near the gate and he threw random punches around without acknowledging that it was the cop he was hitting. The defendant also claimed that the policeman hit him several times in the face and head.

When confronted by the interrogators about tearing the cop's uniform, the defendant said he was losing balance and grabbed

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PROSECUTORS

the policeman's shirt so he wouldn't fall to the ground.

The Public Prosecution accused the defendant of assaulting a public security personnel and causing the injuries mentioned in the medical report, in addition to verbally assaulting him while carrying out his duties.

The man was earlier sentenced to one year imprisonment and the appeals court ordered to uphold his conviction and replace his punishment with community service, the Prosecutors said.

## Bahrain attends key meeting on women empowerment

Cairo

Administrative consultative meeting focusing on women empowerment was held in Cairo, Egypt, under the theme "Women in decision-making positions".

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held the event in co-operation with the Egyptian Foreign Ministry and National Women's Council.

Supreme Council for Women (SCW) director general for administrative and media affairs Ezzeddine Almoayyed

attended the session, along with officials and experts representing the OIC member states.

Mr Almoayyed addressed the event outlining Bahrain's efforts to empower women to assume leading and decision-making roles.

He said that Bahrain was among the pioneering countries, which guaranteed women's right to participate actively in all fields.

Being a partner in the national development efforts, he underlined the SCW efforts to empower women, citing mainly



Mr Almoayyed at the meeting.

the National Programme for the Integration of Women's needs in Development, the establishment of a follow-up system, equal opportunity units, the national re-

port for gender balance and the national observatory for gender indicators.

The SCW director general for administrative and media affairs shed light on Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Global Award for Women's Empowerment, highlighting legislations aimed at bolstering the status of women.

He also took part in the first meeting of the temporary Open-ended Working Group to prepare the draft internal regulations of the Organisation for the Development of Women in the OIC Member States.