

CID officers held as suspect dies

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Dubai: Eight police officers from the Dubai Police's Criminal Investigation Department have been detained following the death of a Pakistani man in police custody early this month, a police source said.

Symptoms of fatigue

A senior police official said the Pakistani, identified as 'B.', was called by police several times for questioning as part of an investigation into a kidnap-murder case. On the day he died, his health was "not good" and he showed "symptoms of fatigue".

Investigators noticed the symptoms and proceeded with the interrogation, during which B fainted, the source said.

An ambulance rushed him to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Sources said the four CID officers and four non-commissioned officers involved in the incident have denied charges of "unintentionally killing" the Pakistani man.

B., in his early 30s, lived in the Al Buraimi area, a Omani town bordering the UAE.

Sources said police called B. for questioning at four places including Naif Police Station, Al Buraimi and the CID headquarters to seek clues into the kidnap-murder of another Pakistani man who had disappeared from his residence in Ajman in May. The missing man's body was found buried in Sharjah two weeks later.

B's body was taken to the forensics lab for a postmortem, but a report to establish the cause of death has not been completed.

Truck deal

The Pakistani man who was kidnapped and killed in May was reported to have been working in the truck rental business.

On the day he disappeared, he was meeting partners to close a deal for new trucks, sources said. His family reported him missing to the Naif Police Station because they thought he was holding a meeting in that area.

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