

# Man convicted of colleague's murder

Argument over Dh100 debt led to death.

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Dubai: A worker faces a life sentence after a court convicted him yesterday of premeditatedly killing his colleague with a wooden bar over a Dh100 debt.

The Dubai Court of First Instance incriminated the 32-year-old Bangladeshi worker of premeditatedly murdering his colleague, A.C., by beating him twice on his head with a wooden bar while he was asleep.

## Deportation

Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout said, according to yesterday's judgment, that 32-year-old S.A. will be deported after serving his life sentence.

"I did not kill him... I did not have any intention to do so. My confession, during police questioning, was taken under pressure and by force. I am not guilty," argued S.A. when he defended himself in court.

Prosecutors accused S.A. of premeditatedly killing A.C. after battering him on his head with a wooden bar.

An Indian sales executive, who spotted the dead body, testified that he thought A.C. was sleeping when he first saw him in a villa under construction in the Al Khawaneej area.

## Blood on pillow

"I went to check the work in progress. One of the workers told me that A.C. was asleep inside the villa. I called his name, but he didn't answer. He was covered head-to-toe and slept on a wooden bed. Immediately I realised something was wrong when I spotted blood on the pillow and under the bed. I informed my boss, O.A., who arrived soon and we waited for the police and ambulance," said the executive.

O.A. told prosecutors that paramedic teams informed him that A.C. had died.

The primary judgment remains subject to appeal within 15 days.