

Brothel raid: Five charged with attempted murder

Men allegedly attacked police officer.

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Dubai: Five men have been charged with the premeditated attempt to kill a policeman with swords, knives and cleavers while attacking an anti-prostitution police team during their raid on a brothel.

Prosecutors charged the five men — three Vietnamese and two Chinese — with the murder attempt on an Emirati policeman as well as two Pakistani drivers. The two drivers were allegedly having sex at the brothel in International City's Britain Block.

The five men and a number of suspects who ran away, were additionally charged with running and protecting a brothel.

"I am not guilty... I didn't try to kill or attack anybody and I have nothing to do with that brothel," argued one of the Chinese suspects, 37-year-old V.W., when he defended himself before the Dubai Court of First Instance yesterday.

According to the arraignment sheet, prosecutors said V.W., his compatriot, W.X., and the Vietnamese suspects, D.F., N.X. and L.T. tried to murder the policeman and the drivers thinking the drivers were members of the anti-prostitution police team that raided the brothel.

Tried to escape

Prosecution records said the policeman tried to escape from the hands of his attackers who outnumbered him.

V.W. hired Chinese prostitutes, W.X. collected money from the clients while the Vietnamese were in charge of protecting the brothel, according to records.

The policeman, R.M., who was allegedly attacked, testified that the incident happened when he and four of his colleagues raided the flat.

"We stormed into the flat and found four Chinese women and four men, one Chinese and three Pakistanis [including the two drivers, S.F. and R.B.]. A group of four or five Chinese-looking men attacked us while taking the men into custody... they attacked us

with sharp tools. One of them stabbed me right beneath my neck. They stabbed us on our hands and chests while we tried to avoid the stabbings," the policeman said.

"The Pakistani men were attacked as well. We ran away through the building's corridors... but they kept on chasing us and stabbing us with their weapons. I bled heavily and when I reached the ground floor I immediately informed one of my colleagues who waited downstairs and I became unconscious. I woke up and found myself in hospital."

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