

Four charged after man dies of heroin overdose

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Four Bahrainis including three men and a woman were charged in connection with the death of a man who lost his life allegedly after drug overdose.

The accused along with the victim is said to have been consuming drugs at an apartment in Juffair.

In the midst of a drug party, the victim collapsed after consuming excess heroin, according to court documents.

“Investigations revealed that the victim was taking part in drugs party with four others

including a 32-year-old Bahraini woman.”

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Prosecutors said that the group was using the same needle to inject drugs while the victim's mobile phone was with the woman after his death.

“He gave me the phone before his death,” the woman told prosecutors, confessing to be a member of the group

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which hosted the drugs party.

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“I live in Muharraq and I have been using drugs since early nineties. I have been addicted to hashish, heroin and other narcotics and I buy these drugs from a Pakistani man in Manama. We usually consume drugs in group at that apartment in Juffair. The deceased was with us, but we got nothing to do with his death,” another accused arrested told prosecutors.

The accused woman has also denied links to death.

Two drug addicts sentenced to one year

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The Lower Criminal Court has sentenced two drug addicts to one year behind bars along with BD500 fine.

The duo was arrested by a police patrol after officers found them inside a car in an abnormal state.

“When we knocked the car's window, it was clear that they were on drugs. We found them in possession of a medical injection as well as 16 narcotic pills,” a police officer told prosecutors.

“The first defendant told us that he was consuming drugs since 2013,” he added.

The defendants underwent saliva tests that showed that they consumed heroin and hashish.

Al Namal Group to contribute BD417,380 to Kerala Relief Fund



Dr Kurian hands over the cheque to Kerala Minister E P Jayarajan.

Bahrain-based businessman Dr Varghese Kurian has said that Al Namal-VKL Group will contribute eight crore rupees (nearly BD417,380) towards the relief works in the flood-hit Kerala. The company has contributed two crore rupees to the Kerala Chief Ministers Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) and another six crore rupees will be earmarked for relief efforts spearheaded by the company. The company will contribute to the rebuilding of the houses in the villages of Chittar, Seethathodu in Pathanamthitta district. The company will also provide household equipment to 6,000 families hit by the floods in Ranni area in Kerala.

Bahrain residents gather ‘to rebuild Kerala’

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Several ideas as to how flood-hit Kerala can be rebuilt, which were brainstormed yesterday during a meeting held by concerned Bahrain residents, will soon be presented to the Kerala Chief Minister and to an Indian Ministerial committee.

The meeting was called by Dr Ravi Pillai, who is the Director of Norka Roots and Chairman of Standing Committee 1 - Loka Kerala Sabha Administration and Kerala Development Fund Creation. Several key members of the Indian community were present during the meeting which was held at Park Rejis Hotel yesterday. Organisers said that around 100 people attended.

The ideas from the brainstorming session, which a number of experts, technocrats, engineers, businessmen and social activists attended, will be presented to the Kerala Chief Minister as well as to an Indian Ministerial committee that is visiting the GCC next month, Bah-



The attendees at the event.



Dr Pillai speaking at the event.

rain Keraleeya Samajam president P V Radhakrishna Pillai told Tribune.

“Kerala faced a devastating flood last month, something we have not seen in the last century. Indians across the globe are trying to help to rebuild Kerala. This meeting is primarily to discuss how to re-

5 crore Indian rupees was contributed by Indian businessman Dr Ravi Pillai to Kerala Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

build Kerala and so experts, technocrats, engineers, businessmen and social activists were invited to this session to discuss how we can rebuild Kerala, how we can mobilize resources for rebuilding Kerala,” he said.

“Kerala has lost a lot, many of the bridges, infrastructure etc. This is a coming together to discuss how technology and resources can be mobilized to rebuild Kerala. There is an open appeal from the Chief Minister of Kerala to donate funds, so anyone can send money to the chief minister's fund in their own capacity.

“We have very good examples here such as with Dr Ravi Pillai donating five crore rupees, many other as well has donated large amounts which is encouraging to see,” he added.

“A ministerial team will be on tour

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across the Middle east including Bahrain to discuss with the people here about the rebuilding process,” he said. Ways in which Non-Resident Indians (NRI) and Bahrain residents can contribute to Kerala relief efforts were also discussed during the meeting.

“The natural calamity in Kerala has taken hundreds of lives and made thousands homeless, apart from massive damage to state infrastructure. It is a one of kind disaster that has struck God's own country. As fellow citizens and well-wishers, it is our responsibility to come together and share thoughts and perspectives to help rehabilitate people and aid the government in its efforts,” said Dr Ravi Pillai

Receiving more than 256 per cent more than the usual rain fall in Kerala last month brought forth a calamity that took over 400 lives. Kerala is facing a major rebuild task as colossal infrastructure damage was inflicted by the floods. A ‘Level 3 Calamity’/‘calamity of a severe nature’ was declared by the Indian government in response to the floods.