

Crime

Report

SIX PERSONS ARRESTED FOR LIQUOR, DRUGS POSSESSION

**KUWAIT:** Policemen made three separate arrests of six persons who had liquor and narcotic pills. In Mangaf, patrolling police spotted a car driven by an Asian man and found four cartons of mineral water with him, only to discover that they contained liquor. The man was sent to concerned authorities. In Fintas, three citizens and a Syrian were arrested while extremely drunk driving a car. In Jahra, a man driving a sports car near a mall was arrested with 75 narcotic pills.

Bedoon stabbed

A bedoon (stateless) man was stabbed during a fight in Adan. The fight was between the man and two Gulf nationals who stabbed him then escaped. Attempted murder charges were pressed against the two who are being sought by detectives.

Fight

A five-man fight broke out in Fahaheel before police arrived and stopped it. Three persons were injured and taken to Adan hospital under guard, while the other two were taken to the police station, where they explained that the fight happened due to previous differences. All five are citizens.

Accident

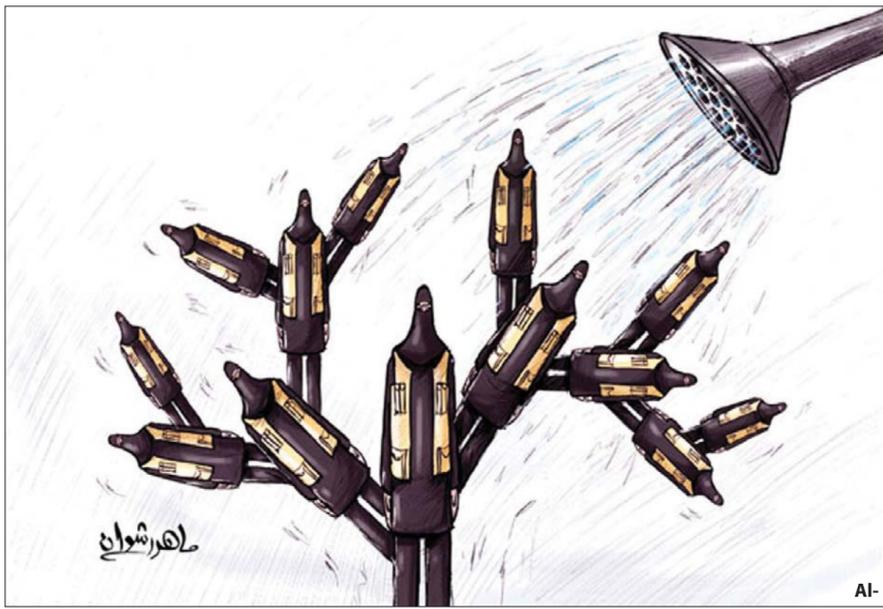
A heavily intoxicated man broke his arm when the car he was driving collided with a concrete barrier on Sixth Ring Road near Saad Al-Abdallah. The man was taken to Jahra hospital.

Drug arrests

Hawally back-up patrols arrested a citizen and a bedoon in possession of hashish, shabu, drug paraphernalia and a blue flash light. Both suspects are ex-convicts in cases of theft and claiming to be police and were sent to concerned authorities. In another incident, airport customs officers foiled the attempt of two Ethiopian maids and a European national to smuggle three bags of marijuana and 20 kilograms of the banned stimulant 'qat'. Separately, a British national arriving from Amsterdam was caught with three bags of marijuana inside his shoes. He was sent to Drugs Control General Department.

Indecent text

A female citizen accused an Egyptian man of indecent acts through messages sent by him over her personal phone. Detectives were asked to arrest him for questioning. —Al-Rai



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A MYSTERIOUS PHASE

By Salah Al-Sayer

**N**ow that the West and Iran have reached an agreement about Iran's nuclear activities, the region will have reached a new, mysterious phase that no one can predict what it would lead to. Doubts and suspicions cloud the whole region, especially in Iraq, Syria and Yemen where incidents are so dangerous and call for suspicion and re-evaluation of some of the old, once accepted and undisputed facts.

Iran is a Muslim neighboring country as well as a partner in the Gulf basin and we can say that the lifting of the international sanctions makes us happy because it is for the greater good of the Iranian people that do have every right to lead a peaceful, prosperous life.

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The coming mysterious phases call for GCC states to adapt strategic planning and to wrap up many unfinished matters (simply because good intentions might be blown and gone with the wind) in order to face the worst possible scenarios that had been haunting around the region for long, especially since some regional developments might last forever at a time when oil experts confirm that oil prices would remain low for many years to come.

—Translated by Kuwait Times

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WHY COULD 'SELFIE' DO IT?

By Ali Khajah

**I** believe the MBC (Middle East Broadcasting Center) officials' deal with the 'Selfie' production team was as follows: "You can freely deal with any topic, as we have no taboos that would limit your creation. Show people how they really are without beautifying facts or misleading them." Therefore, its result was the hit Ramadan TV show with the highest viewership rates.

I think that none of the TV shows presented this year during Ramadan was better than Al-Harbi, Al-Qasabi and company's 'Selfie'. This team of stars managed to produce a rich, real to life show in a rather nice and acceptable manner without the unnecessary lingered scenes, indecent lines nor exaggeration.

They really touched on our real lives and discussed our public concerns, fears, problems and its corresponding reasons. They tackled real life situations very clearly in a way acceptable to all minds and eyes.

Well, why did 'Selfie' alone manage to do this? Many writers can choose to write about the same topic, especially since the plot chosen was not new. It is everyday life to us. Many of our actors, actresses

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and artists can perform the same roles. Most Ramadan shows have almost the same budgets, so why 'Selfie' alone?

The only difference is the green light given to the production team. I believe the MBC officials' deal with the 'Selfie' production team was as follows: "You can freely deal with any topic, as we have no taboos that would limit your creation. Show people how they really are without beautifying facts or misleading them." Therefore, its result was the biggest Ramadan TV show with the highest viewership rates. The result was absolutely remarkable as 'Selfie' dominated all diwanias (gatherings held in reception halls) and social media networks, which reflects how big viewer-ship this work attracted.

Other GCC (Gulf Cooperating Council) drama shows focus on the very usual topic of drugs, fraud and love between rich and poor people, prison and ungrateful children all because a miserable censorship is being practised on them all. Our silly censor once changed a show's title from 'Manayer's Luck' to 'Manayer's Circumstances' and changed another's from 'The Minister's Besh't' to 'The Manager's Besh't'. It prevents mentioning Kim Kardashian's name or referring to doctrines in any drama. It also refuses discussing security forces' corruption or politics, with the result that all drama is being produced with very high budgets but with no result.

Unleash artists. Give them freedom to reflect real life, because through TV screens, they get into our houses on a daily basis without even knocking. So, let us benefit from the topics they discuss so that their drama can all come out the way 'Selfie' did.

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NBK's volunteers at NBK Ramadan tent.



NBK's Ramadan gifts.

NBK CONCLUDES ITS ANNUAL SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR RAMADAN



Abdulmohsen Al-Rushaid

**KUWAIT:** National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) concluded its philanthropic Ramadan campaign which comprised a series of activities and events aimed at encouraging community engagement and solidarity and charity in Kuwait during the holy month of Ramadan.

Abdulmohsen Al-Rushaid, NBK Public Relations Manager, said that NBK's Iftar Banquets, which comes within a well-mapped social pro-

gram that comprises a multitude of philanthropic activities, was received this year with remarkable participation at NBK's tent located opposite to the Grand Mosque in Sharq area. Also, iftar meals have been distributed to fasters at various mosques and crowded areas in Kuwait via special convoys and under the supervision of many of NBK staff volunteers.

Rushaid stressed that NBK's Ramadan Banquets

campaign represented a new concept of the private sector humanitarian and philanthropic involvement and had become one of the main pillars of NBK's corporate social responsibility endeavor.

Rushaid added that NBK Ramadan Social Program included also visits by NBK's Public Relations personnel and staff volunteers to NBK Children's Hospital, as well as the distribution of Gerge'an.

KUWAITI OFFICIALS ACCUSED OF COLLECTING BRIBES

**KUWAIT:** The FBI will hear the testimony of two former executives in the Lewis Burger International Construction Management Company, located in New Jersey, for their involvement in bribes of Kuwaiti officials to win government contracts. The hearing will be held November 15, 2015, Al-Qabas daily reported yesterday. The charges are filed against Richard Hersh (61), who lives in the Philippines and, James McLang who resides in Dubai. They are accused of con-

spiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practice Act (FCPA). Based on the confessions mentioned in the litigation agreement and details given in the accusations documents from 1998 until 2010, the company and its employees gave \$3.9 million in bribes to foreign officials in several countries including Kuwait, India and Indonesia, in order to win government contracts. The company agreed to pay a fine of \$17.1 million to settle the case. —Al-Qabas

30,000 GOVT WORKERS ON POST EID SICK LEAVES

**KUWAIT:** Around 30,000 government employees applied to get sick leaves on the three post-Eid working days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), claiming to have appointments with doctors at private and public hospitals, informed sources at the Civil Services Commission (CSC) said.

CSC undersecretaries requested checking all those sick leaves with the Health Ministry (MOH) as well as the names of doctors authorizing them and the medical history of the concerned employees and how often they get sick leaves,

the sources added. In case of any manipulation in any of the sick leaves, any private hospital granting such leaves would be referred to MOH investigation, the sources said. CSC laws regulate sick and urgent leaves within certain conditions. "However, the increasing number of those leaves before and after official vacations calls for a stand," the sources asserted. In a related concern, security sources said that around 18,000 passengers had left Kuwait over the past few hours through the three land border exits; Nuwaiseeb, Abdali and Salmi. —Al-Anbaa



**KUWAIT:** The Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) distributed 'Eid Al-Fitr' gifts to cleaning and construction workers during the last week of Ramadan. It came as part of the bank's ongoing humanitarian campaign that aims at helping outdoor labor forces cope with difficult working environments.

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THE SALT OF AMERICA

By Saad Al-Mo'tesh

**I** do not know who first came up with the saying that 'Lies are the salt of men'. I also fail to understand what it means. Does it refer to lies men say to fellow men or other types of lies? However, someone told me that this saying refers to lies men tell their wives! Supposing that such 'salt' has been only given to men, one has to be aware it is only given to married men and that it is absolutely unacceptable from unmarried ones, who should choose another 'ingredient' to represent their own lies, but they should have to be more careful with the recipe.

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recent US lie is the so-called IS. A news bar on one of the satellite TV channels recently showed that US offers its help to IS-stricken countries, ie, Kuwait, Tunis and France.

They have dropped aid on IS troops in Syria and Iraq more than once and claim such aid and weapons had been dropped by mistake. Though IS has been using GPS-equipped vehicles they stole from the Iraqi army, US planes have been somehow missing them. Moreover, the oil IS steals is sold right under the noses of the Americans daily.

Well, if you are actually serious in the offer you made, a video recently spread on WhatsApp showing IS claiming responsibility for Kuwait's blast and naming the one responsible for as 'Abul Qanader', whom I bet you can reach and bring to justice if you were really serious, but I doubt it because your satanic role is not over yet. —Translated by Kuwait Times