

# Driver jailed 3 months for assaulting passenger who died of cardiac arrest

Victim suffered fatal cardiac arrest after getting beaten up by cab driver

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Dubai: A taxi driver was sentenced to spend three months in jail after a court Wednesday convicted him of assaulting a passenger who died of cardiac arrest.

Dubai Court of First Instance's Presiding Judge Fahmi Mounir sentenced the 44-year-old Pakistani driver, in absentia, for the fatally beating his Asian passenger, H.A.

Forensic doctors said H.A. succumbed to a cardiac arrest which he suffered after he was assaulted.

The defendant, M.N., failed to appear in court last week when he was summoned for arraignment.

Prosecutors said the accused beat H.A. with his hands.

A Yemeni policeman, who questioned the victim 10 minutes before he died, testified: "We were informed about the assault at Al Khaleej Street around 2.15am.

"When we arrived, I saw M.N.'s clothes covered with bloodstains. H.A. sat on the pavement and he was vomiting and suffered a stomach ache. I called an ambulance.

"The driver alleged that when he insisted on H.A. to specify his direction, the latter cursed him... so he [M.N.] called the police. H.A. beat him until he bled. M.N. claimed that he pulled over and ordered H.A. to leave the taxi and wait for the police to come."

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