

Jailed for attacking Jau prison guards

Man gets one year in jail for attacking prison guards in Jau

● Guards said suspect resisted inspection

● Suspect said attacked as he was denied entry to cell

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The High Criminal Court handed down a man a jail term of one-year for attacking two prison guards in the Jau Prison.

The suspect, during a hearing, told the court that he got provoked when the guards denied him entry into his cell as wanted to pray.

The incident, according to court files, took place in a pre-trial detention centre of the Ministry of Interior in Jau Prison, where the man was in custody. Prison guards, during



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the trial, told the court that the 20-year-old suspect assaulted them as they tried to inspect for allowing entry to his cell.

"I told him I have to search him before allowing him to enter the cell, but he pushed me to the ground and tore my

colleague's clothes," One of the victims told prosecutors.

However, the defendant told prosecutors that he wanted to pray in his cell during his free time, but the guards didn't allow him, though he admitted to assaulting them.

"As I returned to my cell for prayers, the prison guards prevented me. I insisted and pushed one of them and punched the other," the suspect confessed in his statement.

He was charged with assaulting two police officers.



Prisons in Bahrain are run by 3 different security forces, including the National Security Agency (NSA), the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) and the Ministry of Interior (MoI)

Man Jailed for forging medical certificate

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Frustration over a 13-day waiting period to obtain a medical certificate has landed a Bahraini man in jail for three-years, as he instead resorted to creating a fake certificate.

The 30-year-old man, according to court files, decided to go for fake certificates as he grew impatient over the delay in receiving the original certificate.

The incident leading to the case occurred after the man suffered multiple injuries on his neck and right hand in an accident.

During his stay in the Salmaniya Medical Complex, he got acquainted with another person promised to get his report early.

The accomplice, the suspect told the court, claimed to work as a clearing agent.

"A medical committee reviewed my case, and during this process, I met the second defendant," the suspect told the court.

He told me he could get me

the ministry's verdict on my case quickly, instead of having to wait for 13 days. "And after a few days he gave me the fake report," the 30-year-old man told prosecutors, literally blaming the second man for the crime.

The suspect then submitted the document forged by the 50-year-old man to the insurance company. However, the company, after cross-checking with the ministry, found out the document as a forged one.

"We cross-checked the report by contacting the officials at the Ministry of Health directly, and we were told that it wasn't issued yet," a representative from the insurance company told prosecutors.

The Ministry of Health officials reported the incident to the police, which resulted in his arrest.

As per the fake document, the defendant suffered 40 per cent permanent disability. However, the real one showed 5pc less. The second man was also tried on forgery charges and sentenced to three years in prison.

Factory selling expired chocolates shut-down

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A private chocolate factory has been shut down for using expired ingredients in its product line, said the Public Prosecution in a statement.

The move followed a complaint received by the police following which the Public Prosecution notified the Public Health Department to inspect and seize the expired products.

During the inspection, offi-



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cials found that the factory was using fake labels on its products. "The products were found to be well past their expi-

ry and the factory was shut down," Public attorney Mamdooh Al Ma'awdah said in the statement.

He also said that those in charge of the factory were remanded to custody for seven days.

The suspects were charged with forgery and selling expired food.

"The Public Health Department was assigned to examine and seize all the products that violated the regulations," he added.

Man sets car alight over missing BD50

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A dispute over BD50 led to setting fire to a vehicle on fire, according to court files. The car, according to court files, was owned by the victim's father.

The whole episode began when one of the friends accused another of stealing BD50 after he stayed overnight with him.

The suspect told investigators that he committed the crime amidst a sudden burst of anger. "I was staying in his room overnight. That day when I woke up, I found him searching for something. He then questioned me about a missing BD50. That continued after we left his house, and he accused me of stealing it,

which shocked me," the man told prosecutors.

He told investigators that he then stole the car and drove it to an isolated area before setting it alight using fuel bought from the nearest fuel station.

The suspect was caught after the car's owner filed a complaint regarding missing car. He told the court that he got alerted after receiving a call from friends. "I went to the police station and reported the incident," the father told prosecutors. "After few hours, I received a call from the Civil Defence, informing me that it was gutted in the fire," he added. The defendant will stand trial before the High Criminal Court over accusations of arson and theft. His trial will begin on September 10, 2018.

Paycheck impact on govt expenses dropped slightly

CSB's analysis of labour force expenditures of 47 government agencies

● Salaries dominate actual expense

● Spending on the rise for improving living standards

● Transportation, communication allowances unchanged

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While salaries continue to dominate the actual expenditures of government entities in the Kingdom, a Civil Service Bureau report has said it has recorded a 3.5 per cent decline in this regard from 2016. The report, based on inputs

from 47 government entities during the last two years, said the largest share of the actual expenditure was on basic items related to employees' salaries, which amounted to about 88pc of the total disbursement of the first section.

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The CSB study, according to the bureau, reflects the actual needs of government entities, taking into account the commit-

ment of these entities to absorb the annual increase and the entitlements of employees within the limits set for the budget of

workforce expenditure. Explaining further, Jamal Abdulaziz Al-Alawi, Director General of Organization and Position Budget said the report witnessed an increase in spending related to improving living standards, while spending on car, transportation and communication allowance remained the same.

The report, he said, analysed the labour force expenditure of government entities subject to the civil service umbrella for the fiscal year 2017.

Transport expenses equal

The report further reveals that the expenditure on car and transport were equal during the years 2016 and 2017. "It was around 13 million Dinars in 2016 and 2017."

As for expenditure on communication allowance, spending

amounted to two million dinars during the two years.

Overtime declines

The spending on overtime has decreased by 21pc, where the spending on this item was 14 million Dinars in 2016 and has decreased to 11 million Dinars in 2017. In addition, partial disbursement expenditure of 4 million Dinars in 2016 decreased to 5 million Dinars in 2017, an estimated reduction of 20pc.

These financial savings, the statement said, will be reallocated and monitored in favour of the employees.

Living allowance rises

Expenditure level on improvement of living allowance amounted to 23 million dinars, after it was 22 million dinars in 2016, an increase of 4.5pc.