

Dog torturer's custody extended

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A man who was arrested for torturing a dog in Bani Jamrah village, will remain in custody pending further

investigation, it was announced yesterday.

Northern Governorate Chief Prosecutor Mohammed Abdullah said yesterday that the case has been referred to the concerned court.

This came a day after the Northern Governorate Police General Director confirmed the arrest of the man, a few hours after he appeared in a footage, which showed him strangling and beating a dog on the rooftop



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of a building.

The man was also seen filming the dog while it howled in pain.

It is not yet known whether the dog survived the torture as the animal is shown motionless towards the end of the footage, which was, apparently, secretly filmed by an unknown individual.

Animal lovers and activists thanked security authorities for their swift action and demanded to impose tough punishment on

the perpetrator, who's reportedly a Bahraini, and on all animal abusers in general.

Chairman of Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA) Mahmood Faraj condemned the incident in a statement and stressed that it's an act "exclusive to the individual who committed the crime and does not reflect the values of the general Bahraini society".

He added that "this individual

should be punished according to the full extent of the law".

BD1,000 fine

On her part, Animal Welfare and Environment Foundation Head and renowned animal welfare activist Shaikha Marwa bint Abdulrahman Al Khalifa called for adopting deterrent punishments to ensure that such incidents aren't repeated.

Shaikha Marwa suggested imposing a fine of no less than BD1,000 and jail terms of no less than one year against anyone found guilty of animal abuse.

She underlined the necessity of enacting laws that are deterrent to such acts that are forbidden by the teachings of the Islamic religion and the traditions of the Bahraini society.

She pleaded to Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to personally interfere and look into this matter, which she said has been repeating lately.

Shaikha Marwa also warned that animal abusers are jeopardising the society and may turn into child abusers if not stopped.

Roommate killer's jail term reduced

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An Indian man who stabbed his roommate to death last June has got his 10-year jail sentence reduced by the High Criminal Court of Appeals.

The 38-year-old defendant was sentenced by the criminal court to 10 years of imprisonment in January, after he was found guilty of killing his roommate and fellow national inside a labour camp in Salmabad on June 8, 2018.

The court ordered to reduce the sentence as the maximum punishment for committing an assault that led to death is seven years of imprisonment, while the criminal court previously ordered to jail him for 10 years because he was under the influence of alcohol.

The High Criminal Court of Appeals said the documents and reports of the case didn't clearly indicate, with evidence, whether or not the defendant was intoxicated.

The court files showed **Chinthu Das** that both men were under the influence of alcohol when a verbal dispute on the victim's jobless situation broke out between them.

The defendant told prosecutors that he had stabbed his friend twice in the back using a kitchen knife after he, the victim, slapped twice on the face.

The killer quickly escaped the labour camp in Salmabad and hid at an apartment in Manama.

However, he was arrested by the police from his hideout a few hours after the incident took place.

The crime scene investigation report showed that the victim's blood was alcohol intoxicated by 86.4 per cent when his body was examined on the site.

But no reports showed the alcohol intoxication levels in the defendant's blood. The victim's death was caused by a severe haemorrhage caused by deep stabbing to the lungs, according to the coroner's report.



Chinthu Das

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