

Salesman faces jail for stabbing Dubai businessman

Suspect pleads not guilty and says he acted in self-defence and did not intend to kill victim

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Dubai: A salesman faces a year in jail after a court incriminated him of attempted murder although he claimed he was defending himself when he stabbed a businessman.

The Dubai Court of first Instance jailed the 53-year-old Pakistani salesman for a year and fined him Dh5,000.

Prosecutors had charged 53-year-old G.G. with the premeditated murder attempt of the 35-year-old Afghan businessman following a heated argument and for using foul language.

"I am not guilty... I did not have any intention to kill. What really happened is that he walked into my office in Dubai International City with some friends... when he tried to assault me, I protected myself and stabbed him.

"It was an act of self-defence," G.G. said before the court.

According to the arraignment sheet, G.G. pulled out a knife from his drawer and repeatedly stabbed 35-year-old T.J. in his stomach.

"He was the one who initiated the fight... I protected myself when he tried to attack me. I am innocent," G.G. said when he defended himself in court.

The primary judgment remains subject to appeal within 14 days.

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