

Al-Anbaa

WHEN HISTORY GIGGLES

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History is currently recording the incidents going on in our region and giggling so loudly, that it will almost fall back with laughter at our tragic situations. History also seems to be wondering with tears falling on its pages about how Arabs can believe what they hear about the world rejecting the civil wars going on in their countries or being against brutal terrorist organizations, while they see with their own eyes the modern weapons, machinery, vehicles, funding and endless fortunes these organizations have, though we so far do not know who actually leads them!

If the world is against wars and against those extremist organizations, then who is providing them with weapons and ammunition, when everybody knows that neither they nor their allies are capable of manufacturing even one bullet?! History scribes will also laugh their hearts out at those who believe that IS is defending Sunni Arabs, while it was actually created to kill them, destroy the future of their children, displace them and give away their lands after it created severe states of antagonism between them and their neighbors.

IS paved the way for the Raqqa battle by destroying the Kurdish city of Kobani without any due cause, then withdrew from it, leaving the Kurdish people and militias to retaliate against the people of Raqqa and take over their lands to include them in the Kurdish state they have been

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promised. IS also prepared for the Fallujah battle with a series of explosions in poor Shiite neighborhoods in eastern Baghdad to create a sense of retaliation against the Popular Army. The people of Fallujah are still suffering from IS' practices including food deprivation and snipers shooting innocent people who try to flee the city.

Kuwait recently arrested an expat called Mahmoud Al-Harabawi for collecting fortunes from both Sunnis and Shiites by fraud. This man changed his appearances several times and dressed in various sects' garb to collect donations. Well, this guy should have been thanked instead of being punished, because he unintentionally helped expose the basic reasons of all doctrinal wars.

The moment he grew a beard, put on special attire and started using religious words and statements, everybody, including Sunnis and Shiites, believed him without even asking him about his qualifications. Who knows that war, sect, and doctrinal lords fighting on Arab soil are not like this Harabawi with only one difference - they are not making thousands like him, but millions or billions by obliterating their countries and selling them to regional and international slave markets!

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AUTHORITY PREPARES LABOR TESTS

KUWAIT: Acting Director of the Manpower Public Authority (MPA) Ahmad Al-Mousa said the authority's organizational structure was modified by creating a fourth sector for planning and evaluating professional skills, to join the three current sectors - recruitment and employment, manpower protection and human resources.

Mousa said that following the Cabinet's decision to move the center of approving skill levels from the Cabinet to MPA, the new sector was created. He said this sector activates the role of approving foreign skill levels in the countries that send workers, so that "we will be able to bring skilled technical workers that will help the marketplace and not be a burden on it". He said with regards to activating the center's roles, "we are in the stage of preparing the standards and test questions of professions. The start will be with three countries as a trial - India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka." — Al-Jarida

KUWAITI FACES CHARGES IN US

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti national Fuad Ismail Dashti will appear in a US court today, charged with compromising national security. Informed sources said Dashti was arrested last week on arrival at San Francisco airport, and was charged with compromising national security for selling aircraft spare parts to Iran. Sources said Dashti's family asked a lawyer to follow his case, which the court will consider in its first session. US laws impose strict punishments on foreign companies or individuals that deal with Iran to provide it with any technology related to producing weapons of mass destruction. — Al-Rai

News

in brief

Six working hours at KOC

KUWAIT: Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) announced that working hours during Ramadan will be six - from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on weekdays. The Civil Service Commission had previously set Ramadan working hours in the public sector at four and a half hours - from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. — Al-Anbaa

Govt mismanagement

KUWAIT: Islamic Constitutional Movement (ICM) member Mohammad Al-Dallal responded to calls asking them to apologize after ending their boycott to parliamentary elections, saying that the government should instead make an apology for mismanagement throughout the past few years. He added that ICM took a decision to return "after sensing the public's frustration from the current mismanagement," adding that the decision was not unanimous but was taken with support of a majority within the bloc. — Al-Jarida

Single vote system

KUWAIT: Early indications for voters' registration in 2016 point out to a 'systematic targeting' of the second constituency in order to achieve changes there, as statistics show an 'abnormal growth' of registered voters who so far reached 4,426. Sources said that this change could be attributed to the fact that the single vote system has dropped the number of votes required to win a parliamentary seat from 4,643 during the last time elections were held as per the four-votes-per-voter system in February 2012, to 1,504 during the last elections. — Al-Qabas

Billboards

KUWAIT: Kuwait Municipality rejected offers made by eight companies for an auction to put ads on highways' billboards, because these offers failed to make the KD 12 million minimum investment limit. — Al-Qabas

Crime

Report

Five-member theft gang busted

KUWAIT: Public funds forgery departments busted a five-member international gang who stole from companies through financial transfers that were forged professionally, then left the country as soon as they completed the transactions. Security sources said the five, all Indians, entered Kuwait on May 1 for a few hours and went to several local banks with forged documents signed by major companies in Kuwait to transfer millions in funds. The sources said the gang members are highly professional in the field of international theft, and know how to get into the country and disguise their movements, selecting their residences and ways to avoid inspection by bank employees. They also do not use any equipment. They monitor to find if they are being monitored and are trained about the places they plan to visit. They have all documents in their possession including forged civil IDs, driving licenses and passports. The sources said when all the suspects left the country, a bank discovered, after learning from a company in whose name the transfer was made, that it did not authorize such a transfer, so the company complained and banks stopped all transfers. Sources added that a team was formed and was able to identify the suspects, who all work for technology companies and reside in Gulf countries. They said the team was able to trace the movements of the gang members using cameras at the airport, banks, hotels and the cafe where they met, and their real identities were discovered in cooperation with criminal detectives in Gulf countries where they reside, who were very cooperative. The sources said follow-up and coordination resulted in the arrest of the main suspect who resides in Qatar, and he was extradited to Kuwait on Sunday within hours after the request. He confirmed all information the investigating team had found. Two suspects are in the UAE and are being arrested, one in Bahrain who was arrested and one is in India and is being sought by Interpol.

Suicides

A bedoon (stateless) man hanged himself to death inside a building that belongs to the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources. A security source said the man's body was found near the shooting range near Sixth Ring Road. The body was sent to the coroner and the case was handed to detectives. Preliminary information revealed that the deceased was studying medicine in Cairo, lives in Sulaibiya and was suffering from mental illness. He was 22 years old. Separately, an Indian man hanged himself to death at his residence in Mahboula. His body was sent to the medical examiner, and the case is being investigated.

Fugitive caught

A Kuwaiti ex-convict failed in his attempt to escape from an inspection point in Ardhiya. The suspect has four arrest warrants against him, all for felony cases. He was sent to criminal detectives for further action.

Physical assault

A citizen in his thirties accused one of his cousins of entering his house with an intention to commit a crime and beating him, after he stormed his diwaniya. The citizen went to Ali Sabah Al-Salem police station with a medical report stating he suffered broken teeth and bruises, accusing his cousin of causing it.

Harasser at large

A female citizen accused a young man of harassing her in a Shuwaikh market, then following her all the way to her residence in Qairawan. She said that she returned to Shuwaikh to avoid any of her family members see the harasser, which may cause a big problem. She gave police the plate number of the suspect's car and lodged a complaint. — Al-Rai

Photo

of the day



KUWAIT: Bait Al-Arab: Kuwait's Arabian horses center.— KUNA photo