

Saudi court sentences man to 90 lashes and prison for kissing woman in mall

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Riyadh: A Saudi court has convicted a man and sentenced him to four months in prison and 90 lashes for kissing a woman in a mall.

The government-owned daily Al Yom reported on Thursday that Saudi religious police arrested the man and two women after they were seen on mall cameras "engaging in immoral movements in front of other shoppers".

The report says the man, who is in his 20s, was seen with a woman "sitting on one of the chairs, exchanging kisses and hugs". It's unclear what the other woman was doing.

The kingdom bans unrelated men and women from mingling.

The paper says the man is to receive three batches of lashes and is banned from malls for two years.

The women will be tried in another court.

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