

Attempt to smuggle drugs from Iran foiled; 11 nabbed

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Eleven people were arrested by a special team from the Interior Ministry for attempting to smuggle drugs into the Kingdom from Iran through sea, said the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science yesterday.

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The arrested include Ghulam Redha Ali Mohammed, 69, Ahmed Musa Ahmed Musa, 48, Ali Mirza Asaad Mohammed, 57, Jassim Mohammed Ahmed, 44 and Saleh Ahmed Abdullah, 82.

“Mr Ghulam was earlier con-



The accused with drugs haul seized by the special team.

victed of drug smuggling. He has also cases against him for engaging in money laundering,” the directorate said.

Mr Ahmed, the second accused is a major drug dealer, according to the directorate. “He receives large quantities of narcotics and distributes them for money.”

“Mr Saleh, the fifth accused, is part of the illegal money laun-

1.65
million Bahraini dinars
is the estimated market
value of the drugs
seized.

dering racket, which controls the drugs network based in Iran,” it added.

The directorate said that different quantities of hashish, marijuana and shabu were seized from the accused, along with currencies of different nations including Bahraini dinars, Iranian and Saudi riyals.

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ferred to the Public Prosecution, the directorate added.

Coast Guard patrols in the Kingdom have, many a time in the past, succeeded in foiling attempts to smuggle large quantities of narcotics via the sea from Iran. Many accused are facing trial in the Kingdom while scores have been sentenced in drugs smuggling cases.

Terror suspects sentenced

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The Fourth High Criminal Court yesterday sentenced six suspects for undergoing training in the use of illegal weapons and explosives.

Three suspects were sentenced to life in jail and fined BD300. One suspect was handed down seven years in prison, another one five years and the sixth one was sentenced to five years in prison and fined BD300.

The court also revoked the Bahraini citizenship of five suspects.

The Criminal Investigation Directorate (CID) received a notification that a group of terrorists had travelled to Iran and Iraq to receive military training on using weapons and making explosives to commit terror crimes in Bahrain.

Investigations showed that one of the suspects facilitated others’ travel to Iraq in 2017 to receive military training at Hizbollah camps there.

The first suspect also recruited another one to set up warehouses to store weapons and bomb-making materials.

He also tasked him to transport the materials used in making bombs. Four suspects, who are at large in Iran, co-ordinated with the terrorist elements via electronic programmes to facilitate operations for them, incite them to receive training and provide them with support to carry out the terrorist acts.

The suspects were referred to the High Criminal Court, which heard the case in the presence of the suspects’ lawyers and issued its verdict after providing the suspects with all legal guarantees.

16 convicts sentenced for smuggling weapons

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The Fourth High Criminal Court yesterday handed down sentences ranging from three years to life to 16 defendants convicted of smuggling weapons from Iran and committing other terror crimes.

The court ordered to punish six defendants with life imprisonment, while six were sentenced to ten years, three to three years and one defendant got a five-year sentence. Three defendants had their citizenships revoked and one defendant was acquitted.

This was announced by Terror Crime Prosecution Chief Advocate General Dr Ahmed



“The defendants were found guilty of possessing and using weapons without a licence for the purpose of committing terrorist acts.”

DR AL HAMMADI

Al Hammadi, who confirmed that the charges the defendants were found guilty of included training on the use and possession of weapons, explosive devices, firearms and ammu-

nition without a licence for the purpose of committing terrorist acts.

The charges also included hiding and sheltering wanted and convicted individuals, and illegally entering and exiting the Kingdom.

Dr Al Hammadi confirmed that 12 of the defendants were fined BD500.

Court files showed that the fourth and seventh defendants were able to smuggle weapons and explosives from Iran into Bahrain through Nabih Saleh Island using a fishing boat.

As a result of the investigations, the Bahrain-based suspects were arrested and interrogated by the Public Prosecution, and subsequently led to the rest.



The weapons that were seized from the convicts.

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