

Husband denies forging wife's signature on tenancy contract in Dubai

Judge seeks reconciliation for couple through their lawyers

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Dubai: A judge tried to reconcile a woman and her husband who denied in court on Thursday the charge of forging his wife's signature on a tenancy contract.

Prosecutors charged the 34-year-old Saudi husband with forging his 34-year-old Emirati wife's signature on the contract that he submitted to the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (Dewa).

"Is there any possibility of reconciliation or settlement between the husband and the wife? Eventually they are one family and it would be better for both parties to resolve the matter," Presiding Judge Hamad Abdul Latif Abdul Jawad told lawyers of the litigating parties in the Dubai Court of First Instance.

Defending himself in Courtroom 4, the husband Y.S. argued: "No your honour, I didn't forge anything. I am not guilty."

When asked by the judge whether the Emirati woman is his wife, Y.S. replied: "Yes Sir. She is my wife and mother of our children. We have been married ... [for] nine years."

Abdul Jawad then addressed Y.S.'s lawyer Eisa Al Howsani and the wife's representative, advocate Rashid Arab, saying: "Is there any possibility of a settlement?"

Al Howsani replied: "There are attempts from my client's side."

Arab responded that it would be difficult.

The trial reconvenes on January 6.

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