

DIYYA TO BE PAID TO MARTYRS' FAMILIES

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The Cabinet recently instructed the finance ministry to coordinate with the interior and health ministry to list the names of all martyrs, including non-Kuwaitis, killed in the Al-Sadiq Mosque explosion so that their families could be paid the legitimate diyya (a financial compensation paid to the victim or heirs of a victim in the cases of murder based on Islamic sharia law).

Zour Refinery

The Supreme Oil Council is scheduled to meet today to discuss Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's board recom-

mendation regarding Zour Refinery's extra budget of KD 870 million.

Municipality losses

Minister of Communications and State Minister for Municipality Affairs Essa Al-Kandari recently referred a final report on municipality losses to the public prosecution. This report was made by the committee formed to investigate the municipality's lost cases in the periods covering 2009 to 2013, which amounted to KD 14 million in compensation. Kandari said that the investigation aims at holding those responsible for each case's mistakes accountable in order to avoid the same mistakes in the future.

INTERIOR MINISTRY READY FOR EID

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Interior (MOI) has finalized all necessary preparations for the Eid Al-Fitr holiday, Relations and Security Media Director Brigadier Adel Al-Hashash said in a statement yesterday.

Hashash added that following a meeting with various MOI sectors, Undersecretary Lieutenant General Suleiman Al-Fahad instructed all sectors to be on alert and properly deployed during the holiday to help the public enjoy the Eid. Hashash added that security plans include security and traffic, especially near shopping malls, children arcades, parks and recreation centers.

Furthermore, Hashash said that MOI's central operations will be working on a 24/7 basis and will be ready to receive any reports on its hotline number 112. He also noted that the security media department will always communicate with the public by providing awareness flashes and directives through various media. Moreover,



Brigadier Adel Al-Hashash

Hashash highlighted that 'negative security phenomena' such as harassment, reckless driving and the use of fireworks would not be tolerated.

KUWAIT ENCOURAGES SMES TO CREATE JOBS FOR YOUTH

KUWAIT: Small and medium enterprises have been promoted globally and in the Arab world as a solution to absorb the huge numbers of unemployed youth, many of whom were the motivating force for the 'Arab spring' disturbances.

SMEs constitute 90 percent of registered enterprises in the Arab world, including Kuwait and Oman. However, the proportion reaches 95 percent in Saudi Arabia and 99.1 percent in Egypt's non-agricultural field, according to a study released of the Arab Planning Institute.

Also by comparison, the SMEs constitute 77 percent of the domestic product in Algeria, 59 percent in Palestine and 25 percent in Saudi Arabia. Seventy-four percent of the employments are in the SMEs in Egypt, 50 percent in Jordan and 72.3 percent in Bahrain. The number of enterprise facilities in the Arab world, in 2010, reached 10 million, according to the study.

Kuwait was among the first countries that became aware of the necessity of the SMEs.

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah announced, in January 2009 during the first economic development summit, hosted by the country, establishing a fund for supporting SMEs at the Arab level, with a Kuwaiti contribution amounting to \$500 million.

At the domestic level, Kuwait established the National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprises, according to Law 98/2013, with KD 1 billion capital. Several others had been set up for the same purposes, however, some of them were short lived.

The national fund provides financial support and facilities for the investors, according to certain terms; such as the entrepreneur must be a Kuwaiti citizen, aged no less than 21 years, with a clean record, that he (or she) be fully devoted for the enterprise, that the cost of launching the enterprise does not exceed KD 500,000 — according to the feasibility study and the work plan and without calculating value of the land plot on which the business is launched. —KUNA

MINISTER RESPONDS TO CO-OP HEAD'S STATEMENTS

TEMPERATURES TO RISE DURING EID BREAK

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: In the aftermath of her decision to dismiss the boards of two co-op societies, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Subaih stressed that MSAL was particularly keen on both the cooperative societies' work as well as protecting shareholders' money.

Minister Subaih also expressed regrets over comments made by Chairman of the Kuwait Union of Consumer Cooperative Societies (KUCCS) on her decision, and said that instead of criticizing the ministry, he should have inquired from the ministry about the motives of issuing such a decision. She also said that she was surprised for being accused of working against cooperative societies' democracy. "Democracy built on violating people's funds and corruption is totally unacceptable to Kuwaiti people who have always fought corruption," she said.

Refuting his call to only dismiss corrupt board members, Subaih explained that Article 35 of the Cooperative Societies Law entitle the minister to dismiss the whole board in case of severe financial violations and, at the

same time, to only dismiss violating member or members if proven guilty with committing such violations, "Which already happened in some coops," the minister said. She stressed that the decisions had been made in response to recommendations made by special committees reviewing those coops' books and records.

Temperature

Meteorologist Essa Ramadan expected that temperatures would rise during the Eid Al-Fitr holiday and that humidity would drop today, July 16, Thursday.

No explosions

Both the Ministry of Interior and Kuwait Oil Company strongly denied that any explosions happened in Um Al-Manaqesh and stressed that oil production was going on normally.

Fintas Group

Following up the ongoing investigations in the Fintas Group case, security sources said that the public prosecutor recently released Athbi Al-Fahad on a KD 10,000 bail and a trav-



Minister Hind Al-Subaih

el ban. The sources added that the prosecution also released Mohammed Al-Jassem and detained blogger Meshari Boyabes for slandering the public prosecutor.

RAMADAN SOAP OPERAS' REVIEW

By Nawara Fattahova

KUWAIT: Kuwait Times is publishing daily reviews of three of Kuwaiti soap operas aired on Al Rai TV. Here are the reviews of the 27th episodes:

'Qabil lil Kaser'

Bu Fahd fights with his wife and tells her he wants his son and his wife to stay at the house and she can leave if she doesn't like it. When she retorts rudely, he is about to beat her and divorces her. Fahd tells his father they have to get back with his mother and that this problem doesn't deserve to end in divorce.

Ali thanks Jinan for letting him travel for the first time in his life as he had never traveled before. Ali calls Hadeel to tell her he married Jinan and is in Lebanon with her, and is not sure how long he will stay there.

Wed blames herself as she asked Jinan from the beginning to employ Ali. She goes with Rakan to Hadeel's house to ask about him, but Hadeel denies knowing anything about him. Wed also tells her she heard her conversation with Zahra in the school about the plan. Hiba tells Yousef he must do something to protect Jinan squandering her money.

Fahd and his father go to the old man who brought the suitcase and he corroborates everything Fahd told him. So he then goes to the mother, who left the house, and asks her to return Ali's money, but she refuses and says she doesn't even want to return

to him or her children. When he comes home, he tells them he is responsible for everything in the house and tells Hadeel if Ali still wants to marry her, he agrees and doesn't want any dowry.

Raja asks Sulaiman to forget Jinan as all is over and she is married to Ali. She also tries to convince him to leave the country, but he refuses. Mariam apologizes to Bu Fahd for being rude when he asked her to marry him and she said she doesn't want to break a family. He then tells her he has divorced his wife and proposes to her again.

'Ummna Rwehit Al Jannah'

Fahd finds Ghala's phone beside him and sends a message from her phone to Fawzy, saying "I miss you, when should we meet". He replies "Let's meet at my old apartment at 7:00 pm". He then tells Nouf to send a message from Fawzy's phone to Ghala with the same content. He tells her if Fawzy and Ghala meet there, he will kill them both. Nouf sends the message from Fawzy's phone to Ghala.

Shihab calls Fayza and advises her to get a medical report from the hospital so she can get divorced. When she does a medical checkup, the doctor tells her she is pregnant. Ghada calls Taiba to help her and come with her to see a flat she wants to rent as the owner doesn't want to rent it to a single woman, so she plays the role of her sister who will live there with her and her children.

Futuh drives with her son Nasser to the juvenile prison threatening him she will put

him there for taking her ID card from her wallet. He is crying and bagging her not to leave him there. So she tells him she has one condition. She makes him call Fatma pretending their neighbor locked him up in the trunk of the car and he will die there. She runs quickly and tells the neighbor to bring the key, and Futuh comes with Nasser, telling the neighbor her mother is crazy.

'Thakira min Waraq'

Fajer comes searching for her real parents at the house of her adoptive father, who tells her they left. He reminds her they left her in front of a mosque when she was a baby and he adopted her after he found her there.

Najd calls her cousin Ali telling him she has completed her studies with very good grades. She tells him she will call him by video call within a few minutes, and when she calls him, a girl appears in the screen, who turns to be his cousin Reem who was also studying abroad and had just arrived. Najd is upset that Ali is at the house alone with her.

Nawaf, Najd and Shouq return to Kuwait. Ali's mother wants to make Najd feel jealous so she agrees to marry Ali. She makes Reem act as if she likes him, so Najd will be jealous. Ghanim returns to Kuwait and goes to the old house of his parents looking for them, by nobody is there. He calls Fajer to come out, but her father won't let her go, telling her Ghanim and her parents don't love her. He also said he paid her parents KD 10,000 to stay at his house so they can stay with her.

Al-Qabas

'SELFIE' AND IMAMS

By Khalid Al-Tarrah

Among the outstanding shows during the holy month of Ramadan is 'Selfie' by Saudi actor Nasser Al-Qasabi and broadcasted over MBC (Middle East Broadcasting Center).

'Selfie' is a comedy show that carries purposeful content and frank criticism of events, especially of extremist groups carrying the banner of religion, like the beastly group, Daesh.

Hardly half of Ramadan elapsed and with it the show's episodes, when a storm brewed from those who claim to be religion's sheikhs, to a point where an imam of a mosque uttered words that is no way appropriate for a person who knows the values of Islamic religion!

Ugly words were uttered by a Friday preacher in Saudi Arabia against Qasabi like "dayoth" (cuckold) and "zindeeq" (irreligious) and MBC was not spared from the descriptions of the Friday preacher as he called MBC, the channel of blasphemy and atheism!

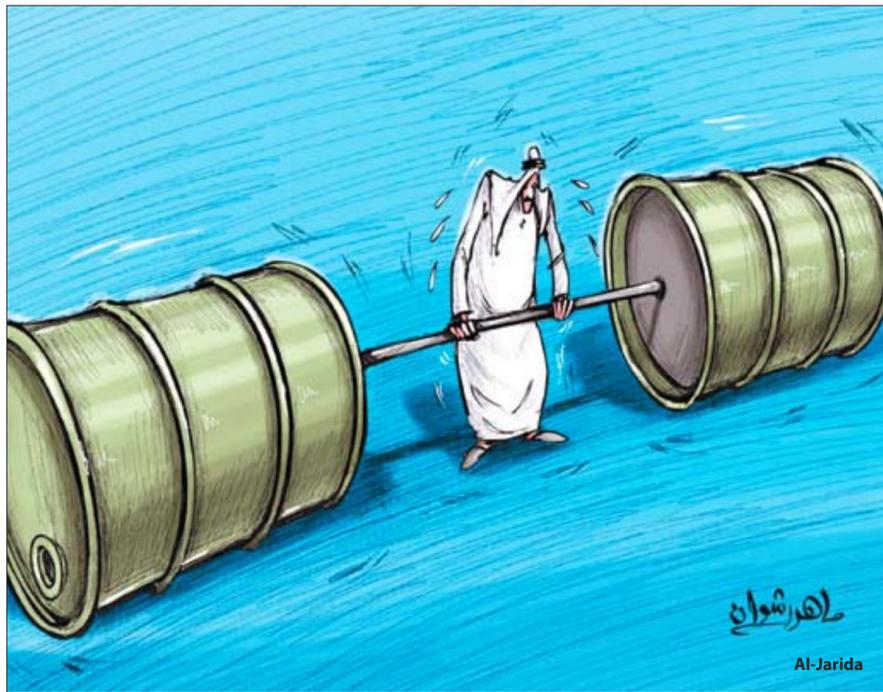
The religious sheikh mentioned words that violate the honor of Qasabi's family, which is not allowed in both religion and criticism, and made a random criticism of those who install satellite dishes at home and follow MBC, the channel of unbelievers and secularism! This is not the first time Qasabi was subject to ugly attacks and descriptions, as a Saudi preacher attacked Qasabi and his family to a point where he called for killing Qasabi because of the 'Tash ma Tash' comedy series!

The joy of Daesh is so great, as they made a fatwa (religious decision) to sever the head of Qasabi, as if it was the first beastly operation by Daesh, when it is not, since they trade in the bloodletting of innocents!

We feel the pain, just as much as the woes of the Saudi father who appeared in 'Selfie' looking for his son between Daesh's execution brigade, for the fate of Muslims and innocent civilians in various parts of the world from groups who are out of the law and the forgoing Islamic sharia (canonical law based on the Quran). We hope that speeches as those by religious sheikhs are faced by Saudi authorities decisively to protect the society from them who do not differentiate between advice and expiation!

Those preachers need psychological rehabilitation so they may clean their thoughts and get rid of extremist inclinations, so that they can carry their mission, if they can! We are in need of television shows like 'Selfie' to professionally shed light on dangerous challenges the Gulf society is facing from groups that are killing in the name of religion.

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INDIAN RACKETEER ARRESTED

KUWAIT: Ahmadi detectives put an end to the extortion activities of an Indian man who forced his compatriots to pay royalties and threatened those who refuse to pay. A security source said that another Indian man asked police to rescue him from the Indian extortionist who would threaten and take money from him and several others. Detectives waited for the suspect near a residence housing several Asian nationals and arrested him. The suspect confessed to carrying out his activities for the past three years and getting part of his victims' salaries so he will stay away from them.

Drug arrest

Capital policemen sent a citizen to the Drugs Control General Department (DCGD) when they arrested him with 75 narcotic pills and two hashish joints. He was also found wanted to serve a four-year jail sentence.

Reckless drivers

Several areas in Jahra witnessed an unprecedented spread of reckless drivers, especially just before iftar time.

Residents of these areas called police as roads were closed by these drivers, while police is not around. A security source said the problem is in the security spread plan being followed by the officers. The source added they are satisfied with fixed inspection points without having roaming patrols in the inner roads.

'Suicide'

Farwaniya detectives are investigating the death of an Indian man who was found hanging from a laundry rope, but detectives think he was killed and not a suicide. Police received a call from a Pakistani man about the body in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh. The prosecutor ordered the case be recorded as a homicide.

'Accidental shooting'

Jahra hospital doctors removed several shotgun pellets from the back of an Asian, who received a shotgun wound and was brought by his sponsor. The sponsor said his son shot him by mistake, while cleaning the gun. The sponsor's son will be questioned. — Al-Rai, Al-Anbaa

Al-Jarida

A TV SHOW LIKE 'SELFIE'

By Arwa Al-Waqjan

I was so bored watching this year's Kuwaiti drama on TV. As usual, our drama has been dealing with secondary insignificant issues and does nothing but defame Kuwait and its people. They show the country as one out of control where everyone covets for other people's money and almost all families are plagued with immoralities. To show the people as addicted to money and prohibited relationships or one of no manners even if we only talked about a group studying abroad is something that serves nobody and undermines the role of drama.

Drama should always discuss basic issues and suggest solutions; thus, we have stopped feeling proud of any Kuwaiti TV show since the 1980s because of bad written scripts, monotony in topics and superficiality that has only been focusing on cheap thrilling techniques. I wish we would only focus on major concerns, like the luring of children and young men to mosques to join terrorist cells. We should make a show that is well-studied and written like 'Selfie' which courageously dealt with terrorism and Islamic State (IS) in more than one episode.

For next year, I hope we find a 30-episode, well-studied and professionally written show involving cooperation among educators, psychiatrists and professional writers so that we could eventually get a professional drama that highlights how young people are attracted to terrorism, how such terrorist groups had been silently working for decades and how they brainwash kids into committing suicide bombings. Such drama should address parents and have them monitor the change in their kids from normal people into extremists. Each episode should explain how to handle each phase of ideological radicalism of youths. We want to watch a decent, respectful and purposeful drama that benefits the society.

Ideological terrorism cannot only be fought with slogans. It requires a stern attitude from all state bodies. The information ministry should have a role in this by directing the drama it produces to such goals. The ministry of education should also work on purifying its teaching staff and remove any one with radical ideas as well as purify curriculums through moderate specialized experts and not through radical religious groups claiming to be moderate.

We can, if we only pay a little attention, fight back terrorism. We cannot do it at random or through fruitless media statements. We need a clearly defined plan and cooperation with all state bodies, citizens and expatriates, who can all work as eyes for the ministry of interior, watchful for any suspicious groups or actions and report them. If we all cooperate, we will be able to fight terrorism. Finally, spreading rumors and contributing to doing so, dangerously contribute to undermining national security. So, I wish we would all be careful in dealing with 'information' we receive so as to avoid spreading panic among civilians and security forces.

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