

Man convicted of sexually assaulting 1998 Miss World

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TEL AVIV, Israel — An Israeli court convicted a travel agent Wednesday of assaulting Linor Abargil in Italy, two months before the Israeli woman was crowned Miss World.

Abargil said she hopes the high-profile case will encourage other sexual assault victims to come forward.

"I want to scream out loud to every woman to complain, to tell the police," Linor Abargil, 19, said after the ruling by the Tel Aviv District Court. "Don't be afraid."

The defendant, Shlomo Uri Noor, an immigrant from Egypt, complained he did not get a fair trial because he is "not 100 percent Israeli." Noor, who faces up to 30 years in prison, said he would appeal the conviction.

Sentencing hearings are scheduled to begin November 24.

Abargil, who was the 1998 Miss World, went public with the rape charges after Noor was arrested in Israel in January, saying she hoped her example would encourage other women to report sexual assault to the police.

But during the trial, Abargil appeared to waver, crying several times and describing the cross examination by Noor's lawyers as a "second rape."

The court on Wednesday reprimanded Noor's attorneys, saying the questioning was unnecessarily rough and humiliating.

Abargil, an Israeli, was in Milan, Italy, a year ago auditioning for modeling jobs when she asked Noor, who runs a travel agency there, to arrange a flight back to Israel.

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Communication to revamp their disclaimer style and placement, Huskey said.

"Why not totally remove it?" Huskey said.

The modified disclaimer, which aired Tuesday, was inclusive of all the advertisements, but continued as a full-page advertisement before the GLBA Program advertisement. By Wednesday, the disclaimers' placement also appeared before advertisements by the Community Action Center and the Palouse Empire Mall.

"It's getting out of control," said Sabrina, an advertising account executive in Moscow who declined to give her last name. "About 10 calls have come into our office (regarding the matter)."

Century Communication is an equal-opportunity employer that encourages minority and women-owned businesses to collaborate with the station, Quam said.

As a minority business, Huskey said the GLBA Program is being discouraged. WSU freshman Lynett Robertson agreed.

"This is not a good feeling," said Robertson, an animal science major and member of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Allies student group. "They are pointing fingers at one organization. That's discrimination."

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and it is likely to cause harm to individual members and the fraternity as a whole, and may prevent them from recruiting in the future," Ross said.

When the members of the fraternity were informed of the fliers, they removed as many of them as they could, Epeneter said.

"This whole thing just shows how ignorant some people are," Epeneter said. "It's outright rude for someone not only to pull this prank against us but also to mock some of the beliefs of many students on this campus."

No one has reported seeing anyone create or post the fliers on campus, Huskey said.

Huskey said she hopes that the recent acts of hatred toward gays, lesbians and bisexuals will be used to address the "homophobic climate on campus."

"Conflict that is out in the open is conflict that can be resolved," Huskey said.

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