

# Members of passport forgery gang held

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The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has arrested a gang of seven members of different nationalities who were linked with suspicious groups in various countries.

The gang was involved in forgery, bribery and money laundering, including forging passports, travel stamps, entry visas and resident permits of Gulf and foreign countries for money they took from individuals to facilitate their travel to those states.

The main suspect who holds an Arab nationality confessed that he managed the gang operation in Bahrain, UAE, Egypt and Turkey in association with others who live inside and outside Bahrain.

He succeeded to collect large amounts of money for selling those documents from 2012 to 2018, along with carrying many operations in criminal activities to hide the illegal sources of money.

The Director-General of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science said that the Arab suspect was carrying a forged passport of a Gulf country when



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individuals from outside and 28 individuals from the Kingdom formed the gang.

he was arrested.

He also bribed public employees in Bahrain and a Gulf state to facilitate the entry of those holding forged passports and visas.

The gang had 12 individuals who provided assistance from outside Bahrain and live in different countries and 28 individuals inside the Kingdom, including Bahrainis, Arabs and Asians who work in government organisations, application clearance agencies and private companies.

Legal proceedings have been taken, and the arrestees were referred to the Public Prosecution, while those who are outside Bahrain would be chased through the legal channels for their arrest.

The investigation will continue to discover the remaining involved suspects.