

Expats commits 'hug' crime to return home

Cash-strapped Bangladeshi man hugs a woman thinking that police would arrest him and then deport him soon



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In a bizarre act, a Bangladeshi man, who desperately wanted to return to his hometown after failing to find a job in the Kingdom, decided to commit a crime thinking that the police

would arrest him and then deport him soon.

According to the case, the man reportedly hugged a woman when she got down from her car in Muharraq. He appeared before the High Criminal Court on Thursday, where

he admitted to his crime. The incident occurred in front of the 33-year-old Gulf national woman's two relatives, who were with her in the car.

"Financially, I was in dire straits. I couldn't find a suitable job. I wanted to

return to my homeland, but I didn't have money to buy flight tickets. Realising my plight, my friends advised me to commit a crime, so police will arrest me and deport me," the Bangladeshi man told prosecutors.

"I liked the idea. So I

stood in a car parking lot in Muharraq. When I saw the woman alighting from her car, I went near and hugged her," he added.

The defendant is facing sexual assault charge. He was ordered to be remanded for 15 days in police custody.

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'Beats of Bahrain' boys bring in Nasik dhol

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A new form of musical instrument called 'Nasik dhol', has been introduced in Bahrain by a group of 15 young boys, who call themselves 'The Beats of Bahrain'. The group which is now growing famous for its uniqueness has paved a new path into the musical world.

It is the first time this type of an instrument is being played. Due to lack of good instrumentalists in Bahrain, the idea was first developed two months back by two boys, Bipin.V.Babu and Sachin Abraham Sajjan. At first, they found it difficult to get musical instruments. Later, though the instruments arrived from Mumbai by cargo, a practice room for 15 boys was even harder to find.

"We had to find a place where we could practise without being a disturbance to others", said Danny, the captain of the team. Each person found



Members from the 15 member Nasik Dhol group "The Beats of Bahrain"

free time after their work to practice. The main motive of 'Nasik dhol' is to attract people with their voices. The loud echo it produces, due to the steel material on the front, is the reason listeners are attracted to the sound.

The boys stated that they

received a lot of encouragement and support from the people of Bahrain, which keep them energetic and alive. Like other talented residents, after work, these boys engrossed themselves into discovering new and unique beats.

"I did not think our small

passion for drumming would turn into such a big success. We have performed in six to eight venues already and the responses we received were above my expectations," said Bipin.

He added that nowadays many people want to join

their group, but they are limiting themselves to 15. The money they receive from such performances is donated to charity. New troupes are coming out practising the same idea. This is a new opportunity and experience for other talented youth all over Bahrain.

Manama Souq Masjid Imam passes away



Maqbool Ahmad

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Maqbool Ahmad (40) Imam of Manama Souq Masjid died yesterday at Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) hospital. Ahmad, who hails from Pakistan's capital city of Islamabad, is survived by his wife and two children who are residing in the Kingdom.

Maqbool Ahmad arrived in Bahrain in 1997 and for the past 17 years he has been an Imam with the Awkaf directorate.

He died yesterday 12.30am at the Salmaniya Medical Complex hospital due to lung tumour, according to a statement. Ahmad was well-loved by people as an Imam and was very helpful to the worshippers during Khutbah on Fridays.

"His body is kept in the SMC mortuary and will be buried in the Kingdom once the paperwork is completed," informed his brother.

"We have to get the death certificate and the no objection certificate from the concerned authorities. As the government offices are closed for holidays, the burial will take place hopefully on Thursday," he said.

Insight expo to feature Egyptian artist

Manama
A solo exhibition by Bahrain-based Egyptian artist Jehan Saleh featuring mixed media on canvas paintings from her latest body of work will be the opening of "Insight". It will be held at Albareh Art Gallery in Aditya on October 18th 2016 from 7am to 9pm.

The human face has always held a unique fascination for Saleh and hence has served as inspiration for much of her work. Over the years, she has built up a photographic portfolio of hundreds of portraits of friends, colleagues and strangers. Working in a limited palette of black, blue

and tan, she stresses that simplicity is key to engaging visually with the viewer and communicating her concept. The result is mesmerising.

Saleh's work has been exhibited in Australia, Bahrain, Egypt, Greece, Kuwait, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland and the UAE. She has received a number of awards and honorary certificates from the Ministry of Education, the Human Rights Society, Al Eskafi Society, Aseela Art Festival, and the Adhari Festival.

"Insight" will continue at the Albareh Art Gallery until October 31.



One of the paintings of Jehan Saleh

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This is in response to the DT News Story "A man dupes bank by producing fake docu, gets 5 yrs in jail" published on October 11. The person cheated the bank by presenting fake documents. These issues will lead to suspicions for anyone approaching the bank for their needs. So to avoid problems, it's better for the customers to carry ID proofs to the bank for fulfilling their transactions.

Zaheer