

# Robbery with **fake gun**: Suspects tell court they don't remember anything

Court awards five years in jail for two men, orders deportation

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**T**wo men who landed in police custody for threat-

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ening and robbing a Bahraini national with a toy gun claimed during the Court trial that "they were in an inebriated state on that day and hence don't have any recollection of their acts."

The men, African nationals, said this as prosecutors read out the charges levelled against them during the trial.

The High Criminal Court awarded them each five years in jail and also ordered to deport them from the Kingdom at the end of their jail terms.

Court files say the incident leading to the trial occurred on the 22nd of June this year.

On that day, the suspects, police said, attacked the victim and decamped with money from his

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I was near an ATM machine in Sanad when the first defendant drew a knife while the second defendant pointed a gun to my face

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I thought it was a real gun at that time. So, out of fear for my life, I asked as they did, but still, they managed a blow on my waist before fleeing from the scene

and handed over the BD50 I had in my wallet as one of them dealt a blow on my waist.

"They then ran away, leaving me," the victim told the court.

Cops said they launched an investigation soon after receiving a complaint.

"We reviewed CCTV footage from cameras at the spot and on the way to identify the suspects.

"We were also successful in identifying and tracking the suspects.

At first, the first suspect landed in our custody. He then guided us toward the second suspect.

"Both the men also confessed to their crimes when confronted with solid evidence," police said.

"We also retrieved from them the knife and the gun, which turned out to be a toy model.

Police said they also retrieved BD71 from the knife-wielding suspect and BD21 from the jacket of the man who pointed the gun at the victim.

wallet.

Police said the men, one of them pulled out a gun, which later turned out as a toy, and another a knife, to threaten the victim.

Recalling the terrifying moments, the victim told prosecu-

tors, "As I was standing near an ATM in Sanad, these men rushed towards me."

"One of them suddenly drew a knife threatening to attack me, as the other man trained his gun on my face.

"I was shocked and terrified

## Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



Indian Community Relief Fund yesterday organised "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" commemorating 75 years of Indian Independence at MCSC labour camp. Piyush Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, interacted with workers

# Man arrested for setting own house on fire gets 3 years in jail



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**A** 30-year-old man who intentionally burned down the apartment he was living in received a three-year jail term. The man was found guilty of the offence during a trial at the High Criminal Court.

The Court said the man is guilty of setting the apartment on fire, which gutted it and endangered the lives of other tenants living in the same building.

A tenant living in the same building who found thick plumes of black smoke billowing out of the apartment reported the incident to the police.

"I rushed towards the apart-

ment to save him.

After reaching there, I found that the man was injured and bleeding from his legs.

"I also called 999 to alert firefighters," the man told prosecutors.

Civil Defence Officers reached the scene immediately and doused the blaze before spreading to nearby apartments.

An investigation later confirmed the fire as human-made.

Medical examination proved that the man was under the influence of drugs and deliberately set the apartment alight while smoking.

The public Prosecution charged him with arson and endangering lives.