

Forcing woman into prostitution: Court confirms 10-year jail term, BD2,000 fine

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Justice finally served.

It also means a little more peace for a victim of human trafficking, who will now fly back to her homeland, leaving behind a series of traumatic events.

The person responsible for the crime, the Supreme Court of Appeal confirmed, will stay in jail for ten years and be deported afterwards.

The defendant fought charges of kidnapping, human trafficking for sexual exploitation and concealing criminal property -- money earned from the sex trade.

The defendant will have to



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remit a BD2,000 fine and pay for the victim's return journey

to her native. Court files say the victim, who

landed in the Kingdom dreaming of a good job and better life, was greeted with physical abuse, confinement and sexual exploitation.

The incidents leading the woman into the prostitution ring started with the defendant offering her a job in the Kingdom.

Dreaming about a regular job with an income to look after her family, the victim accepted the offer to reach the Kingdom.

However, it didn't take much longer for the woman to recognise that it was a trap.

According to the victim's statement, the defendant drove her into an apartment, confiscated her passport and locked

her up.

Terrified by the unforeseen circumstances, the woman struggled to free herself, but her cries fell on deaf ears.

The victim told the court that she had to have sex with strangers out of fear of the de-

fendant who assaulted her physically.

Her ordeal caught public attention only when the victim managed to sneak out of her confinement on a lucky day.

She also filed a police report, landing the suspect in custody and further action by the Public Prosecution.

Prosecutors took her statements and provided her with necessary protection by placing her with the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Investigators also found that the suspect was leading a life with the money the victim earned through prostitution.

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Abandoning housing unit: Court cancels usufruct, asks beneficiary to handover keys



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The High Administrative Court upheld a decision cancelling the allocation of a housing unit by the Ministry of Housing to a Bahraini man, who resides abroad, for abandoning the house for the past nine years.

Announcing the verdict, the Court said, citing housing law, that if a beneficiary fails to reside in the apartment allocated to him for more than six months from the date of receiving the dwelling without an acceptable reason, the authority could exercise the right to cancel the deal and recover the unit.

In the lawsuit filed, the ministry requested the Court cancel the deal signed for the housing unit in the Sanad area and recover the keys, lawsuit fees and expenses.

The ministry accused the beneficiary of leaving the housing unit in disrepair for several years.

When summoned, his sister stated that the defendant resides outside Bahrain.

The defendant appeared before the Housing Services Department at the Legal Affairs Department and admitted the violation, based on which the ministry decided to cancel the deal for non-compliance with the usufruct contract.

The Court clarified that the decision follows Article 1 of Resolution No. (909) of 2015 regarding the housing system amended by Resolution No. (90) of 2019. The rule defines permanent residence as a continuous residence from the

time of application to the time of allotment, and the family is resident in Bahrain.

The ministry could cancel the deal if the stay outside the Kingdom exceeds six months unless for any of the following reasons:

1. Work for a Bahraini governmental entity or delegate to work for foreign governments, regional or international organizations, or for companies registered in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
2. Study or training.
3. Other reasons that the ministry considers according to the assessment of the Housing Committee.

Article (10) of Resolution No. 909 of 2015 states that a housing contract stands cancelled if a beneficiary fails to receive it for more than six months after receiving notification to sign the contract and take delivery or if he defaults.

The defendant told the Court that he had been working outside the Kingdom for 20 years and admitted that his family resides with him abroad.

Since the defendant and his family were not working for a Bahraini government agency or on an assignment to work for foreign governments, regional or international organizations or companies registered in Bahrain, Court considered the act a violation.

The defendant also failed to respond to the legal notice and submit evidence of reconciliation of his legal status.

Police find drugs hidden inside cigarette packs; Court awards five year in jail, BD3,000 fine

Court awarded the suspect a five-year jail term and slapped him with a fine of BD3,000

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Drug smugglers will go to any extent to get their illegal trade to avoid police detection.

However, a man here in the Kingdom learned the hard way that sneaking drugs under the noses of the authorities is not that easy and is risky.

Police caught him red-handed while selling drugs hidden in packs of cigarettes.

Officers didn't have to look hard for the package, as the suspect himself led the officers in



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plain clothes to the hiding.

Court files say it awarded the suspect a five-year jail term and slapped him with a fine of BD3,000, which he challenged in the appeal court.

The Court of Appeal yesterday said it rejected the appeal and upheld the jail term and fine.

The verdict also requires

deporting the suspect after he serves the prison term.

Public Prosecution has charged the victim, an Asian national, with possessing psychotropic substances to sell it.

The Drug Enforcement Administration says they took the suspect into custody based on a tip-off received saying that an Asian national was selling drugs in the Kingdom.

Officers told the Court that the suspect hid the drugs in a secret location, which he didn't reveal at first.

He, however, told officers in plain clothes, who posed as potential buyers, about his hiding place.

On the day of the deal, Court files say, the suspect came in a car and directed them to where the narcotic substance was

stored, which turned out a cigarette box.

Police, who kept the place under surveillance, swooped down on the suspect and took him into custody as he handed over the drugs to officers in plain clothes.

He, however, confessed to interrogators that he didn't know how people smuggle drugs into the Kingdom.

He said he was just a drug handler for collecting drugs from designated places, redistributing and collecting money or receiving some substance for the job done.

Police told Court that they also received undisclosed amounts of money and details of a conversation of the suspect with a person abroad on the sales of the drugs in the Kingdom.

Man caught with heroin-filled capsules in stomach gets 15 years in jail, BD10,000 fine

Doctors gave him laxatives to lower the capsules in stages

858.2 grams of drugs recovered from his stomach

The man admitted to consuming 114 narcotic capsules

He said he was also promised a job in the Kingdom

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A 30-year-old man who swallowed 114 capsules stuffed with heroin to smuggle the drugs into the Kingdom will spend 15 years of his life in jail.

The Fourth High Criminal Court also slapped him with a fine of BD10,000 and ordered his deportation after finishing his jail terms.

The suspect reportedly concealed the drugs in his stomach



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with the help of medical staff while he was on his way to the Kingdom.

He was given laxatives to recover the 858.2 grams of drugs from his stomach.

The man, an Asian national, was arrested at the Bahrain International Airport when customs officers grew suspicious of his unusual behaviour.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said the suspect was part of a network whose members are Asian nationals.

"The suspect came to Kingdom by hiding the drugs in his guts but showed signs of confusion during customs procedures."

Officers, who grew suspicious diverted him to the red lane to

search his luggage but found nothing.

However, the suspect's travel history, which showed taking several transit flights instead of a direct flight, which was available, sparked more doubts.

Customs officers, who also grew more suspicious about his behaviour, decided to take him for an x-ray examination and found several capsules in his guts.

Doctors then gave him laxatives to lower the capsules in stages.

During interrogation, the suspect admitted hiding narcotic capsules in his guts and said he was doing it for money.

He confessed to consuming 114 narcotic capsules.

He said he was also promised a job in the Kingdom by a friend.

The Muharraq Governorate Prosecution said it received the notification of the arrest at the Bahrain International Airport from the Anti-Narcotics Department.

The Public Prosecution said it opened an investigation soon after receiving a report.

Prosecutors had ordered the pretrial detention of the suspect, pending further investigation.



Popularly known as 'drug mules', the victims are made to swallow balloons containing illicit drugs and are then transported across borders. Once they have reached their destination, these balloons are retrieved from the victim's body.