

# Soldier gets 6 months on charges of rape

To pay Dh1,000 fine for consuming liquor

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Dubai: An Emirati soldier faces six months in jail after claiming that he had consensual sex with a British girl, who claimed he raped her.

The Dubai Court of First Instance sentenced the 30-year-old Emirati to six months in jail and fined him Dh1,000 for consuming liquor.

Pronouncing yesterday's judgment, Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout also referred the civil lawsuit of the 20-year-old British girl, E.L., who claimed she was raped twice, to the Dubai Civil Court.

"No, absolutely not... I didn't have sex with her against her will. I consumed alcohol," argued S.S. when he defended himself in court.

Prosecutors accused S.S. of raping E.L. twice under the influence of liquor.

## Threats

According to the charge sheet, prosecutors said S.S. met E.L. in a pub in Dubai Marina and offered to drive her home. Instead, he drove off to a desert area where he had sex with her in his vehicle against her will.

Prosecution records said that the accused threatened to kill the Briton, then beat her, before he raped her the first time. The girl bled, according to records.

Later he coerced her into taking him to her house where she claimed he raped her for the second time.

Advocate Salim Al Sha'ali [representing E.L. in civil right] notified the court that his client was seeking Dh21,000 in temporary compensation.

## No request for help

The claimant alleged that she was afraid to ask for help because the accused had assaulted her, before threatening to kill her as well.

Following the incident, according to records, the girl informed her neighbour about the incident.

The primary judgment remains subject to appeal within 15 days.

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