

Fake cop crime

Violent BD15 daylight robbery lands defendant back in court

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In a chilling case of deception and violence, the First High Criminal Court of Appeal has ordered the formal notification of a defendant previously sentenced to three years in prison for a brazen robbery involving just BD15, committed under threat and through impersonation of a public official.

Prosecutors charged the 32-year-old defendant with orchestrating the crime alongside an unidentified accomplice on September 21, 2025.

The pair allegedly robbed the victim in a public area, using intimidation and physical assault to overpower him.

Armed and posing as police officers, they restrained the victim unlawfully, using force and threats of serious harm to achieve their goal of financial gain.

Ordeal

According to the victim, a 41-year-old Asian man, the ordeal unfolded in broad daylight around 2:00 PM.

He had been sitting in a company vehicle parked in an open area in Nuwaidrat, taking a lunch break, when the defendant and his accomplice arrived in another car.

The accomplice approached the driver's side window, while



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the defendant positioned himself on the right side.

Both men falsely claimed to be police officers. The defendant swiftly seized the car keys and the victim's phone before forcibly dragging him out of the vehicle.

Grabbing him by the neck, they demanded his wallet.

Accomplice

When he refused, the accomplice struck him in the face four times and threatened to imprison him for 15 years.

Despite his resistance, the attackers forced him into their vehicle, where the demands continued – along with threats extending to his family.

As the car moved, the situation escalated further.

The defendant pulled out a

it against the victim's neck if he did not hand over the wallet. Fearing for his life, the victim finally complied.

Money

The assailants took the money inside the wallet before ordering the victim out of the car and fleeing.

The victim later stated that the defendant appeared to be in an abnormal state at the time and was in possession of materials commonly associated with drug use.

During questioning, the defendant admitted that the vehicle used in the crime belonged to his mother but was under his possession at the time.

Surveillance footage confirmed that the same vehicle was used in the incident.

Victim

Police records further revealed that the victim identified the defendant three times during a lineup.

Authorities also confirmed that the defendant has a prior conviction in a drug-related case and was already wanted in connection with another drug offense at the time of his arrest.

In a striking detail, the victim claimed the defendant appeared to be under the influence of narcotics – despite having no prior acquaintance with him or knowledge of his background.



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Suspect held over online child sexual exploitation

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A suspect has been remanded in custody pending investigation after being accused of sexually exploiting a child through social media platforms, Bahrain's Public Prosecution said.

According to the Deputy Head of the Family and Child Prosecution, the suspect allegedly sent sexually explicit images to the child and requested the victim to take and share indecent photos.

The case emerged after a report was filed by the Child Protection Unit at the General Directorate for Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, stating that an unknown individual had approached a child online, sent inappropriate images, and urged the victim to engage in explicit acts by sharing photos.

Authorities said intensive investigations confirmed the incident and led to the identification of the suspect.

Findings also indicated that the accused had a pattern of committing similar offences and exploiting children online.

Prosecutors immediately launched an investigation, taking the child's testimony under a witness protection framework to ensure confidentiality and safeguard the victim's identity.

The suspect was questioned, and authorities ordered a forensic examination of his seized mobile phone before placing him in pretrial detention pending referral to the criminal court.

The Public Prosecution reaffirmed its commitment to taking strict legal action against anyone who exploits digital platforms to harm children or violate their rights.

It stressed that Bahrain has a comprehensive legal framework that imposes severe penalties, including imprisonment, for sexual offences against minors.

Held over terrorist cell

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The Ministry of Interior announced that the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has arrested three persons for forming a terrorist cell affiliated with the Lebanese Hezbollah terrorist organisation.

The suspects coordinated with terrorist elements abroad and sought to engage in espionage with them in a manner intended to undermine the sov-

ereignty of the state, spread fear and panic among citizens and endanger the security and safety of the country.

Those arrested are Ahmed Hussain Madan, 24; Hassan Abdulameer Ashoor, 22; and Muntadhar Abdulmohsen Ali Madan, 29. The statements of the arrestees revealed that during their travel to Lebanon, they received weapons training after meeting with members of the Lebanese Hezbollah terrorist organisation.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2025		
	December 31, 2025 BD	December 31, 2024 BD
ASSETS		
Cash and deposits with Central Bank of Bahrain	63,269,755	176,512,117
Balances with banks and financial institutions	1,701,401	3,870,019
Balances with Head Office and other branches	59,940,216	41,072,165
Investments at amortised cost	6,899,001	8,962,170
Financial asset measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")	755,923	755,923
Loans and advances	172,854,728	138,232,192
Interest receivable	1,840,287	1,839,178
Other assets	612,440	100,307
Premises and equipment	229,912	294,628
Total assets	308,103,663	371,638,699
LIABILITIES AND HEAD OFFICE FUNDS		
LIABILITIES		
Due to banks and financial institutions	14,259,801	13,336,361
Due to the Head Office	62,363,153	131,831,266
Customers' deposits	214,491,386	203,559,924
Interest payable	841,813	1,626,144
Other liabilities	1,406,691	1,278,285
Total liabilities	293,362,844	351,631,980
HEAD OFFICE FUNDS		
Head Office capital	15,000,000	15,000,000
Unremitted profits to the Head Office	2,541,587	7,807,487
Fair value reserve	(2,800,768)	(2,800,768)
Total Head Office funds	14,740,819	20,006,719
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND HEAD OFFICE FUNDS	308,103,663	371,638,699
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025		
	December 31, 2025 BD	December 31, 2024 BD
Interest income	20,085,072	27,922,799
Interest expense	(15,187,185)	(22,354,172)
Net interest income	4,897,887	5,568,627
Fees and commission income, net	631,507	1,427,285
Foreign exchange gain / (loss), net	100,041	(50,069)
Other income, net	157,244	165,878
Operating income	5,786,679	7,111,721
Staff expenses	(1,771,475)	(1,649,828)
Depreciation	(117,079)	(132,854)
General and administrative expenses	(1,844,506)	(1,945,508)
Operating expenses	(3,733,060)	(3,728,190)
Operating profit before expected credit losses	2,053,619	3,383,531
Net impairment reversal	776,668	4,423,956
Profit for the year before taxation	2,830,287	7,807,487
Taxation charge	(288,700)	-
Profit for the year	2,541,587	7,807,487
Other comprehensive income:		
Other comprehensive income that will be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent years:		
Change in fair value of financial asset measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	-	(2,800,768)
Other comprehensive (loss) / income for the year	-	(2,800,768)
Total comprehensive income	2,541,587	5,006,719

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025				
	Head office capital BD	Unremitted profits to the Head Office BD	Fair value reserve BD	Total BD
Balance at January 1, 2025	15,000,000	7,807,487	(2,800,768)	20,006,719
Profit for the year	-	2,541,587	-	2,541,587
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Profit remitted to the Head Office	-	(7,807,487)	-	(7,807,487)
Balance at December 31, 2025	15,000,000	2,541,587	(2,800,768)	14,740,819
	Head office capital BD	Unremitted profits to the Head Office BD	Fair value reserve BD	Total BD
Balance at January 1, 2024	15,000,000	8,502,952	-	23,502,952
Profit for the year	-	7,807,487	-	7,807,487
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(2,800,768)	(2,800,768)
Profit remitted to the Head Office	-	(8,502,952)	-	(8,502,952)
Balance at December 31, 2024	15,000,000	7,807,487	(2,800,768)	20,006,719

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025		
	December 31, 2025 BD	December 31, 2024 BD
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the year before taxation	2,830,287	7,807,487
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	117,079	132,854
Amortisation of investment at amortised cost	(16,735)	(16,734)
Impairment reversal	(770,368)	(3,654,641)
Recoveries	(6,300)	(769,315)
Provision for employees' end-of-service benefits	51,118	73,956
Net cash generated before changes in operating assets and liabilities	2,205,081	3,573,607
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Compulsory regulatory reserve with Central Bank of Bahrain	245,000	900,000
Deposits and balances due from banks	3,528,511	(3,142,731)
Loans and advances	(33,876,334)	(35,879,069)
Interest receivable	(1,110)	483,994
Other assets	(512,133)	(35,083)
Due to banks and financial institutions	923,440	4,683,268
Due to the Head Office	(69,468,113)	(62,285,518)
Customers' deposits	10,931,462	(13,887,324)
Interest payable	(784,331)	(914,681)
Other liabilities	5,372	(433,600)
Employees' end-of-service benefits paid	(86,803,155)	(106,937,137)
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(87,014,713)	(106,937,137)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Addition to premises and equipment	(52,645)	(283,830)
Proceeds from disposal of premises and equipment during the year	282	33
Proceeds from disposal / maturity of investments at amortised cost	2,105,786	-
Net cash flows generated from / (used in) investing activities	2,053,423	(283,797)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Profit remitted to Head Office	(7,807,487)	(8,502,951)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(7,807,487)	(8,502,951)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(92,768,777)	(115,723,885)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	213,135,906	328,859,791
Cash and cash equivalents at the closing of the year	120,367,129	213,135,906



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