

# INTERIOR MINISTRY WARNS OF FAKE DOMESTIC LABOR OFFICES

**KUWAIT:** Director of the Interior Ministry's Residency Affairs Department Major General Talal Maarafi warned both citizens and expatriates against dealing with fake domestic labor offices, noting that many of them had recently been advertising their services in local media outlets and on social media networks, including offering maids' services for limited working hours. "This is nothing more than a fraud committed by some people using unlicensed activities," Maarafi stressed, noting that such advertisers were being tracked down and busted. Concerned authorities have already been contact-

ed to prevent publishing or putting such ads because they contribute to increasing crime rates, he said in a statement made available by the Interior Ministry yesterday.

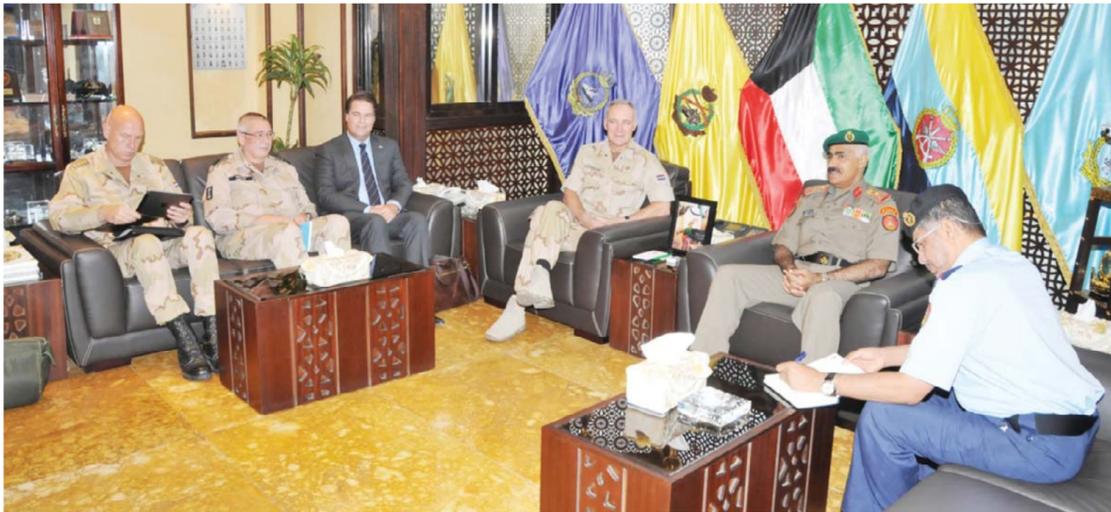
Meanwhile, Director of the ministry's Relations and Security Media Department Brigadier Adel Al-Hashash stressed that awareness flashes and campaigns have been made to warn both citizens and expatriates against hiring illegal and absconding domestic helpers, adding that having little information about their activities makes their potential employers vulnerable to crime and theft.



Major General Talal Maarafi



Brigadier Adel Al-Hashash



**KUWAIT:** Army's Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Khaled Al-Kheder met Netherlands' Chief of Defense General Tom Middendorp yesterday to discuss issues of mutual concern. The two sides discussed different topics including developing military cooperation between Kuwait and the Netherlands, said the Ministry of Defense in a statement. —KUNA

# RAMADAN SOAP OPERAS' REVIEW

By Nawara Fattahova

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Times is publishing daily reviews of three Kuwaiti soap operas aired on Al Rai TV. Here are the reviews of the 26th episodes:

### 'Qabil lil Kaser'

Raja convinces Jinan to get married to Ali and not pay attention to her family and travel until they forget the issue. Ali tells Rakan that he thinks he loves both Jinan and Hadeel, but Rakan tells him he can only love one and he should forget Jinan. Ali calls Hadeel that the plan is exposed, but Hadeel insists and tells him to deny everything Rakan told Jinan's family.

Jinan calls Ali to meet him, but he denies being in love with his cousin Hadeel and that there is any plan. So Jinan and Ali get married and fly to Lebanon. Wed is calling Jinan but she doesn't answer, while Hadeel is calling Ali and he doesn't answer too. Raja calls Sulaiman to tell him about the fight in the store. Wed calls Raja to ask if she knows where Jinan is, but she says she doesn't.

Bu Fahd invites his colleague Mariam for lunch, but she refuses as it's not proper. The next day he proposes to her, saying he wants to marry her, but she refuses by saying he is married and has children and that he is older compared to her.

Ali and Jinan stay in a small apartment, but Jinan says they should have stayed in a big hotel. But Ali was not sure his money will be enough. She said she could pay, but he refuses.

Fahd's mother puts Fahd and Zahra's stuff in

trash bags to make them leave the house. When they come home, Fahd fights with his mother and she says she doesn't want them in the house. When the father comes home, they tell him what happened, and Fahd tells him the story of the suitcase full of money, but the mother denies this, so Fahd tells him to call the guy who brought the suitcase. Bu Fahd tells the mother it's his house and he wants them to stay and if she didn't like it, she can leave.

### 'Ummna Rwehit Al Jannah'

As they didn't have their IDs, the investigator said he has to keep them at the police station. Nooriya comes to the police station and testifies they are Fatma's children, so they are released. Fatma tells her she has to change her behavior with them, so she starts treating them rudely. She breaks a vase and starts shouting, asking who broke it. She also says she won't let them eat from her expensive dishes and crystal glasses.

While eating, Taiba puts a piece of chicken on her plate by her hand and Farouq shouts at her to use the spoon, so she leaves saddened. He then apologizes to her and calls Futuh to hear him apologizing. Fawziya is looking for the pills again, but her daughter sees her, so she chooses to not take it for her daughter.

Hamad comes to Fayza to give her back the cheque with her money that she gave him before and she says she wants to pay it for him to divorce her. So he asks if she loves him, and that he will never let her marry somebody else. At that moment Shihab comes with his mother

and sees Hamad beating Fayza, so he fights with him.

Fatma tells them as they filed the case of guardianship against her, she has no money now and they have to pay for her needs. They agree to pay for her four maids, driver and massages. She also demands grocery items and they say they will pay.

### 'Thakira min Waraq'

Mashaal goes with Nawaf to a sheikh who registers Islamic marriages in Germany to get married, and when it's his turn to say yes, he doesn't answer and leaves. Mashaal follows him, but he says it's not the way he wants to get married.

Noora calls Nawaf to meet him and he comes with Mashaal. Noora tells him the story of the picnic and that it was Mashaal who made Shouq appear as a cheater so he will leave her, which proves he oppressed Shouq. Nawaf fights with Mashaal and tells her this is the end of their affair and she is not a human. Fajer's adoptive father tells her real father to make her return to live in his house again and not to tell anybody they are her parents.

Mashaal returns to Kuwait and Fawaz is waiting for her at the airport. He wants to marry her, but she doesn't like him, but her mother is convincing her to marry him. Hamad tells Nawaf he has changed and he is not telling anything to Mashaal anymore. Nawaf tells him he is going to marry Shouq when they get back to Kuwait, but Hamad immediately calls Mashaal to tell her the news.

## KUWAIT VOICES



# 'WORK HARD, DON'T WAIT FOR INSTANT REWARD'

By Ben Garcia

**T**his Ramadan, Kuwait Times wants to shift the conversation to the ordinary folks that make up the majority of this country. By listening to their stories and recognizing their humanity, we can remind ourselves and hopefully our readers of the ties that bind us all together as a species.

"I will love you more than that/I won't say the words then take them back" is a promise and part of the lyrics by international boy band Backstreet Boys, which James Thomas dedicated to his beautiful wife when he married her two years ago. This very same promise was repeated by James when Kuwait Times asked him what his favorite song was and to whom he would dedicate it to.

It is no surprise that James' favorite band is Backstreet Boys and his favorite song is 'More than that.' He described Backstreet Boys' music as not boring and added the group was very famous in his college days. "I love most of their songs... I like the lyrics, tune and I like to hear that song every now and then," he said.

James and his wife have been married for two years now. They do not have any children yet, but he said they are ready and are prepared any time

God wants them to have children.

"We are happy and we love each other. I will not take back my words' as the lyrics said and would like to dedicate it once more to my loving wife," he said.

James is a native of Kerala in South-West India. He came to Kuwait through his uncle in 2006 and was immediately hired by a private company. He worked with them for three years before joining the team of sound engineers at the privately owned 88.8 Marina FM radio station in 2009. His primary job is to ensure uninterrupted airing of various programs at Marina FM radio. His work is mostly in the night shift but he also works during the day.

"I like my work a lot. In fact, I learned many things here and I would treasure it for the rest of my life," he said.

James advises all rank and file employees to embrace and love their work completely: "Work hard, do not look back or wait for an instant reward. Just do your share. Work and maybe you will get what you dreamed of, not now, but perhaps soon it will come and you will reap the fruit of your perseverance and dedication."

"Just do not give up but give it your best shot and be thankful for what you have," he advised.

# MP CRITICIZES CANDIDATES NATURALIZATION DELAY

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** MP Askar Al-Enezi urged Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammed Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah to end the sufferings of Kuwaiti mothers impatiently waiting to have their children granted Kuwaiti citizenship. "We were surprised that only eight out of hundreds were granted citizenship... is it reasonable that only those eight met the required conditions?" he wondered.

### Syria donations

MP Saleh Ashour once more criticized the Wathakker Center and former MP Mohammed Hayef for violating the rules regarding the collection of donations for the Syrian people. In an inquiry made to the interior minister, Ashour stressed that the center had illegally fixed a huge banner along Fahaheel expressway calling for donations for the Syrians. "Is that call legal and was it licensed?" he asked. Ashour also stressed that on Hayef's website, Hayef called for collecting donations to

arm and equip 'warriors' in Syria and inquired if the interior ministry had taken any legal measures against such an illegal announcement.

### New bridges

The Ministry of Public Works Assistant Undersecretary for Roads Ahmad Al-Hassan said that 31 percent of the Nuwaiseeb Highway U-turns Project was so far finished. Hassan also said that four bridges would be finished by the end of the year and four others would be finished by the middle of next year.

### Non-residential projects

Kuwait Municipality recently denied handing over lands in Khaitan, West Hadiya, Abu Halifa and Sulaibikhat over to the Housing Public Authority to be used for building new residential projects. The Municipality explained that Blocks Three and Four in Khaitan, which had been bought by the Municipality might be used in projects other than residential ones.



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Fire Services Directorate's (KFS) Deputy Director for PREVENTION SECTOR AFFAIRS Major General Khalid Al-Mekrad inspected fire brigades in different governorates to check readiness to protect thousands of worshippers in mosques around Kuwait. He said in a statement that firemen are on high alert to safeguard lives and property. He added that teams had been distributed to different mosques across the country to ensure the safety of worshippers. — By Hanan Al-Saadoun

# MINISTER DISSOLVES TWO CO-OPS' BOARDS

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Planning and Development Hind Al-Subaih issued decisions to dissolve Ardhiya and Rehab co-ops societies' boards of directors. She also appointed Ali Hassan and Essa Al-Omairi as temporary managers at Rehab co-op and Ardhiya co-op respectively. Subaih also said that all members of the dismissed boards would be prose-

cutted for severe violations which the inspection committees discovered.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Kuwait Union of Consumer Cooperative Societies Saad Al-Shabo criticized the decision, noting that corrective measures should only involve violators and not the whole board. He added that the detected violations had accumulated from previous boards that also ought to be held accountable. Shabo also criticized what he described as 'an attack

on the co-op movement' and suspected that the move only aims at 'appointing' managers.

### Water

Statistics issued by the Ministry of Electricity and Water showed that the ministry's main water grid provided 75 percent of Kuwaiti areas and that 15 percent of that supply goes to industrial areas with a total fresh water production of 500 million imperial gallons.

# VISITOR COMMITS 15 ROBBERIES IN 3 WEEKS

## FIVE ARRESTED FOR DRUG POSSESSION, TRAFFICKING

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** An Egyptian shoplifter was recently arrested for several thefts he committed in various Capital governorate stores, said security sources. Case papers indicate that an Indian salesman in Salhiya called the police reporting that the suspect had stolen a valuable watch from his store. Combing the surrounding area, the suspect was soon arrested and it turned out that the suspect had just arrived three weeks earlier on a visit visa. Searching his residence, policemen found 12 mobile phones and three tablets. A case was filed.

### Drug arrest

Five citizens were recently arrested with possession of and for trading in drugs, said security sources. Case papers indicate that narcotics detectives had been tipped off concerning a drug den in Benaid Al-Gar. Raiding the place, detectives arrested the five suspects and confiscated 1.25 kilos of hashish, 30 grams of cocaine, psychotropic pills and a weapon. The suspects confessed to trading in drugs. In another incident, a citizen was recently arrested with the possession of drugs, said security sources, noting that on checking the suspect, he was also found wanted on a four-year imprisonment verdict.

### Security campaigns

Ministry of Interior's public security sector announced that it had recently launched several security campaigns to track down criminals and outlaws in various governorates. The campaigns which were held from June 21 to July 1 resulted in the arrest of 169 people wanted for cases, expired residency, absconding and not holding a Civil ID.

Thirty-four people were arrested with the possession of drugs, while 18 vehicles were detained.



The five suspects arrested for drug possession and trafficking.