

# THREE-MEMBER GANG ATTACKS ASIAN COUPLE IN MAHBOULA

## 'ILLEGAL' GOES OUT OF CONTROL

**KUWAIT:** Investigations are ongoing in a case involving a couple who say that three unknown suspects stormed their apartment and attacked them for no reason. Paramedics and police had headed to the couple's apartment in Mahboulah in response to an emergency call, and found them wounded and bruised. The Asian couple explained that three men forced their way into their apartment and attacked them with sharp objects and then escaped. The man and his wife could not think of any possible reason why the abrupt attack happened, as they were taken to the Adan Hospital to receive treatment. A case was filed.

### Abortion case

Ahmadi police are looking to summon a Kuwaiti man for questioning in accusations that he caused his wife's abortion in a case filed recently in the area. The Kuwaiti woman arrived at the Ahmadi Hospital in a critical condition, and a diagnosis revealed that she was going into abortion. After having a successful operation, the woman told police that her husband gave her tablets that he said were to maintain the pregnancy. She accused her husband of giving her abortion pills instead. Investigations are ongoing.

### Illegal resident

An illegal resident faces multiple charges after he went crazy when arrested by Kuwait City police who later discovered that he was under the influence of narcotics. The Asian man was put inside a police patrol car after he was caught during a crackdown in Salhiya recently. The man started hitting his

head on the backseat door's window at first, then wrapped the seatbelt around his neck in a bid to strangle himself to death before police put him under control. He was taken to the area's police station where he was jailed to sober up before being taken to the proper authorities to face charges.

### Love is blind

A woman's dreams of getting married and starting a successful business with her future husband turned into a nightmare when she discovered the man she loved was in fact a swindler who disappeared after taking her money. In her statements to police, the Kuwaiti woman said that she fell in love with a man a few months ago and their relationship grew to the point where they started making marriage plans. The man reportedly claimed that he plans to buy a Salmiya restaurant for KD120,000, and convinced her to enter as a partner in the new business which was supposed to 'secure their future', according to the woman's statements. But the man disappeared a few days after receiving the money which the woman took as a bank loan. She eventually realized when he failed to return her calls that she was set up in a major scam. After receiving confirmation from the restaurant's owner that he never planned to sell his business, the woman approached police and filed a case. Questioning with the woman revealed that the man was careful enough to make sure that she wouldn't be able to find him after he committed his crime, as he only gave her his first name, drove a different car every time they met, and insisted that he receives her money in cash.

Investigations are ongoing.

### Smuggling foiled

Saudi border authorities handed over a bedoon man to their Kuwaiti counterparts while they arrested five people who attempted to smuggle him into the kingdom recently. The suspects reportedly managed to smuggle the man out of Kuwait, but couldn't bypass the Saudi checkpoint when officers there discovered that one of the five men was wanted by Saudi authorities. A search for the car revealed a sixth person who was hiding under the backseat. The man said during questioning that he paid KD850 to the men in order to smuggle him to Saudi Arabia.

### Electrician dies

An electrician died after he was electrocuted inside a camp in Jlai'ah recently. According to the police report, the incident happened while the 40-year-old Egyptian man was repairing cables following a malfunction caused by rain. The victim was pronounced dead on the scene and the body was taken to the forensic department by criminal investigators. A case was filed for investigations.

### Suicide attempt

A teenager was hospitalized following a suicide attempt reported in Subahiya recently. An ambulance carried the 19-year-old man to the Adan Hospital where medical staff successfully stopped bleeding from a self-inflicted wound on his wrist. His family said in an emergency call that the youngster used a razor to cut his wrist for unknown reasons. A case was filed for investigations.



**KUWAIT:** The accident on King Faisal Road which involved four vehicles.

## FOUR HURT IN KING FAISAL ROAD ACCIDENT

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Four people were injured in an accident on King Faisal Road which involved four cars. Farwaniya Fire Center dealt with the accident.

Meanwhile, a fire broke out in a restaurant in Khaitan but the blaze was extinguished without any loss of life or property.

In another incident, a car caught fire on the King Fahad Road towards Nuwaiseeb on Thursday morning, and the blaze was successfully tackled by Nuwaiseeb firefighters. No injuries were reported.

### P2BK exhibition

The Kuwait Fire Service Directorate took part in the inauguration ceremony for the 7th annual Proud to be Kuwaiti (P2BK) exhibition that took place at the Kuwait International Fairground in Mishref on Wednesday. Firefighters also participated in the Sand Village opening ceremony which was attended by Minister of Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah and Minister of Information and State Minister for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Hmoud Al-Sabah, representing the Prime Minister HH Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah. The KFS is taking part in the one-month exhibition putting fire trucks on display and distributing awareness brochures.



**KUWAIT:** The car which caught fire on the King Fahad Road.

## QUICK ACTIONS NEEDED AGAINST PHARMA FRAUD

**CAIRO:** Chairman of the Arab Federation for Combating Counterfeiting and Forgery Mutleg Bou-Rguba Al-Otaibi has called for greater pan-Arab coordination in fighting forgery, particularly pharmaceutical counterfeiting and fraud.

In a statement during his current visit to Egypt, Al-Otaibi indicated that Arab states, including Kuwait and Egypt, are at present coordinating in the fight against counterfeiting, particularly in medical products industry, through coordination among Arab and international pharmaceutical companies.

The Egyptian Ministry of Health has agreed to hold a conference, themed "Combating forgery and counterfeiting in the pharmaceutical industries," in the year-end, he said, citing an example of concrete efforts in this respect. He also noted that the Arab countries had agreed to forming special panels of experts to coordinate efforts against fraud in the field.

Regarding his visit to Egypt, Al-Otaibi said it was aimed at presenting minutes of the union board meeting, held in Kuwait

on Jan 16, to the Secretariat-General of the Council of Arab Economic Unity, indicating that the report includes several resolutions such as terminating term of the secretary general, Hussam Abu Al-Alaa, and naming as his successor Ayman Mohammad Bibars.

The mission, he added, is also designed to brief the board about recommendations of a Kuwait-hosted convention, held last November, and the union draft strategy.

Al-Otaibi added that he had met the secretary general of economic union, adding that the board meeting minutes was approved and the new secretary general was presented.

### Tough penalties

Among the endorsed resolutions was acceptance of a number of offices in Arab countries as new members of the union, he said, naming the bureaus in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Jordan, Oman, Syria, Lebanon, in addition to the existing office in Kuwait and the headquarters in Egypt.

Elaborating, Al-Otaibi stated that the Kuwait conference had been patronized by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The conferees had called on Arab governments to update laws and legislations and toughen penalties against pharmaceutical counterfeiting and trade labels.

Meanwhile, Bibars, the newly-assigned Secretary General of the Arab Federation for Combating Counterfeiting and Forgery, said that the federation "would witness a qualitative step forward in the realm of combating counterfeiting."

Several sessions will be held for all staff members and fresh efforts will be exerted to generate funding, he said.

Bibars called for a more effective role by the Arab media to enhance the Arab citizens' awareness of dangers caused by forgery, as well as negative effects of such illegal activities on the economies as well as public health.

He also urged for tougher laws and punitive actions against forgery in the pharmaceutical field. —KUNA