

Verdict date set for man accused of killing father

31-year-old man allegedly stabbed his 59-year-old father to death last October

● **Accused had earlier pleaded not guilty in the court, blaming his brother for the violent episode.**

● **The brother told court that problems existed in the family because the accused was a drug addict and their father was an alcoholic.**

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A Bahraini drug-addict on trial for killing his father will learn his

fate on October 31, 2018, announced the High Criminal Court yesterday.

This came after a mental report to determine his psychological state deemed him responsible for his actions.

The report showed that the defendant was under the influence of drugs and he wasn't under misconceptions or any mental disease.

The incident that led to the case occurred in last October when the 31-year-old became violent after sniffing an aerosol cleaning product called Stop and penetrated a knife twice into his father's body at their home in Muharraq.

He has gone on trial at the High Criminal Court for murder and using drugs. It's said

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ACCUSED

that the man also held the same knife to his mother's neck during a heated argument before running after his father and killing the 59-year-old man.

However, he said in his statement before the Public Prose-

cution that his brother was the one who ignited him to commit the crime. “I didn't mean to kill my father, but my brother provoked me. I have been a drug addict for the past five years, and I was under treatment at the Psychiatric Hospital.

“On the day of the incident, I was under the influence of this substance, and when I left my room I found my father reprimanding me for consuming drugs. He was blasting me while my brother was standing behind him making some provocative acts. I lost control over my temper and pushed my father away as I wanted to attack my brother,” he said.

“I went to the kitchen and took a chilli powder can which I threw at my father. Then I

went back to the kitchen and took two knives. I wanted to stab my brother and my father came in between and ended up stabbing him.”

The brother had told court that it was not the first time the accused tried to attack members of the family.

He said problems existed because the accused was a drug addict and their father was an alcoholic.

He actually described the defendant as “a nice person” when he was not on high on drugs.

Meanwhile, the defendant's sister, aged 19, told prosecutors during questioning that she made unsuccessful attempts to stop her brother from attacking their parents.

GCC national in the dock for using illegal weapon

● **The defendant was referred for trial over accusations of using a gun illegally.**

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A drunken GCC national fired bullets into the air to break up a fight started by him, it is learnt.

The action landed him in police net as he is accused of using an illegal weapon.

He was arrested after a police complaint was filed against him.

The GCC man had initially denied using the gun, stating that he forgot to remove it from his car before travelling to the Kingdom.

However, the Criminal Investigation Directorate confirmed that the weapon was used and that a bullet case was found at the scene after the incident.

The defendant was referred for trial over accusations of using a gun illegally.

Legal action taken against female inmate

● **She was allowed all rights relating to visits and making phone calls as per the Reformation and Rehabilitation Institutions law and its regulations, the official pointed out.**

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The Director-General of Reformation and Rehabilitation announced yesterday that the reports be-

ing circulated on social media networks about female inmate Hajer Mansoor Hassan were false and baseless.

The reports claimed that Hajer, who has been sentenced to three years in jail in a terrorism case, had “suffered bruises on her hand and was not being allowed to make calls to her family”.

He said Hajer intended to meet other inmates and tried to hurt herself by hitting her body against the wall.

Since her actions were in violation of the Reformation and Rehabilitation Institutions law and its regulations, legal steps

were taken against her under the rules applicable to all inmates without exception, the official said.

Later, she was taken to the hospital to ensure her safety and turned out to be in good health, he added.

The Director-General said Hajer Mansoor Hassan's medical records showed she had visited the Reformation and Rehabilitation Centre clinic 77 times.

She was allowed all rights relating to visits and making phone calls as per the Reformation and Rehabilitation Institutions law and its regulations, the official pointed out.

Spotlight on human rights



Head of the Shura Council Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee Dalal Al Zayed took part in the 11th meeting of the Arab government experts in enforcing the International Humanitarian Law. The meeting is organised by Egypt's Ministry of Justice under the patronage of Egyptian Justice Minister Chancellor Hussam Abdelrahim and in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Delegations from more than ten Arab countries are taking part in the two-day event in the presence of representatives of national committees of the International Humanitarian Law.

SCW Secy General to attend leading global forum on women

St Petersburg

The Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Women, Hala Al Ansari and her delegation will participate in the second Eurasian Women's Forum, which opens today in St Petersburg, Russia.

The forum aims to consolidate and develop cooperation among women leaders in order to address the urgent challenges and enhance the atmosphere of trust and understanding.

Ms Al Ansari represents the Kingdom at this international forum alongside representatives from over 100 countries. They include world's leading women personalities, women parliamentarians, members of executive authorities, representatives of international organisations, business circles and the scientific community, representatives of civil society organisations and philanthropic leaders.

This high-level representation comes as a recognition to the participants' activities and contributions within the international women's community.

Ms Al Ansari held a meeting yesterday with Amal Al Qubaisi, Chairperson of the Federal National Council in the United Arab Emirates.

They discussed aspects of enhancing cooperation between the Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates in various women's issues and taking



Ms Al Ansari and Ms Al Qubaisi with other members of the delegation.

measures to promote the principle of equal opportunity in various fields

The meeting stressed the importance of building on the achievements of Bahraini women and the UAE women and promoting success stories regionally and internationally through highlighting the contribution of women to the national prosperity of the two countries.

The second Eurasian Women's Forum addresses five key themes: “Women for the Sustainable Development of a World”, “Women for Balanced Economic Development”, “Women for Social Progress”, “Women in the Development of a Global Health Strategy” and “Women for Future Energy”.

Ms Al Ansari also held a joint work meeting with Galina Karelova, Deputy Speaker of the Federation

Council, Head of the EAWF Working Group, and outlined Bahraini women's strides as well as political and economic participation.

Ms Karelova also highlighted the EAWF agenda, which highlighting the growing role of women in finding solutions to key social, economic and humanitarian issues so as to bolster global security and peace.