

Three men jailed for sexual exploitation

They tricked girls with promise of jobs

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Dubai: Three men have each been jailed for five years after a court convicted them of tricking three girls and forcing them into prostitution.

The Dubai Court of First Instance yesterday charged the three Indian men, C.S., a mechanic, K.K., a farmer and A.A., a painter, with forming an organised human trafficking group and sexually exploiting the Bangladeshi girls.

The girls told prosecutors that the three accused promised them jobs as tailors and housemaids in Dubai.

Pronouncing yesterday's judgment, Presiding Judge Hamad Abdul Latif Abdul Jawad said the accused will be deported after serving their sentence. According to the chargesheet, prosecutors said the men exploited the girls' situation of having no money and forced them to have sex with strange men for money.

The defendants pleaded not guilty and denied the charges of human trafficking and unlawfully detaining the girls in two flats, which prosecutors said, were run as brothels.

"The two flats will be shut down and all the lubricants, sex-enhancement creams and condoms will be confiscated," according to the primary judgment, which remains subject to appeal within 15 days. One of the girls, 25-year-old R.S., claimed that she was promised work as a tailor when she first flew into Dubai, before the suspects forced her into prostitution.

Failed promise

"A fugitive, named Ali, beat me and forced me to work as a prostitute although I had refused to do so. I begged him to let me return to my country... and instead, he drove me to a brothel and forced me to have sex with five men. He didn't send money to my parents, as he had promised earlier," claimed R.S.

Another 20-year-old girl, H.D., claimed that she was raped before she was forced into prostitution.

An Emirati anti-human trafficking policeman testified that an informant alerted them and the men were arrested after police raided the brothels.

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