

Sentence reduced for Gulf national in 'fake note case'

Defendant now needs to spend one year behind prison; was earlier sentenced to five years

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A Gulf national, who was earlier convicted of using a fake note at a mall in Muharraq, got his five years imprisonment sentence reduced by the Supreme Criminal Court of Appeal to one year.

The defendant was arrested after trying to use a fake SR500 note inside the mall.

He apparently wanted to buy a lighter but the cashier inside the shop discovered that the

currency note wasn't genuine, therefore he refused to sell it.

With the GCC man insisting to have the lighter using the fake cash note, the cashier called the mall security to deal with the defendant, who fled the spot after losing hope that his attempt will succeed.

It's said that the GCC man, along with a fellow national, entered the toilet after the mall's security men chased him.

He flushed the money but the security men managed to recover

1,400
Saudi riyals were seized from the defendant, which later turned out to be fake notes.

it from the drainage.

Meanwhile, police officers

arrived and arrested the defendant who was found to be in possession of fake money worth SR1400.

He was tried before the High Criminal Court which sentenced him to five years behind bars.

However, the plaintiff went to the court and waived his right to sue the defendant.

Forensic examination of the note proved that it was forged using a normal scanner and a colour printer.

Bahrain International Garden Show postponed

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Bahrain International Garden Show (BIGS) has been postponed to next year, the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD) has announced.

BIGS was scheduled for March 2020, but the decision to postpone was taken based on Bahrain's deep sense of responsibility in dealing with the fast-

paced developments and the Kingdom's particular keenness on the health and wellbeing of citizens and residents amid the efforts to tackle the coronavirus (Covid-19) across the globe, the NIAD said yesterday in a statement issued.

The decision is also in line with the instructions of the National Disaster Management Committee to postpone activities and events in order to sup-



port the Kingdom's efforts in this regard.

Bahrain genuinely cares about the health and wellbeing of the participants and visitors from Bahrain and abroad and the National Initiative for Agricultural Development is committed to supporting the government's efforts in dealing efficiently with the unexpected and temporary circumstances, a statement by the organisers said.

Gulf Air suspends Dubai flights for another 48 hours

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Gulf Air yesterday confirmed that it is complying with the Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA) in the Kingdom order to temporarily suspend flights to and from Dubai International Airport for an additional 48 hours.

The decision has been taken in order to safeguard the health and welfare of the Kingdom's citizens and residents from the current Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak.

Passengers are advised to visit gulfair.com for a list of the affected flights along with rebooking and refund instructions.

The Gulf Air Contact Centre will be contacting affected passengers and assisting them accordingly; Passengers who have made their bookings through a travel agent are advised to get in touch with the agents directly regarding their rebooking and refund options. Furthermore, passengers

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should check the airline's website before traveling or to call the Gulf Air Contact Centre for more information on +97317373737.

The airline is experiencing higher than usual call volumes due to passenger queries about the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 and may take more time than usual to answer customer calls, it said in a statement issued last night.

Gulf Air apologises to its affected passengers for any inconvenience that this may have caused and is working closely with the concerned authorities in the Kingdom and to take all precautionary and preventive measures in order to ensure the safety and security of the citizens and residents of the Kingdom along with its passengers and crew, the statement added.

The airlines has already suspended flights to many destinations, where Corona outbreak has been reported.

Bahrain pays homage to late former Egyptian President

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The Undersecretary of Regional and GCC Affairs, Ambassador Waheed Mubarak Sayyar, conveyed sincere condolences and sympathy of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullah Al Zayani, to the government and people of the brotherly Arab Republic of Egypt, upon the death of former Egyptian President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak.

This came during the visit of the Ambassador Wahid Mubarak Sayyar, to the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Kingdom of Bahrain, to

offer condolences for the death of the late Egyptian President.

He expressed his deepest condolences and sincere sympathy to the family of the late President and the brotherly people of the Arab Republic of Egypt, recalling the important role of the late President in strengthening relations between the Kingdom and the Arab Republic of Egypt in various fields, praising his untiring efforts in serving the issues of the Arab and Islamic nations.

Egypt held a full-honours military funeral Wednesday for the country's former autocratic President Hosni Mubarak, who ruled for decades before he was



Hosni Mubarak

ousted in the 2011 Arab Spring uprising that swept much of the region.

The funeral, replete with cannon fire and a horse-drawn carriage carrying his

coffin, highlighted the wartime achievements of Mubarak. It comes as part of a government effort to make Mubarak's military career his legacy, rather than his time in office.

Egypt's current President Abdel Fattah El Sisi, attended briefly, offering condolences and shaking hands with Mubarak's two sons, Alaa and Gamal, and his wife Suzanne.

Mubarak's body was later placed in a tomb a few kilometers away at his family's cemetery in Heliopolis, an upscale Cairo district that was Mubarak's home for most of his rule and where he lived quietly until his death.

The country's state television channel, meanwhile, maintained live coverage and played footage of Mubarak in his younger, pre-office days, lauding him for his role as commander of the air force during the country's 1973 war with Israel. As president, Mubarak would later solidify peace with their onetime enemy.

On Wednesday, a few dozen Mubarak supporters, clad in black and carrying posters of the former president, had gathered since morning hours at a mosque complex in an eastern New Cairo neighborhood, where Mubarak's body was brought for the funeral service.

BDF graduation ceremony



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Dhiyab Al Nuaimi attended the graduation ceremony of officers who participated in an advanced infantry course. The ceremony was held under the patronage of BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. The Chief of Staff presented certificates to the graduating officers and appreciation awards to the outstanding participants. He congratulated them on successfully completing the course and fulfilling the graduation requirements.