

Court extends jail term for protester

An additional forty five days of imprisonment was pronounced at the Fourth criminal High Court for a Jabriya Technical School student, who allegedly participated in the riots that broke out at the school earlier this year.

The Jabriya Technical School has been the victim to forceful riot that took place on 16th April and saw the participation of some students in the school premises. The protesters chanted political slogans and threw empty bottles, stones and iron rods into the school premises. The police managed to capture several suspects who participated in the riot. One of them had stolen a fire extinguisher that was possessed by the school.

The Ministry of Education said that vandals instigated the students to participate in the protests. But majority of the students did not pay heed to them.

Ramadan violators jailed

The Minor Criminal Court headed by judge Abdulla Abal and secretary Mubarak Anbar pronounced a 10-day-imprisonment for two people who were caught red handed while eating in a cold store during the hours of fasting.

Details revealed that the police had been tipped about an 18 and 21-year-old who had entered a cold store in Riffa during the hours of fasting and were secretly eating. They were arrested immediately. Now the court has imprisoned them for 10 days.

Imprisonment extended

The Minor Criminal Court ordered the extension of an imprisonment term to ten more days for an accused who was found guilty of stealing BD100 from a company.

Details revealed that the company had filed a police complaint stating that the employee, who was working as an accountant, had stolen BD100 from the company's funds. The accused was arrested following the complaint and charged by the Public Prosecution on grounds of embezzling cash and possessing certain official documents owned by the company.

Sentence upheld for drug dealers

The Fourth Criminal High Court has upheld the sentence of six-month-imprisonment along with a fine of BD500 that was handed down against three accused who were found guilty of drug dealing.

It was obtained that the first defendant was possessing drugs and other narcotic substances for the purpose of selling. He along with two others were caught in a raid in Isa Town that was conducted by the police. He was arrested for trying to sell drugs. The second and third defendants were arrested for accompanying him.

The police had seized five rolls of narcotics from the first defendant. During interrogation, the first accused had confessed to using drugs, but denied selling them.

The court of first instance had sentenced them to six-month-imprisonment along with a fine of BD500. The first defendant had appealed against his sentence. However he failed to appear before the court yesterday.

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES ISSUED NOTICE FOR RECRUITMENT IRREGULARITIES

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Four private universities (AMA University, Gulf University, The Applied Sciences University and Al Ahlia University) in the Kingdom have been warned by the General Secretariat of the Council of Higher Education for violating recruitment

procedures. Based on the decisions of the Council of Higher Education headed by Education Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi and the follow-up of the General Secretariat of the Council for the obligations of all private universities, the direction was given to the Secretariat to issue the notifications to the universities.

These universities have been asked to provide updated data of their existing academic staff, administrators and technicians who were working full-time or part-time.

According a statement from Dr. Al Nuaimi's office, the notices were issued subsequent to the General Secretariat spotting irregularities in recruitment procedures and employment of a few staff as well as the non-completion of other recruitment procedures after the expiration of recruitment period.

The Secretariat has asked the universities to rectify the irregularities immediately in order to



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maintain the level of educational services provided in the Kingdom.



A student facing the interview.

BP 'Graduate Skills Show' attracts reputed companies

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Bahrain Polytechnic (BP) has bhosted an event titled 'Graduate Skills Show' at its campus, which facilitated the students to gain employment in various companies.

About 60 students presented their skills, achievements and experiences before the Human Resource (HR) managers during the event. The event also included personal interview, where reputed companies like GPIC, Standard Chartered Bank, ACK Solutions etc filtered their prospective candidates.

BP Director for Academic Development Dr. Chris Coutts explained that the event aims to provide senior students an opportunity to market themselves and also make them aware of employment opportunities they have once they graduate from the institution. "Students presented themselves to employers from reputed companies, instead of traditionally handing over their CV, which may go unnoticed by the employer," she said.

"This technique allows the HR

managers to examine and explore the competencies that the students have, making it a more attractive method to provide potential jobs for the students," Dr. Coutts added.

Many students who participated in the event expressed their gratitude to the Polytechnic as it provided them an opportunity to present their professional skills.

BP Acting Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri thanked the visiting companies, staff and students for joining hands to keep Bahrain Polytechnic in line with the Bahrain 2030 vision.

SIU confirms ill-treatment of prisoners

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hief Prosecutor and Head of the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Nawaf Abdulla Hamza has said that the SIU had received about twelve complaints during the month of July regarding the ill-treatment of prisoners. An investigation has been conducted for the same where the unit has recorded the statement of 13 plaintiffs, who alleged they were ill-treated, and eight witnesses. The unit has also interrogated 22 accused in the same issue.

A total of five plaintiffs were referred to the forensic doctor of the unit to determine the extent and severity of the injuries inflicted on them. Two inmates were also referred to the psychiatrist to determine their psychological condition.

"A member of the security forces has been referred to the High Criminal Court after being charged on grounds of forced torture to obtain confessions from an inmate. The Prosecution has requested to punish him under sections 75/2, 4, 76, 92/2, 3, 107, 208 and 246/5 of the Penal Code," said Mr. Hamza.

The unit has referred four members of the Public Security Forces to the Minor Criminal Court as they were found guilty of assaulting the same inmate. They were arrested and the court has been requested to punish under the articles 75/4 and 339/1 and 2 of the Penal Code.