

# Court rejects cop attacker's appeal

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The High Appeals Court has upheld the jail sentence issued against a businessman, who was tried for attacking a police officer.

The latter was assaulted by the defendant after trying to arrest him to face civil cases.

He was sentenced to three years in prison and he challenged the High Criminal Court's verdict.

The defendant had an arrest warrant issued against him after being accused in several civil cases, according to prosecutors. "He was wanted in many cases and one of the complainants

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along with his colleague spotted the defendant on Exhibition Road inside his car.

"The complainant alerted the police, which arrived on the scene. Though the defendant attempted to flee, he got stuck in the traffic jam."

The police team urged the defendant to surrender. "As soon as he got out of the car, he punched me in the face and ran away.

"He climbed up a fence and escaped. He also attacked another police officer while trying to flee," the victim told Prosecutors.

Though the defendant was later arrested, he would escape after getting out on bail.

The businessman was convicted in absentia. Later, he surrendered before the police and challenged the lower court's verdict.

## Govt staff sentenced for forging certificate

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A public sector director charged with forgery after his academic certificate was discovered to be fake was sentenced to three years in prison.

However, his jail sentence was suspended, pending the outcome of his appeal.

Southern Government chief prosecutor Mohammed Salah earlier said in a statement that the complaint against the government official was filed by the Civil Service Bureau.

"A thorough investigation into the matter concluded with charging him with rigging and using private and official documents."

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During the investigation process, several witnesses were questioned, including directors serving in the same place, where the defendant is working as well as the head of the Accreditation of Abroad Qualifications in the Ministry of Education and the head of the disciplinary committee formed by the Civil Service Bureau to probe the issue," he added.

MR SALAH

## Leadership congratulated on sport achievement

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Minister of Youth and Sport Affairs Ayman Al Moayed extended heartfelt congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier on the achievement brought about by Bahraini runner Salwa Eid Nasser who clinched the gold medal in the 400-meter race in the World Athletics Championship.

The minister also congratulated Representative of HM the King for Charity Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for

Youth and Sports (SCYS) His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and SCYS First Deputy Chairman and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa on the accomplishment.

He described the achievement as the dividend of their support to the national teams and the sport movement in Bahrain.

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He also commended the high performance of the Bahraini runner to lift the Bahraini flag high in the international event.

## Major drugs bust again by CTF team

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A French warship, representing Combined Task Force 150 (CTF 150) seized a huge amount of hashish from a rogue dhow on Wednesday, it is learnt.

The dhow had been tracked for a short period and did not respond to requests from the warship, FS NIVOSE, on her intentions.

Highly-trained French sailors, in military rigid inflatable boats, conducted a boarding and in the subsequent search, over 2.5 tonnes of the illegal narcotic was discovered and subsequently destroyed.

Commodore Ed Ahlgren Royal Navy, the Commander of Combined Task Force 150, said, "This substantial seizure clearly and unequivocally demonstrates the true value and significant impact of CMF operations on those malign actors who choose to use the sea for their unlawful purposes.

"The French warship, FS NIVOSE, operating in Direct Support of the joint UK and French CTF 150 Command, has sought tenaciously those who wish to



The narcotic stock seized by the CTF team.

do us harm and incite instability in both this region and further afield.

"Thanks to their efforts, they have disrupted a vital flow of funding to nefarious organisa-

tions and I congratulate the crew of FS NIVOSE on their success and wish them good hunting for their forthcoming operations."

CTF 150 is a great example of how the cooperation between

international maritime members of the CMF can work together to achieve the common goal of deterring or catching those who risk being a part of illegal narcotics smuggling.

## Anti-plastic drive



On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Embassy of India organised an event "Swachhta Hi Seva: Say No To Single Use Plastic" on Wednesday at Karbabad beach (near Bahrain Fort) in tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, a staunch advocate of environmental preservation and protection and sustainable development. Hundreds of young students from various Indian schools in Bahrain, enthusiastic Bahrainis and members of Indian community took part. The participants of the event collected plastic and other waste material at Karbabad Beach and also pledged to avoid using single-use plastic and protect environment. Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha led the event.