

'Dance project failure led to suicide, murder'

Kerala Police probing into the incident; suicide note accuses wife, friends of cheating the victim

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The husband of a Bahrain resident, who committed suicide while simultaneously killing his 11-year-old son, took the extreme step after suffering huge losses in a dance institute project in Bahrain, according to sources.

It is learnt that he had invested thousands of Bahraini dinars in the project, which did not reap any profits. "The relationship with his wife, who is a dance teacher, soured during the past few years, mainly owing to the project failure."

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Prakash Devarajan and son Sivadev

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ness partner with whom they started the project," a source told *The Daily Tribune*.

"Over the past few years, the relationship strained between them and the dance teacher would gradually opt to stay away from her husband, putting him in great mental distress," the source added.

In a tragic incident on Tuesday, Prakash Devarajan, 48, took his son in a car before ramming it into a tanker lorry simultaneously committing suicide and murdering the couple's son Sivadev. They belonged to the Thiruvananthapuram district in the South Indian state of Kerala.

The man committed suicide after posing pictures of his



The mangled remains of the car at the accident site

wife, a Bahrain resident and her friends on social media, claiming

the car collided with the tanker lorry carrying diesel. It is learnt that Prakash and his wife were at loggerheads over the latter's alleged relationships with other Bahrain and UAE residents.

Prakash wanted his wife to return from Bahrain, but, sources say, she did not listen to it, leading to the tragic incident.

In his suicide note, Prakash mentions that his wife's activities led him to take this drastic step. Prakash also posted his suicide note on Facebook, holding his wife and friends responsible for the deaths. The pics of the accused were also posted on the social media platform.

Indian media reported that the local police were unwilling to reveal the contents of the suicide note. "The couple were not on good terms. The preliminary probe gathered by the police suggests that theirs was a second marriage," a local newspaper reported.

"Though the letter accuses the Bahrain resident of doing things that had led him to such an extreme step, the police say the tone of the letter suggests Prakash was close to the dance teacher's daughter from her first marriage. He even asks her forgiveness."

The boy who died was the couple's son.

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to find out the true role of the accused behind the deaths of his brother and son.

Viral video: Police arrest woman for indecent acts

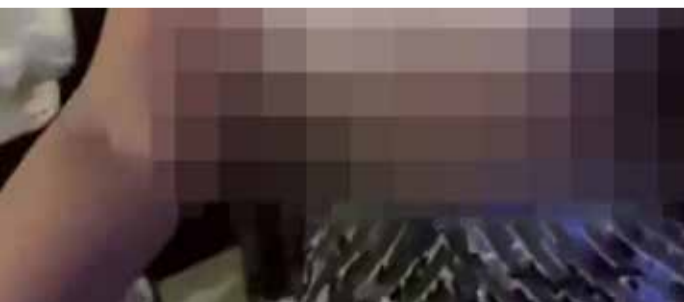
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Police have arrested a woman, a Gulf national, and another person for allegedly committing indecent acts in public.

The suspects landed in police custody after a video clip of their acts went viral on social media platforms.

The head of the Capital Governorate Prosecution said the Public Prosecution had completed an investigation into the incident and has referred two suspects to the Lower Criminal Court.

The Public Prosecution has charged them with committing indecent acts and mis-



Screen grab of a clip that went viral on social media

ing social media platforms for exploitation.

Capital Governorate prosecution head said they opened an investigation soon after receiving a report on the clip.

The woman confessed during interrogation that she herself

published the video clip.

Police said they also took into custody the person who sold the clothes the accused was wearing in the video.

The accused is now in pre-trial detention pending further investigation.

Setting parked car on fire in Riffa lands a man in police custody

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Police yesterday announced the arrest of a man accused of setting fire to a parked car in the Riffa area.

The fire also caused damage to three other cars parked adjacent to the vehicle set on fire.

Civil Defence forces who reached the scene immediately brought the fire under control.

There are no reports of injury. The head of the Southern Governorate Prosecution said they opened an investigation soon after receiving a report of the incident from the Southern Governorate Police Directorate.

The public Prosecution had secured the crime scene and collected evidence demanding



further investigation.

Police started probing the incident and examined CCTV footage from nearby houses to check what had happened.

In the footage, a man was seen approaching the car parked and seen pouring something into the car and then the car was set

on fire. During interrogation, the suspect confessed to his crime and admitted the accusation against him.

The Public Prosecution ordered the pre-trial detention of the accused pending investigation.

An investigation is ongoing.