

## ARREST WARRANT FOR DUWAILAH ISSUED

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** The public prosecution officer yesterday issued an arrest warrant for former MP, Mubarak Al-Duwailah to question him in a case filed against him over allegedly slandering Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed.

Notably, the foreign ministry sued Al-Duwailah over a TV interview with him that contained slanderous remarks about Sheikh Bin Zayed. In addition, lawyer, Mohammed Al-Sabti also filed another case against Al-Duwailah for accusing Sheikh Bin Zayed of antagonizing Sunni Islam and having personal feuds with certain groups. He added that such accusations would jeopardize the state's national interests and relations with other brotherly GCC states.

### Maid-slaying lion owner released on bail

A court yesterday released the owner of a lion that fatally injured a maid. The man was released on a KD 500 bail pending further investigations. The suspect had kept a lion at his house and the lion bit a Filipina maid causing her fatal injuries.

### MSAL deports violators

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor recently removed unauthorized donation collection vans from various areas around the country, said MSAL's charity organizations department Manager, Dr Ahmed Al-Sane' noting that on spotting one of the vans in Jaber Al-Ali area by an inspection team, those operating it fled the scene. He said unauthor-

ized expat donation collectors would be deported.

### Visa transfers, work permits

Labor departments all over the country are scheduled to resume receiving residency visa transfer and work permit transactions Sunday after a two-week halt to conduct the annual inventory.

In this regard, the Manpower Public Authority Director, Jamal Al-Doussary stressed that work permits would be open for various sectors in January. Al-Doussary added that a grace period that had been given to employers to file absconding reports against labor they sponsor would also end Sunday and that the department would cancel around 8,000 vexatious reports. "Reviewing absconding reports, the manpower authority received 10,000 reports while MOI only received 2,000. This means that the rest of 8,000 reports were malicious and only used by sponsors to intimidate the laborers," said Al-Doussary noting that sponsors had been given a two-week grace period to either activate their reports or cancel them. Further, Al-Doussary said that sponsors would have to follow standard procedures of filing a report with the authority conditioning that absconding period is no less than 90 days then would also have to report to MOI's investigations department.

### Municipal bribery

Kuwait Municipality Director Engineer Ahmed Al-Subaih said that all the municipality's financial dossiers would be reviewed in order to rule out any violation. "Employees involved in or suspected of receiving bribery will be referred to prosecution", he stressed.

# TREASURY FIRE CAUSED BY ACT OF CRIME: AL-ESSA

**KUWAIT:** Education and Higher Education Minister Dr Bader Al-Essa said surveillance cameras show that the fire that broke in the treasury on Sunday was a cause of deliberate act of crime. Al-Essa said during a surprise tour of the financial sector that the video clip recorded by cameras is now with the prosecution and results will be known soon.

Minister Al-Essa denied that he received any criminal report regarding the incident adding that "at the moment no one is suspected, but the truth will come out soon after the investigation."

Al-Essa said the culprit wanted to hide something or erase some proof in the office related to certain suspicious tenders. The fire may be the cause of a deliberate attempt, but we cannot ascertain it now," he said. He said no cases have been sent to the prosecution by the tenders.

Al-Essa said the safety and security procedures at the ministry buildings have been tight-

ened following the incident, adding that the incident has become an eye-opener for us regarding security. He said the windows of oil sills can be opened easily and we are waiting for the investigation report. Meanwhile, the ministry will carry out financial inventory hoping to arrest the culprit.

### Examination supervisor

The appeals court revoked a decision by the education ministry to sack an examinations supervisor who allegedly leaked French language question paper to two students in 12th grade.

### Ethiopians rob Bangladeshi

Four Ethiopians stormed the house of a Bangladeshi and robbed him of KD 320. The victim was surprised by the four in his room who beat him up and then tied him before escaping

with money. The Bangladeshi went to Jleeb police station and filed the complaint.

### Citizens shot

Three citizens working at Sabah Al-Ahmad Reserve in Subiya area came under fire by individuals driving 4WD vehicle without license plates. The citizens told Subbiya police about the incident. No injuries were reported.

### Chinese firm hacked

A hacker broke into the account of a Kuwaiti establishment in a Chinese bank and withdrew \$95,000. A Syrian expatriate who works in a company and has an authorization from its owner, told Jahra police that he was conned by an unknown person who got into the establishment's accounts in a Chinese bank and transferred \$95,000 in two payments. Police are investigating.



The liquor bottles being destroyed.



## WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN RIGGAI APARTMENT

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Police found the body of a woman in a flat in Riggai and the haris said he did not know that there was a woman inside the flat. Farwaniya prosecutor sent the body of the unknown woman to the coroner to identify her and then identify her killer. Police searched the flat after owner of the building reported to the police that a foul odor was coming out of a flat rented by a citizen. Police are investigating the case.

### Liquor destroyed

The committee formed by ministerial law 3218/2010 destroyed a large quantity of liquor. It destroyed 12,946 bottles, plastic bottles and metal cans.

### Fake detectives

A citizen told Dhafer police that some persons claiming to be detectives stormed her house, beat her son and destroyed the furniture.

### Money stolen

A citizen accused an unknown person of withdrawing KD 60 from his bank account.

### Drug overdose

A citizen reportedly died of drug overdose. He was found dead inside his house. Drugs paraphernalia was found near the corpse.

### Filipina arrested

A Filipina was placed under police custody while at Mubarak hospital after attempting to abort herself resulting in profuse bleeding. The attempt caused the death of the infant.

## KUWAITI OFFICIALS MEET ON FIGHTING CORRUPTION

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Interior works hand-in-hand with the nation's Anti-Corruption Authority for the purpose of rooting out corrupt practices that may be found within government ministries and agencies and elsewhere in society, a Kuwaiti official said yesterday.

Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah made that statement as he chaired a meeting yesterday attended by chief of the Authority Abdul-Rahman Al-Nimash and a bevy of officials from the Ministry and the Authority, said a press statement issued by the Interior Ministry.

Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khalid noted that it was the expressed wish of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to fight rampant corruption in the country that was the impetus behind forming recently the Anti-Corruption Authority, which the Minister said was an essential tool to reach transparency and fairness in the work of the government.

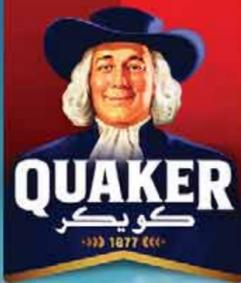
"There is no room for anyone anymore to cover up acts of corruption or irregularity in government bodies as we all seek to exercise transparency for the betterment of the people and our nation," the Minister said. He urged the Authority to establish strong partnerships with these bodies in order to enhance its effectiveness. —KUNA

## ANGUISH OVER BAN ON NEW YEAR EVE CONCERTS

**KUWAIT:** For the sixth year in a row, New Year eve in Kuwait was celebrated without any concerts honoring the view expressed by Islamists though they never oppose holding concerts on other occasions.

For the last six years, no production companies had applied to get the information ministry's approval to hold concerts on new year eves knowing that such requests would be rejected even though the applications fulfill all conditions.

In this regard, well-informed sources at the information ministry said that the ministry's policy in rejecting requests on holding concerts on new year eves has led to many companies and event organizers to move to other neighboring countries to hold concerts for Kuwaitis. The policy is also affecting the tourism industry in the country where other GCC countries take an advantage over Kuwait. The sources called for more transparency on the part of the ministry to attract Kuwaitis wishing to attend concerts of iconic GCC and Arab singers.



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