

## Five-year sentence upheld for two 'police officers'



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### Garage robbery

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The First High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld a five-year prison sentence against two appellants convicted of a robbery involving assault at a garage.

The defendants were found guilty of breaking into the premises at night and stealing belongings from three victims using force.

According to court records, the first and second defendants scaled the garage wall and entered the premises, where they confronted two victims, falsely claiming to be police officers.

### Injuries

They assaulted the victims using their hands and an iron rod, causing injuries as documented in medical reports, in order to immobilize them and prevent resistance before stealing valuables and

fleeing.

The case dates back to when the third, fourth, and fifth defendants were at the second defendant's residence.

The fourth defendant informed them of an Asian man at a garage in Salmabad and suggested robbing him to obtain drugs.

The second defendant then contacted the first defendant, who agreed to participate.

The group drove to the location in a car driven by the first defendant.

### Arrival

Upon arrival, the second, third, and fourth defendants entered the garage after scaling its gate, while the first and fifth remained in the car.

They stormed the victims' room while they were asleep, shouted at them, pretended to be police officers, and assaulted them before stealing mobile phones, a wristwatch, a tablet, BD350 in cash, ID cards, drugs, and the garage's surveillance control device and monitor.

They then locked the victims inside and fled.

# Debt trap

Rising electronics instalment sales leave Bahraini families struggling with mounting financial burdens

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A growing number of Bahraini families are finding themselves buried in debt as concerns intensify over instalment sales practices in electronics shops.

MPs warn that the issue is no longer purely commercial, but deeply social.

MP Hamad Al Doy confirmed via a post on the social media platform "X" that a formal complaint will be filed with the Public Prosecution next week regarding an ongoing case linked to electronics instalment sales, stressing that the file remains open and continues to affect citizens.

He urged all those impacted to come forward without delay, highlighting that the scale of harm has moved beyond isolated incidents and now affects multiple households.

### Salaries

According to Al Doy, some individuals have lost their entire salaries trying to keep up with repayments, while others have seen debts accumulate to the point of losing their homes.

Behind each case, he noted, are families struggling to maintain stability, with financial pressure spilling into daily life and creating lasting emotional and social strain.



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actual cash price compared with instalment costs, and confusion over profit rates, administrative fees and penalties for late payments.

Al Doy stressed that electronic devices are no longer luxury items, but essential tools for modern living, warning that weak regulation in this sector risks pushing ordinary citizens into financial commitments they cannot sustain.

He added that vague contract terms and poor transparency not only expose buyers to financial harm, but also open the door to disputes and erode trust in the market.

### Burden

For many, what begins as a simple purchase is turning into a long-term burden, raising urgent questions over consumer protection and the safeguards needed to protect households from slipping further into debt.

### Complaints

He pointed to a rise in complaints involving unclear contracts, poor disclosure of the

## Security and public service sectors maintain operations

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Security and public service sectors continue to operate without interruption despite ongoing regional tensions and recent attacks targeting the Kingdom, officials said.

Captain Abdulla Waheed Al Mannaei from the Ministry of Interior confirmed that teams across all departments remain on full alert, working around the clock to ensure stability and continuity of services.

He noted that officers are car-



rying out routine duties while also responding to emerging security developments.

Authorities emphasised that daily life has continued across the Kingdom, with roads operational, emergency services functioning, and public assistance available as needed.

### Priority

Officials said maintaining both security and essential services remains a top priority.

The Ministry of Interior has also issued safety guidance to the public, urging residents to follow precautionary measures, particularly during power outages.

These include staying indoors where possible, using battery-powered lighting, and avoiding unsafe practices such as operating generators in enclosed spaces.

### Warning

Officials further warned against the spread of misinformation, stressing the importance of relying on verified sources.

The National Communication Centre continues to provide regular updates to ensure the public receives accurate and timely information.

## Rain response reviewed after Council approval

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When rain falls, the difference between a clear street and a flooded one is measured in minutes.

This reality came into focus as the Southern Municipal Council reviewed rain response procedures, bringing everyday experiences into the heart of the session.

The review followed a request by Second Constituency member Mubarak Faraj, with members agreeing by majority to open the discussion.

The move reflected a shared understanding that preparedness involves not only plans but also how quickly those plans become effective when needed.

### Reality

During the session, Fourth Constituency member Mohammed Hussain Daraj presented a detailed intervention that moved the discussion beyond procedures into lived experience.

He pointed to the gap that can appear between what is written and what is felt on the ground when rainwater

gathers.

For residents, these moments arrive without warning. A road slows. Water rises at the edge of pavements.

Daily routines pause, not for long, but long enough to be noticed.

The council examined how response systems operate during peak conditions, particularly the deployment of water suction tankers.

## Man held for phone installment scam and fraud



Suspect

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The Ministry of Interior announced that the Southern Governorate Police Directorate has arrested a 53-year-old man following multiple reports accusing him of fraud and deception.

According to authorities, the suspect sold mobile phones on an installment basis, then required customers to sign contracts which he later altered by falsifying details and inflating the amounts beyond the actual value of the devices.

The directorate stated that upon receiving the reports, it immediately launched investigations, collecting evidence and identifying the suspect before arresting him.

Legal procedures have been taken, and the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution.

## Mosquito traps approved for public spaces

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The Southern Municipal Council has approved the use of electric mosquito traps in open public areas, aiming to address increased insect activity, particularly following periods of rainfall.

The decision was passed by majority vote following a recommendation from the Services and Public Utilities Committee. It includes the deployment of both mobile and fixed traps across residential neighbourhoods and recreational spaces.

Council members said the move responds to concerns from residents regarding mosquito presence in outdoor areas, which has affected the use of public spaces.

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