

Man held for stealing BD1,500 from restaurant in Manama

● Robbery case filed

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The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has arrested a 34-year-old man in connection with the theft of approximately BD1,500 from a restaurant in the Manama area.

According to the administration, authorities launched an immediate investigation after receiving a report of the robbery.

The subsequent search led to the identification and arrest of the accused individual.

The General Department of Criminal Investigations and Evidence has confirmed that all necessary legal procedures have been completed, and the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution for further action.

Dream home, bigger payout

Parliament to discuss increasing housing finance from BD80,000 to BD120,000

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The Public Utilities Committee of the Council of Representatives is preparing to discuss a new draft law that proposes increasing the amount of housing finance provided by the Ministry of Housing to a maximum of BD120,000, instead of the current BD80,000.

The explanatory memorandum of the law states that it aims to ensure that the financing amounts are commensurate with the real estate market prices in the Kingdom of Bahrain and to encourage citizens to apply for the alternative housing programs offered by the Ministry.

Amount

The text of the proposed law, submitted by MP Jalal Kazim along with a number of other MPs, states: "A new article numbered (5) bis shall be added to the Housing Law, stating: "The amount of financing for the purchase or construction of a hous-

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ing unit from the Housing Bank shall be determined according to the monthly income of the applicant and according to the financing schedule prepared by the Ministry, provided that the financing amount shall not be



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dinars, according to the monthly income of the applicant.

This is to ensure that it is commensurate with the beneficiary of the financial service from the Housing Bank and with the prices of the real estate market, and in comparison with the current living situation in light of the rising prices of real estate and building materials, which negatively affects the owner of the housing service in the accumulation of debts on him, in addition to other fees that he incurs after the purchase, which may force him to borrow personally from other financing banks in order to be able to purchase or complete the construction of the dwelling, and thus the citizen will be in a circle of financial obligations that burden him as the head of a family.

Therefore, this proposal will contribute to increasing the desire for the housing finance services provided by the government, which will guarantee them stability and a decent life, the explanatory memorandum stated.

Two years in jail for fraudulent online transactions

● Defendant uses stolen credit cards

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A man has been sentenced to two years in prison by the Lower Criminal Court for fraudulent online transactions using stolen credit cards.

The Public Prosecution had charged the man after an investigation revealed he used stolen credit cards to conduct online transactions through a fake website.

The National Financial Intel-

ligence Center (NFIC) initially alerted the prosecution to the suspect's activities after discovering suspicious transactions using stolen foreign credit cards.

Upon further investigation, the Public Prosecution discovered that the suspect had created a fake website and used his social media account to sell luxury watches, as per a statement issued by the Public Prosecution.

"The investigation also revealed hundreds of fraudulent transactions using nearly 50 stolen foreign credit cards, amounting to a total of 132,000 Bahraini



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dinars. The Public Prosecution questioned the suspect and confronted him with the evidence, including objections raised by the payment company regarding suspicious transactions on his website," the Public Prosecution stated. The suspect was subsequently detained pending further investigation.

Location

As per the statement, the defendant's arrest came after the NFIC investigation traced the location of the fraudulent transactions, confirming that the suspect used his email and

phone number to complete the transactions.

Based on this evidence, the Public Prosecution referred the case to the Lower Criminal Court for trial.

The Head of the Cybercrime Prosecution affirmed the Public Prosecution's commitment to investigating suspicious online transactions and holding perpetrators accountable.

She emphasised the importance of maintaining trust and security in online payment systems, which are crucial for facilitating and promoting business in the digital age.

Man on trial for causing car accident victim's disability

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A seemingly minor car accident escalated into a criminal case after a 50-year-old man sustained a permanent injury, resulting in a 10% disability.

The incident occurred when the victim, while leaving his home, collided with a car parked behind his residence.

The victim recounted that upon exiting his vehicle, he discovered a young woman inside the other car.

She contacted her father, who arrived with his son, the defendant.

Heated exchange

During a heated exchange, the defendant, the woman's brother, allegedly punched the victim in the left jaw.

The altercation was eventually broken up by the defendant's father.

The defendant confessed to the assault during investiga-

tions conducted by the Public Prosecution.

The defendant's sister corroborated the account, stating that her brother had indeed punched the victim.

Punch

A medical report confirmed that the victim's injury was consistent with a punch and resulted in a fractured lower jaw.

The injury required more than 20 days of treatment and involved surgical intervention to fix the fracture.

The victim also had to undergo the extraction of two teeth due to damage caused by the injury.

As a result, he now experiences reduced sensation in the lower left side of his face due to nerve damage, leading to a permanent disability estimated at 10%.

The High Criminal Court has



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initiated proceedings against the defendant, a 24-year-old crane operator, for causing permanent disability without intent.

The defendant has acknowledged the charges.

The court has scheduled August 4th for the defense attorney to review the case and respond, with the provision of copies of the case files.

Summer activity inaugurated for people with special needs



Sports is for everyone, including those with special needs

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The Deputy Capital Governor Hassan Al Madani inaugurated the annual summer activity of the Bahrain Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled in its 14th edition, which is organised by the association at its entertainment

centre in Salmaniya Park.

The Deputy Capital Governor was briefed on the association's various summer programme activities and events, and stressed that the Capital Governorate's eagerness to continue supporting and sponsoring programmes and activities, to accomplish its comprehensive development goals and to activate the princi-

ple of community partnership.

He said that the governorate has placed special emphasis on integrating people with special needs into society, activating their role, and raising their level of determination.

The Chairperson of the Association's Board of Directors thanked the Capital Governorate for their