

Court annuls divorce deal, clears husband's liability in alimony case

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A Gulf national's attempt to obtain alimony for herself and her daughter through an old execution file has been denied by the court. The agreement, obtained through a short-lived divorce agreement more than six years ago, was ruled to be annulled and the husband cleared of any payment obligations.

The court decision came after the wife failed to obtain a divorce ruling and subsequently resurrected the execution file in an effort to pressure her husband for divorce.

The court determined that the wife did not submit a demand for the implementation of the agreement until her claim for fault divorce was rejected.

The husband's representative, lawyer Aisha Flamarzi, revealed that the couple got married in 2013 in the husband's home country, with the marriage contract notarized in Bahrain.

They subsequently divorced in 2016, but reconciled within a month. For the past few years, their marital life continued without the need to enforce the original divorce agreement.

Disputes resurfaced in 2022 when the wife filed a divorce lawsuit, which was ultimately rejected by the courts at both the First Instance and Appeal levels. Subsequently, her attempt to file a new alimony claim was also rejected.

At this point, the wife decided to revive the previously unused execution file to pressurize her husband for a di-



orce. However, the husband responded by filing a lawsuit before the Sharia Court to request the nullification of the agreement and exemption from expenses in the execution file.

Evidence

Flamarzi presented a copy of the agreement and marriage contract as evidence. The court heard witness accounts from the husband's brother and friend, testifying to his provision for the family. In contrast, the wife failed to present any defense witnesses. The court ruled that the wife's return to her husband effectively annulled the terms of the agreement. It also highlighted the wife's silence regarding alimony until 2019, which reinforced the husband's role as the sole provider, particularly since the wife is a foreigner.

Additionally, the court noted that the wife only sought the implementation of the agreement after her fault divorce lawsuit was rejected.

From Crime to Cuffs CID Nabs Robber in 9 Hours!

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In a display of swift action, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has apprehended a 29-year-old Asian national within nine hours of robbing a store in Arad.

Demonstrating their commitment to curbing crime and upholding security, authorities promptly launched an investigation upon receiving the report.

Their meticulous efforts led to the successful identification and arrest of the suspect, recovering the stolen money in his possession.

Confirming their commitment to due process, the General Department of Criminal Investigation and Evidence assured that necessary legal



The suspect with the evidence

measures have been taken. The apprehended individual awaits referral to the Public Prosecution for further proceedings.

Anti-Narcotics arrests drug dealers

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The Anti-Narcotics Directorate of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has arrested, in separate cases, drug dealers aged 31-39 of different nationalities.

Narcotics and psychotropic substances worth around

BD47,000 were confiscated from the suspects.

Investigation into the received information led to the identifying and arresting of the suspects, along with the confiscation of the illicit drug. Legal proceedings are being taken to refer them to the Public Prosecution.

From ban to boom

Aquaculture expert reveals secrets of thriving shrimp farming as alternative source of seafood

● **Mr. Varghese Ittan outlines key steps, emphasises market opportunities**

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Aquaculture specialist Mr. Varghese Ittan sheds light on the thriving business of farmed shrimp, which has gained significant traction after a six-month ban on fishing, trade, and sale of fresh shrimp.

In an exclusive interview with The Daily Tribune, Mr. Ittan explains the meticulous process involved in shrimp farming, outlining key steps and emphasising the market opportunities generated by this alternative source of seafood.

"The initial stages of shrimp farming involve meticulous pond preparation, wherein seawater is directly pumped into a reservoir tank. To ensure the purity of the water, an inbuilt gravel filter is employed, which effectively prevents the entry of live animals such as small fishes, algae, and invertebrates," Mr. Ittan said.

He highlights the crucial role of nitrification bacteria colonies present in the gravel bed, which aid in converting ammonia into nitrite and subsequently nitrate, thereby maintaining water quality.

"Once the secondary tank is filled with water, aeration is carried out for a period of 2 to 3 days to allow the water to season. After this period, the water parameters, including pH, ammonia levels, water hardness, turbidity, alkalinity, and dissolved oxygen, are carefully monitored.

"If necessary, natural minerals such as dolomites, zeolite, or carbohydrate mineral mixtures are added to rectify any imbalances. After one week, the pond is deemed ready for stocking fingerlings, marking the commencement of the approximately 120-day cultivation period."

Essential requirement

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through regular liver tests and other assessments. An essential requirement for each farm is the presence of a minimum of one technician with a Bachelor of Fisheries Science (BFSC) qualification, responsible for managing the operations.

"Water exchange, involving approximately 1,000 liters of water per day, is carried out, with the used wastewater filtered through a gravel media system. The resulting clean water can then be returned to the breakwater lake," he explained.

"Additionally, probiotic minerals, including dates syrup, herbal extracts, garlic, and small onions, are incorporated into the shrimp feed, further enhancing the quality of the produce."

Selling price

Speaking on the prices, Mr. Ittan reveals that the selling price of farmed shrimp depends on their sizes.

Shrimps have been sold at prices ranging from BD2.5 to BD3, with local sales taking place directly at the farm and through major supermarkets such as Carrefour and Lulu. Live shrimp are also procured by retailers from the farms and sold in the fish market.

Addressing concerns about weather impact on the farming process, Mr. Ittan notes that the use of nanotechnology in modern farming has rendered rain unnecessary.

He points out his observations during the peak temperatures of July in Bahrain, where water temperatures reached an average of 34 to 34.5 degrees Celsius within a one-meter depth of the sea.

He mentions the challenges faced by farmers operating older farms and emphasises the



Mr. Varghese Ittan shows the meticulous pond preparation of this lucrative shrimp farming business

significance of pond design in fish farming.

Risk of fatalities

Lastly, Mr. Ittan further explains that in Gulf countries, as the heat intensifies, the capacity of oxygen to dissolve in water diminishes. This, in turn, leads to higher ammonia levels, posing a risk of fatalities among fishes.

"However, for shrimp culti-

vation, the utilisation of seawater has proven successful. The cultivation of L-Vannamei, commonly known as the Pacific White Shrimp, has been carried out in Bahrain, with the seeds imported from India.

Mr. Ittan expresses the need for a local hatchery in Bahrain to enable easier access for farmers, emphasising the favorable conditions offered by the country's seawater.

MPs propose opening field training programs for students

● **Enriching practical experience and hands-on training**

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Several members of parliament have submitted an urgent proposal to the government, urging the establishment of field training programs during the summer period for middle and high school students.

The objective behind this proposal is to equip students with the necessary technical and administrative skills required by the job market.

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Suroor, Mohammed Al Ahmad, Waleed Al Doseri, Mohammed Al Ma'arifi, and Hassan Ibrahim jointly put forward the proposal, citing the importance of practical experience and hands-on training for students.

They stressed the need for proactive measures by the government to facilitate field training opportunities and bridge the gap between theoretical education and practical work.

The proposed training programs would be conducted in various ministries and government entities, offering students the chance to acquire firsthand experience in their respective fields of interest. By exposing them to real-world scenarios and the inner workings of gov-

ernmental bodies, these programs would provide valuable insights and enhance their future career prospects.

To cater to diverse student interests, the training programs would cover a wide range of disciplines, including technical and administrative fields. The ultimate goal is to ensure that students are well-prepared for the demands of the job market and possess the necessary skills and competencies for their chosen career paths.

Ideal time

Members of parliament highlighted the summer period as an ideal time for students to engage in these training

programs, as they would have ample time available for learning and practical application.

They also emphasized the importance of collaboration between educational institutions and government agencies to ensure the successful implementation of these programs.

Currently, the government is reviewing the proposal, carefully assessing its feasibility and potential impact. If approved, the establishment of field training programs would serve as a valuable addition to the educational landscape, empowering students with practical skills and enhancing their readiness for future endeavors.