

Three face trial for assault in Dubai nightclub

Fight erupted in amusement centre

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Dubai: The trial of two Syrian men and a Palestinian supervisor, who have been charged with injuring each other in an amusement centre, started Wednesday.

Prosecutors accused one of the Syrians, 35-year-old M.S., with causing a permanent disability to the eye of the 23-year-old Palestinian supervisor, M.Z.'s brother, A.Z.

M.Z. and the other Syrian, 34-year-old K.Y., were accused of mutual assault. M.S. and M.Z. were also charged with consuming liquor.

When the trio appeared before the Dubai Court of First Instance Wednesday, they denied the charges before Presiding Judge Fahmi Mounir.

"I did consume alcohol, but I did not beat A.Z.," said M.S.

"I am guilty for drinking alcohol ... but your honour, I and K.Y. have decided to reconcile," argued M.Z.

"You tell that to your lawyer ... and do so before the next adjournment," replied Presiding Judge Mounir in courtroom four.

Medical reports confirmed A.Z. had sustained a 35 per cent disability in his left eye and a five per cent disfigurement to his nose after M.S. reportedly beat him with a billiard ball.

A.Z. told prosecutors the incident happened in an amusement centre in Muragabat.

"We were playing billiards in an amusement centre... a fight erupted near our table but we soon stopped it. On my way to the restroom, I spotted K.Y. and asked him about the fight. Suddenly, M.S. walked towards me and threw a billiard ball in my face... my nose and eye were severely injured and I didn't know why he hit me," said A.Z. in his statement.

A Syrian worker testified he spotted M.S. throw a billiard ball at A.Z.'s face. The trial continues.

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