

# Man who broke wife’s jaw awaits appeal verdict

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A man sentenced to seven years in prison for violently assaulting his wife, leaving her with a fractured jaw and the loss of nine teeth, will have his appeal verdict issued by the High Criminal Appeals Court on July 28.

The Lower Criminal Court had earlier convicted him of assault under the influence of narcotics, causing permanent injury, and possession of a banned substance. Prosecutors said the man's actions left his wife with lasting physical damage assessed as a 10 per cent permanent disability.

According to the victim's testimony, she was asleep when her husband suddenly woke her, sprayed an unknown gas in her face, and began behav-

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ing erratically. He reportedly pushed her off the bed, attempted to restrain her, and then began punching her repeatedly in the face. She alleged that he slammed her head against the floor multiple times, causing heavy bleeding from her nose and mouth.

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on her knee and shoulder. The assault ended when the man's mother and brother arrived and knocked on the bedroom door. She managed to escape when the door was momentarily opened.

The brother later told prosecutors he rushed upstairs after hearing screams and found the woman severely injured, with visible facial swelling and

bleeding. Her teeth, he noted, appeared to have been knocked out. He advised her to leave the house and file a police complaint. The accused reportedly responded to his family's concerns with indifference and fled the scene before police arrived.

A forensic medical report confirmed that the injuries were consistent with blunt force trauma. The victim required over 20 days of medical treatment. Her jaw was fractured in multiple places, and she lost nine teeth.

Toxicology tests revealed the defendant had 175 nanograms per millilitre of a psychoactive substance in his system at the time of the incident. He admitted during questioning to having consumed the drug and said he possessed it for personal use.

The case is currently under review by the High Criminal Appeals Court.

## Tributes pour in for longtime Bahrain resident Manijeh Mistry

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Former Bahrain resident and community stalwart Manijeh Mistry passed away in Pune following a cardiac failure. She was 72.

Mistry, who relocated to India in 2022, had spent over two decades in Bahrain, serving as a lecturer at the University of Bahrain's College of Health Sciences. Beyond her academic contributions, she was a prominent figure in Bahrain's social scene, closely associated with the Indian Ladies Association, Migrant Workers Protection Society, Lions Club of Bahrain, Bahrain Zoroastrian Association, and several other community organisations.

Known for her warmth, creativity, and leadership, Mistry held key roles within the Indian Ladies Association, including Treasurer and Youth Wing Head. She was also admired for her culinary skills, theatre performances, Rangoli art, and gardening.



She is survived by her husband Percy Mistry, son Framarz, and daughter Friya. Community members in Bahrain and Pune have expressed deep sorrow at her passing, remembering her as a woman of compassion and spirited involvement.

## Appeals court to rule on boatman convicted over fatal sea crash that killed two Bahrainis

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The High Criminal Appeals Court will deliver its verdict on July 31 in the case of a boatman convicted over a sea crash that killed two Bahraini men.

The defendant was earlier sentenced by the Minor Criminal Court to seven months in jail, fined BD1,150, and had his

boat and nets confiscated. Bail was set at BD100, suspending the prison term pending appeal.

Two Asian crew members were also sentenced to 40 days in jail and ordered deported for illegal fishing and overstaying their visas.

Prosecutors accused the main defendant of causing death by

negligence while operating the vessel under the influence of Pregabalin, a controlled substance he was not authorised to possess. He was also charged with multiple safety violations, including lacking essential equipment such as life jackets, a fire extinguisher, and first aid supplies. His vessel was also

missing navigation lights and a tracking device, increasing the risk of collision.

The court originally sentenced him to six months for manslaughter and breaching marine safety regulations, and an additional month plus a BD100 fine for drug possession. He was also fined BD1,000 for illegal bottom

trawling and vessel misidentification, and BD50 for missing safety equipment.

The crew received one-month sentences for unlawful fishing and an additional 10 days for immigration violations. They face permanent deportation after serving their terms.

The incident occurred near

Al Mohammadiya Islet, where two boats collided. The boatman was later found towing the damaged vessel near Malkiya, with one victim's body on board. The second body was recovered near Budaiya port.

Civil claims related to the incident have been referred to the civil courts.

### Desert Drama Ends with Help



Photo posted by Reddit user while seeking help, showing car stuck in desert

A tow truck sent to offer help to the stranded Redditor also got stuck

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

Reddit's r/Bahrain has become an unlikely rapid-response network for desert rescues, snacks included.

#### ValeOfClem brings water, BH Thunder Team brings muscle in feel-good Reddit rescue

**Redditor stuck in desert**

**Volunteers respond with heart**

**Rescue ends with smiles**

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A distress post on Reddit turned into an uplifting desert rescue story after users from the r/Bahrain community stepped up - some with water, others with wheels, and some with a sense of humour.

The drama began when a Redditor's car got stuck in the sands in the southern part of the Kingdom on Thursday. What followed was a spontaneous show of support that mixed

real-life assistance with online camaraderie.

User CHWDY, who first relayed updates, announced, "BH Thunder Team is coming and a redditor with snacks and water is coming." That redditor turned out to be ValeOfClem, who showed up in person despite not having a tow rope or winch.

"I brought water, snacks, and a heart willing to help,"

ValeOfClem wrote. "Glad to say they made it out safely - huge respect to the Land Cruiser crew who pulled them out."

**Real Help, Real People**

The Land Cruiser crew, believed to be the BH Thunder Team, arrived and completed the rescue.

No major damage was reported to the stranded vehicle

- just "some sand stress."

The rescue drew admiration from across the subreddit. One user replied simply, "AMAZING!" Another chimed in asking, "What happened? Who's BH Thunder Team?" - echoing the curiosity of those witnessing the emergence of local legends.

**Comic Relief**

Meanwhile, the thread

didn't disappoint those looking for a bit of Reddit humour. One comment asked, "Did the snacks survive?" while another joked, "I hope the car learned its lesson."

Though some came with ropes and others with jokes, the community left the thread with something rare - shared appreciation for kindness among strangers, both digital and real world.