

## Teacher remanded over assault on eight-year-old student

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A teacher at a private school has been remanded in custody after allegedly assaulting an eight-year-old student on school grounds, according to prosecutors.

The footage, taken from the school's own security cameras, shows the teacher grabbing the child with force, immobilising her, dragging her by one arm across the floor and deliberately obstructing her movement, all in front of other pupils.

The Public Prosecution launched an investigation after receiving a complaint from the Ministry of Education.

Investigators reviewed the footage, interviewed the girl, questioned the suspect, and confronted her with the recording. She was then ordered into pre-trial detention.

# Voice Fraud Exposed

PR manager accused of voice-altering fraud

● **Elderly victims defrauded**

● **Voice-altering software used**

● **Over BD136,000 embezzled**

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A Bahraini bank employee is standing trial at the First High Criminal Court, accused of orchestrating a high-tech fraud that siphoned more than BD136,000 from elderly customers by exploiting his position and digital tools.

The defendant, a man in his thirties working as an assistant public relations manager at a local bank, allegedly misused

the electronic signatures and login credentials of three clients between 2023 and 2025 to gain unauthorized access to their accounts and tamper with personal data.

Investigations revealed that he used voice-altering software to impersonate clients during account-opening procedures. In some cases, he even carried out the transactions at a private farm, where his voice and vehicle were later identified. One victim was said to have lost BD60,000.

### Elderly victims

The Public Prosecution charged him with fraudulently obtaining and using identity cards of four individuals by photographing them and submitting the copies to banks and financial institutions. These accounts were allegedly opened without the owners' knowledge



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or consent.

The defendant is accused of altering contact details of elderly victims to block banking alerts, leaving them unaware of suspicious activity on their accounts. By doing so, he was able to carry out unauthorized

transactions while concealing his tracks.

### Heist uncovered

In total, the defendant is alleged to have embezzled BD136,575.422 from the accounts of three customers. The pros-



Globally, voice-cloning fraud attempts surged by more than 350% in 2023, according to research by McAfee.

ecution described the acts as a calculated breach involving forgery within banking information systems, fraudulent account openings, and the exploitation of vulnerable clients.

The trial, now underway, highlights the risks faced by elderly customers in an era where technology can be twisted into tools of deception.

## Motorcyclist's life saved after severe accident



Surgery in progress

● **Specialised teams perform urgent procedure at Salmaniya Hospital**

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Government hospitals announced that a specialised medical team at the Interventional Radiology and Catheterization Unit of Salmaniya Medical Complex successfully saved the life of a young motorcyclist who sustained critical injuries in a serious traffic accident.

The accident caused extensive liver tissue damage and severe internal bleeding in the abdominal cavity.

Dr. Hazem Al-Ali, Head of Medical Services for Surgical Departments, said the patient was rushed to the emergency department in critical condition.

### Abdominal bleeding

Initial examinations confirmed severe abdominal bleeding caused by liver injury, requiring immediate admis-

sion to the intensive care unit and continuous monitoring of his vital signs.

Dr. Al-Ali commended the efficiency of the treating team, emphasizing that the successful intervention reflects the readiness and integration of government hospital specialists and their ability to respond rapidly to life-threatening cases using advanced medical technologies.

### Urgent procedure

Dr. Ammar Khamis, Consultant of Interventional Radiology and Catheterization, explained that an urgent procedure was performed through the femoral artery, enabling precise catheterisation of the liver's blood supply.

The bleeding source was accurately identified and sealed with specialized therapeutic wires (coils) in under 30 minutes, avoiding the need for surgical intervention.

He added that the patient received intensive care following the procedure, during which accumulated blood was gradually drained under close supervision. The patient's condition stabilized completely.

## When Honking Turns Violent

● **Honking sparks heated clash**

● **Motorist left with 5% disability**

● **Court verdict due September 16**

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A simple honk escalated into a violent altercation in Souq Waqif, leaving a motorist with a permanent disability and a damaged car.

The First High Criminal Court has fixed September 16 to issue its ruling in the case against a 24-year-old defendant accused of assault and criminal damage.

According to the Public Prosecution, the incident unfolded on April 15 when the defendant blocked the victim's path. After an exchange of words, the defendant allegedly punched the motorist in the nose, causing heavy bleeding. The forensic report confirmed a deviated nasal septum and partial blockage of the left nasal passage, amounting to a five percent permanent impairment. The defendant also stands accused of deliberately damaging the victim's car.

### Honking Trigger

During Sunday's hearing, the defendant admitted to throwing the punch but claimed he was provoked by the victim's repeated honking. The victim, however, told the court he had only honked to alert the defendant after his path was blocked. He said the confrontation turned hostile when the defendant verbally insulted him, struck him in the face, and then kicked and broke his windshield.

## Tourism lifts Bahrain hospitality 10.3% in Q1

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Bahrain's accommodation and food services led sector growth in the first quarter of 2025, rising 10.3 per cent year on year as tourism picked up.

A tourism survey reported an 8.6 per cent increase in overnight visitors to 1.7 million and a 1.1 per cent rise in average daily spend compared with the same period last year.

Financial and insurance activities grew by 7.5 per cent, transport and storage by 5.4 per cent, and oil activities by 5.3 per cent.

### Non-oil activities

Across the economy, non-oil activities increased by 2.2 per cent.

Some areas eased. Manufacturing fell by 0.4 per cent and "other activities" declined by



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In terms of weight in the non-oil economy, accommodation and food services made up 1.9 per cent, about BD60 million.

Financial and insurance activities accounted for 17.4 per cent, manufacturing 14.4 per cent and public administration 8.4 per cent.

## Drug dealers caught



The Interior Ministry announced that as part of ongoing security efforts carried out by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science to protect society from drug addiction, the directorate, in two separate cases, arrested three individuals in possession of around 3.6kg of narcotics, with an estimated street value exceeding BD15,000. The directorate said that investigations into received information about the two cases led to the identification of the suspects and their arrest in possession of the drugs.