

Crime

Report

MAN ARRESTED FOR IMPORTING LIQUOR

KUWAIT: Police arrested a man on charges of smuggling a container that contained alcoholic drinks in Kuwait. The arrest came after detectives monitored the cell phone number of a person who arrived to claim the shipment on behalf of its importer. Police were able to identify and locate an Iraqi man that the representative was in constant contact with. The Iraqi man confessed of asking the Egyptian man to finalize the claim papers in exchange of money, saying that he received KD 600 from the Kuwaiti man who imported the shipment to finish the job. The Kuwaiti man was arrested in an ambush after police made the Iraqi man call and tell him that the paperwork has already finished.

Severely injured

Two citizens in Sabah Al-Salem beat up a compatriot due to a previous dispute, leaving him severely injured. The citizen gave police a medical report and told them two persons he knows attacked him and beat him.

Domestic violence

A citizen claimed that her husband beat her badly causing fractures and bruises. The woman brought a medical report stating her injuries and told them it was caused by her husband due to a family dispute. He was charged with assault.

Drunk driver caught

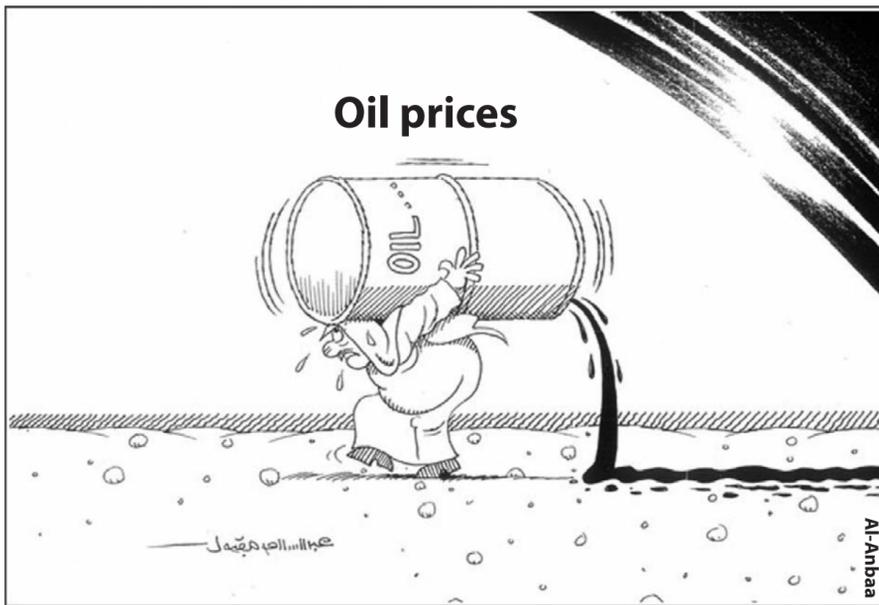
Nugra police detained a citizen in his fifties for driving the wrong way and collided with another car. Policemen found he was heavily intoxicated. He was charged and faces legal action.

Murder threat

A Filipina woman told Fahaheel police that another Filipina abducted her from Fahaheel and took her to Hawally and Farwaniya. The victim said the suspect threatened to kill her with a knife. She said she escaped at a traffic light.

Gambling den

Farwaniya police arrested three Asian nationals for running a gambling den. A police patrol attempted to stop an Asian to check his residency validity, but he escaped, so he was chased and arrested in a building. His room was found fully equipped for gambling. The suspect, a Bangladeshi, did not have any ID, and may have been in residency violation for five years. Two Indians were also arrested. —Al-Rai



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THEY APPOINTED A MINISTER, THEY REMOVED A MINISTER

By Nermin Al-Houti

Sometimes one gets depressed because of the situation he sees in his society, so he promises himself not to talk about the amount of negatives he sees, and distances himself from everything negative in his society. Yet, sometimes the individual cannot bear the amount of negatives that he sees and hears in his daily life, which is no longer limited to his society, but has become the mark of Arab societies. Here we find the positive energy that is in him to reject those negatives - he even attacks them and refuses to be attracted by them.

This is our issue - that we reject the continued changes, be it at a ministerial or leadership level, not only in our society, but in most Arab societies. The problem of the Arab world, since it called for democracy and equality (the majority of societies do not have the freedom and democracy culture), is that change is equated with reform. If we ran a quick survey on the political history of the Arab world, as far as ministerial and leadership changes are concerned, we will find a huge amount of ministerial changes that took place.

The question: Did this change reformed and changed corruption? Or did this change develop institutions? I will not answer, because we see the answer with our very own eyes that our Arab countries are still in the same place.

On the aspect "that they appointed a minister and removed one", I am astonished that what we read in history about corruption, and what happened in the past, is what we see in the present. The question here: Where is punishment for those who were corrupt and were changed? Rather the more important question is that was what was stolen from the people's money recovered? Where did that money go?

What results from this process is one thing and one thing only - which is that every new minister does not do anything other than change the leaders in his institution and suspend others who belonged to the former minister, and the change of leaders is according to sects, touching noses and the power of W (wasta), but as for reform, it remains the status quo.

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FALLING ON DEAF EARS

By Hassan Al-Essa

Searching Google for information about the volume of arm deals the GCC states had made with the US and Western countries, and sometimes with Russia, one would imagine that our states get the endless amounts they pay for such deals from ocean-deep fortunes and that oil price deterioration, accumulating deficits and constant liquidation of investment assets are all lies and illusions. Otherwise, how can explain and justify such deals with astronomical figures in view of terrible economic situations?!

In June, Kuwait announced that the government made a deal to purchase 24 French Caracal choppers for one billion euros. A while earlier, US Boeing announced a deal is near with Kuwait to sell it 40 Super Hornet jet fighters for \$3 billion. Nowadays, we read newspaper stories about a project to purchase 28 Euro fighters for eight or nine billion euros (as if the one billion difference is insignificant!)

What is all this? Will we declare war on some country soon and this is why we are stacking weapons just in case. Are we deliberately and despite our economic problems contributing to boosting European and American economies or are these deals merely made out of courtesy to win those countries' blessings and remain close friends with our Western masters?

I can imagine that commercial Boeing and Airbus jets are not only flying with cheap fuel from our countries, but they also fly high like dragons consuming cash funds they bite off our economies. They eagerly consume our lives and the future of our children. A few days ago in an Al-Rai editorial, fellow-writer Jassem Boodai raised several questions about this deal or project and made several accusations concerning manufacturing faults in the fighters as well as their prices, and in the end, he said that the commission some unidentified broker would get for this particular deal would be \$450 million. Wow! That is what is called a lifetime deal!

Earlier, MP Abdullah Al-Tamimi filed several inquiries to the defence minister in February about this deal. Well, the sad thing now is not this government's silence and turning blind eyes to our current financial status. The situation is even worse because of NGOs' indifference as waste of funds and resources continues making repeated warning sounds, only falling on deaf ears!

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ABK SHARES STRATEGIC IDEAS FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS AT EUROMONEY



KUWAIT: Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) co-sponsored the highly successful 7th annual Euromoney Kuwait Conference, which took place on the 15th of September where the bank was represented by Michel Accad as a panelist alongside senior executive management including Abdulla Al-Sumait, Deputy Chief General Manager and Fawzy Al-Thunayan, General Manager Board Affairs.

Michel Accad, CEO of ABK was a speaker on the panel that focused on 'Innovating and Energizing Finance' where he shared ABK's analysis of Kuwait's financial environment and gave his views on whether 2015 should be seen as a time of challenge or a time of opportunity. The forum gave leaders and visionaries in the financial solutions industry a platform for discussions on local, regional and global developments and their impact on Kuwait's future growth opportunities. Other panel discussions focused on monetary components and influences, fiscal outlook, monetary stability and financial innovation at both a macro and micro level.

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PEOPLE, GET AMAZED

By Salah Al-Sayer

Speaking about amazement, an Arab friend working in a mega computer company in Dubai told me that whenever he received his company's European or Asian guests, he noticed how impressed and amazed they were with Dubai's architecture and how easy and greatly organized life was there, although they themselves come from highly developed and advanced cities. He told me that on the other hand, his own friends and family who come from his underdeveloped home country - in terms of roads, buildings and administration - were never as amazed.

It was a very significant and sharp thing to note because amazement reflects man's sense of civilization and the less that sense is, the less he get amazed by anything. Well, after all, one cannot get blood out of stones. Accordingly, those who lack civilization never realize or identify its aspects, admire or get impressed by them, which is unlike civilized people whose eyes get attracted to such aspects of civilization. An eye trained to value and

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appreciate beauty and art can easily pinpoint them in the form of things like architecture in Dubai while a poor deprived eye sees none of such beauty because those living around garbage might get disgusted by perfumes!

Millions of farmers and other people worldwide happened to watch fruits fall off trees, yet thanks to his mind's abilities and cognitive and cybernetic readiness and willingness, Isaac Newton was the only one who got amazed and questioned the reason for apples falling and thus discovered Earth's gravity. In short, one can assume that amazement is the 'mother of civilizations' that cannot develop in minds and souls strongly dominated by certainty, acceptance, surrender, avoiding questions and resorting to previously known facts.

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NO HAJJ FOR BEDOONS THIS YEAR

KUWAIT: Stateless pilgrims from Kuwait will not be able to perform hajj this year after Saudi authorities announced rejecting temporary passports, a local daily reported yesterday.

Negotiations that have been going on for over two weeks between Kuwait's Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, and the Saudi hajj and foreign affairs ministries concerning allowing bedoons (stateless) from Kuwait to perform hajj this year were finally set-

tled with a final decision from Saudi authorities to stop accept temporary passports issued for bedoons. Accordingly, 1,250 bedoon pilgrims will not be going to hajj this year, Al-Jarida reported.

Well-informed sources said that the Saudi authorities finally decided not to accept temporary passports issued under Article 17 because the new Saudi automated visa issue systems reject them. Earlier reports had

suggested that bedoons' data would be inputted manually at border checkpoints to allow them entry into Saudi Arabia. Furthermore, the sources said that Kuwait's Awqaf ministry will notify hajj convoys to 'apologize' to bedoon pilgrims and refund the fees they had paid in full; which would lead to considerable losses for these convoys, who would probably demand compensation from the ministry. —Al-Rai



KUWAIT: The Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) distributed Eid Al-Adha gifts to cleaning and construction workers around Kuwait as part of its social responsibility duties.

FUGITIVE NABBED

KUWAIT: Officers in a police patrol spotted a car driven at high speed on Fahaheel Expressway near Mishref, so they stopped the driver, who was found wanted in a rape case by Adan detectives. When police asked him to get into the patrol car, he refused, but was controlled. He was also suspected of DUI. Policemen said while he was in the patrol car, he hit his head with the metal barrier and wounded his head, and had to be taken to hospital. Three bottles of alcohol were found in his car. He was sent to concerned authorities. —Al-Rai

RECENTLY APPOINTED BORDER EXIT EMPLOYEES INVESTIGATED

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sabah authorized the ministry's acting assistant under-secretary for border exits Major General Faisal Al-Senain to take all measures to reinstate discipline at various border exits, especially after the recent dangerous security breaches, well-informed sources said. "The minister's instructions were put into practice by Senain's orders to review the most recent lists of staff members appointed at land border exits and Kuwait airport pending restructuring them and referring incompetent ones to less effective positions or retirement," explained the sources, predicting that Senain would start with land border exits, especially Abdali. —Al-Anbaa



Major General Faisal Al-Senain

GAS STATION OPERATORS SHOULD BE AT LEAST HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

KUWAIT: Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) recently announced conditions for a new tender to hire operators for 43 new gas stations, which include that they must at least be high school graduates, said informed sources, noting that the lowest bid offered for the tender was KD 12 million. The sources added that a specialized KNPC committee was currently studying the offers, verifying conditions, applicants' qualifications, experience in gas station operation and mastery of both English and Arabic. The sources said that the tender condition included salaries of KD 120-140, accommodation, annual leaves and safety and firefighting training courses to be provided by the contractor under KNPC's supervision. Notably, KNPC is currently working on an ambitious plan to build 100 new gas stations to meet demand from the increasing number of vehicles and offered a tender to build 26 of them according to new designs. —Al-Rai