

Defendants who jumped red light pay fines to evade imprisonment

The defendants were fined BD100 for each offence committed while driving

Both defendants were initially reluctant to pay fines, but settled the amounts after being warned of imprisonment.

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The Traffic (Minor Criminal) Court recently rejected the appeals filed by two drivers, who separately jumped 14 red traffic signals, ordering them to pay BD100 fines for each time they violated the

rule.

The two drivers were previously charged in two separate cases, as one of them was caught jumping six red lights, while the other man committed the same offence eight times.

According to court files, the first defendant rejected to pay a total BD600 fine (BD100 for each offence), and the matter was later referred to the court.

The man claimed before the court that it was his sons who committed the offences and not him, requesting to reduce the fines.

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fessed in his previous statements in the files of the General Directorate of Traffic that he was driving during the time of offence.

While requesting the reduction of the fines, the man told the judge that he was earlier trying to “bear the responsibility on behalf of his sons”.

The judge rejected the man’s appeal and ordered to uphold the previously issued verdict as he had earlier confessed to committing the offence six times.

The man paid the full amount in order to avoid further legal procedures to be taken against him, including imprisonment, according to prosecutors.

As for the second driver, the details of the case show that the defendant was obliged to

pay BD800 in fines, after being caught by the traffic control cameras while jumping the red signal eight times.

The man objected and the matter was referred to the court, where he tried to justify his actions but failed to convince the judge, who rejected his appeal and ordered him to pay the fine.

The defendant attempted to avoid paying by claiming that he’s bankrupt, but he immediately paid the full amount once he was informed about the legal procedures (imprisonment) that he would face if he didn’t pay.

Intoxicated driver arrested for Causeway hit-and-run incident
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A drunk Saudi male driver, who allegedly tried to run over a customs officer on the Saudi side of King Fahad Causeway on Friday while returning from Bahrain, has been apprehended, Saudi press confirmed.

According to Al Watan newspaper, the 50-year-old hit the officer with his car and fled the scene, but was later arrested by security forces, who referred him to the concerned authorities.

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Saudi citizen fled the site after causing the accident, but security patrols managed to arrest him.

MR AL JAAFARI

The spokesman of the General Authority for Customs in Saudi Arabia, Ali Al Jaafari, clarified in a statement that the employee was working at the exit gate, and had moved from his position (cabin) to guide a driver to the right direction when the intoxicated driver, who was coming from the Bahraini side of the causeway, hit him and drove off.

He explained that the citizen who caused the accident fled the site, but security patrols managed to arrest him.

The official confirmed that the driver had completed his vehicle inspection procedures and “wasn’t in a normal state”.

No further information was revealed on the condition of the injured officer.

Asian man wins plea in embezzlement trial

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An Asian goods delivery employee was yesterday acquitted by the High Court of Appeal after he was previously convicted of embezzling around BD23,000 from the company he worked for.

The man was earlier sentenced by the High Criminal Court to six months imprisonment and deportation. However, he was yesterday acquitted as the plaintiff didn’t provide

any documents that prove the conviction.

According to the defence attorney Zuhair Abduillateef, his client was accused by the company of embezzling BD22,898 while delivering goods to cold stores.

“He was referred by the Public Prosecution to the court on October 3, 2018, after accusing him of embezzling the said amount, which was found in his possession because of job, in the Northern Governorate.

“The court sentenced him in

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absentia to six months imprisonment and ordered to perma-

nently deport him after completing his sentence,” the lawyer clarified.

The defendant pleaded not guilty and filed an appeal against the verdict. In the trial, Mr Abdullateef stated that no documents or evidence was provided by the company proving that his client had embezzled or received any amounts from the cold stores as claimed.

The company had earlier mentioned in its complaint, while quoting one of its employees, that the defendant had

received money from the cold stores and didn’t hand it over to the company.

However, when the said employee was summoned to the court to testify, he denied having any information of the incident.

The trial was adjourned several times as the court was awaiting a reply from the company before the final decision was taken to accept the appeal and acquit the defendant for lack of evidence, the defence attorney said.

Yoga Day marked



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) celebrated the Fifth International Yoga Day in association with the Indian Embassy with great fervour and enthusiasm at its Isa Town Campus. Teacher of Indian Culture at Indian Embassy, Rudresh Kumar Singh offered lessons in yoga. Principal V R Palaniswamy, Senior Section Vice Principal Anand Nair, Physical Education Head of the Department Saikat Sarkar and other teachers were present. The Yoga instructor of the school, R Chinnasamy, led the session.

Hospitals, healthcare centres trustees hold first board meeting

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President of the Supreme Council for Health, Lt-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, yesterday chaired the first board of trustees meeting of the Governmental Hospitals and Primary Healthcare Centres restructured recently by Royal Decree 44/2019.

The meeting was attended by Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh, President of the Gov-

ernmental Hospitals board of trustees Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, President of Primary Healthcare Centres board of trustees Dr Abdulwahab Mohammed Abdulwahab, and members of the boards of trustees.

Dr Shaikh Mohammed welcomed the trustees and congratulated them on the royal confidence of appointing them and wished them success in the spirit of the unified team and closest cooperation with the



Dr Shaikh Mohammed chairs the meeting.

relevant and health entities in the Kingdom.

The presidents of both boards of trustees expressed their gratitude and appreciation of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for the royal trust of appointing them, and to His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa the Prime Minister and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.