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Suspect to be charged after assault on woman who tried to help a friend

A WOMAN who was in a coma for 31 days after being attacked in a Dubai car park has died.

Prosecutors say they will demand a tough sentence for the 23-year-old Emirati they claim lashed out at Kenyan sales clerk Esther Wanjiru Mwikamba, 26, in a parking area behind Sheikh Zayed Road as she tried to stop him harassing her friend.

A prosecutor who is handling the investigation told 7DAYS: "He is being questioned. Now the victim has died, this twist will affect the charges he faces and it will be assault leading to death rather than injury.

"This is a serious crime. UAE law states he could be jailed for a maximum of ten years."

By Abdu Baasit

The prosecutor said Esther was with a group of female friends when the Emirati suspect started harassing one of the women and touching her in an inappropriate way.

He said Esther stepped in to help the woman. "She stood in front of him to defend her friend," the prosecutor added. "He beat her up, pushed her over and kicked her in the head many times. She had been in a coma since and died from the serious injuries."

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A security boom

By Sean O'Driscoll

ARMS dealers and security firms said they have been doing brisk business at a national security exhibition in Abu Dhabi.

Tear gas, armoured cars, protective gear, water cannons and guns - everything you needed to put down a riot - are on display at the International Security and National Resilience event in the UAE capital, which finishes today.

Other products include mobile phone and internet blockers that can stop the kind of protests organised on social networking sites and by text messages that have been seen during the recent uprisings across the region.

Mohammed Ahmed, from NIMR Automotive, which is selling enormous anti-riot armoured cars, said that his company sold two of them to Colonel Gaddafi before the civil war in Libya.

An advertising video for NIMR showed a computer-generated riot in which rioters, who are merely waving their hands, are quickly stopped by a water cannon mounted on top of a

Riot gear selling well at exhibition

NIMR armoured car.

Meanwhile the marketing manager for rival armoured car provider BAE Systems, Marinus du Plessis, said there was strong demand across the Middle East for armoured vehicles as security concerns rise.

And he added that BAE's armoured cars offer both luxury and practicality for riot police. He said the seats are soft and curved for long hours in the vehicles, which are also equipped with a fridge to hold cold drinks and a "great sound system".

An American company was also selling a giant bridging system to be used on top of the armoured cars that is designed to smash through riots and grab people throwing stones.

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A simulation of a water cannon in action

Desert buggy to the rescue

HE'S 2m-tall and he's just designed one of the smallest vehicles used by UAE civil defence teams.

Captain Tariq Ahmed Al Sharhan, from Ras Al Khaimah Civil Defence, this week unveiled a sand buggy designed to skim over sand dunes at Abu Dhabi's National Exhibition Centre as part of the International Security and National Resilience conference.

"I love to design cars so I wanted to design something that we needed for work," he said, adding that it only took a few days to create. He took the wheels off a buggy, refitted it for sandy conditions, then added tracks from a snow plow.

The buggy is particularly useful on wet sand and comes with another device unique to the UAE - an American-designed compressed air projectile that fires an inflatable life jacket at a person drowning at sea, particularly useful during stormy weather when it's difficult for civil defence teams to reach the person.



Aid delivered to hospital

A DUBAI-based medical company that takes services into hostile territories has distributed toys to children in an Afghanistan hospital.

The company, RMSI, which is partnered with International SOS, went to the Indira Ghandi Children's Hospital in the Afghan capital, Kabul, where they gave the children toys and donated vital equipment and supplies.

CEO Rob Lamb said: "We came here to give back to the community in which we operate and hopefully lift spirits while doing so. However the situation here is truly dire. The doctors and nurses at the hospital must be applauded for their courage and ability to make the impossible possible on a daily basis. They are the heroes for these innocent children who are the victims in these war-struck hostile areas."

RMSI is planning more visits this year.



Sister's pride

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Yesterday, at Rashid Hospital's Intensive Care Unit where Esther has been since the attack about 3.20am on February 18, her sister Catherine said her sibling was a very caring person who would put others before herself.

"We are proud of her as a family for laying down her life to protect the dignity of others. We are just praying that justice is delivered so that her death is not in vain," Catherine told 7DAYS.

Esther's mother, Anna, who has been keeping a vigil at her daughter's bedside since the attack, suffered a stroke three days ago. Anna was still lying in a hospital bed yesterday, unaware her daughter had died as doctors were yet to break the news due to her condition. The Emirati suspect has also been charged with sexually assaulting Esther's friend.



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