

Crime

Report

FOUR ARRESTED WITH DRUGS

KUWAIT: Four Indians were arrested in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh with possession of heroin. Patrol officers had found the suspects in a suspicious place, and arrested them after discovering that they were under the influence of drugs. They were sent to concerned authorities.

Intruder stabbed

A citizen stabbed a stranger who entered his house in Naseem five times, then handed him to police. The citizen said he was surprised by the man in his house and attempted to catch him, but he resisted and tried to beat him, so he stabbed him. The house owner was also sent for questioning.

Family dispute

Two brothers struck a Yemeni man with an axe on his head and chest and pulled a firearm at him due to earlier disputes. The Yemeni had went to the house of his sister's in-laws in order to get her belongings, but a man emerged and started beating him. The attacker's brother then came out with a firearm, and following an argument, one of the brothers brought an axe and hit the Yemeni on the head. The victim's own brother went to Naeem police station and filed a complaint. Investigations are underway.

Thefts

Two Nepalese and a Filipina stole the contents of a beauty salon where they worked and disappeared, according to the owner. Investigations are underway. Meanwhile, a thief stole KD 3,000 and smartphones from a policeman's house. The victim lodged a complaint at Saad Al-Abdullah police station. The policeman found the door broken and discovered the theft when he looked for the money in the bedroom's cupboard. Jahra detectives are working on the case. — *Translated from the Arabic press*



ARAB MEDIA, PRESS CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY

KUWAIT: The Arab Independent Media and Press Freedom Conference organized by KJA in collaboration with The World Union Organizations for Arabic Press (WUOAP) will be launched today under auspices of Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah. The two-day conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Al-Baraka Ballroom). It is set to witness several symposiums discussing the Kuwaiti press, freedom of press in the Arab world and a declaration of media freedom.

Al-Anbaa

DEDUCTING KD 55 FROM KUWAITIS' WAGES

By Thaar Al-Rasheedi

Some people always remain in the dark and appear in public only when the government intends to haunt citizens' pockets for economic reasons. By appearing in the media, those people create a state of panic about our economy, which I am not claiming is in a good place. It is actually falling apart. I mean that those people come out to explain how deteriorated the economy is due to the fall of oil prices. They will also argue that simple poor citizens have to take their part of the responsibility to solve the economic problem.

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Some of them would even go as far as suggesting that it would be okay if citizens give away a part of their salaries and incentives to contribute to reducing expenditure. The suspicious economic reform plan suggested by the government, approved by the 2013 parliament and promoted by the government's economists proves this. The plan suggested reducing the National Labor Support allowance by 10 percent. Well, assuming that citizens working in the private sector receive an average salary of KD 550 a month, this means deducting KD 55 a month and KD 660 a year.

According to the latest statistics, the total number of citizens working in the private sector is 73,000, which means that the government would annually save around KD 48 million by cutting down their salaries by 10 percent. I do not wish to speak about the legality, constitutionality or even logic in cutting down the allowances; which was originally set by law to encourage more citizens to join the private sector. Let me talk about the KD 48 million the state will save by this unusual economic procedure.

This amount is less than five percent of the value of one of the failing unfinished projects. It is not even worth half the value of the cost changes in projects worth millions of dinars. It is less than half the value of a tender to provide devices to ministries that are often end up not used. It is not even equal to 10 percent of the costs spent on the overseas treatment program. Solving financial squander should not go through the pockets of simple citizens and those with limited income. It should be done through solving the issue in various ministries. Citizens' pockets must be the last resort in any economic reform plans, but our politicians know nothing about economic principles when it comes to multibillion development projects. Such an economic reform attempt is but a sugarcoated form of corruption disguised as reform.

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Al-Jarida

COMAS AND ABUSE

By Mohammed Al-Sager

I had decided to give the current parliament a chance to prove itself after several tragic experiences of previous parliaments being annulled, suspended and politically disqualified. However, what happened since this parliament came in power makes me more grateful for previous ones, especially since so much was expected from it after the people put an end to boycotting the elections under the one-vote electoral system. However, it ended up with great disappointment.

The fact that this parliament only passed two bills since it came to office shows how much time is being wasted on political disputes and disagreements, instead of focusing on legislation, achievement and reforming laws that had been distorted by the previous parliament and are gradually being undone such as that of the DNA law, blasphemers' penalties, or Juveniles' age reduction bill.

Nonetheless, the worst political phenomenon in the current parliament is the flowing threats of interpellations, both justified and unjustified. The distinguished lawmakers seem to have figured out that shouting louder, gaining more public support and electoral gains were much better than legislation. They also discovered that blackmailing the government is more useful than cooperating with it. They seem to have forgotten that a parliamentary inquiry is a real monitoring tool, that a press conference can support such inquiries, that media can be used for more pressure and that there are so many ways to achieve goals. Why, then, do they opt to the easiest methods and file grilling motions? Why are they turning such a tool into a silly one by overusing it?

I would like to remind you that former MPs Dr Ahmad Al-Kahteeb, Jassem Al-Qatami, Ahmad Al-Saadoun and Jassem Al-Sager have never filed a single interpellation throughout their parliamentary careers; neither have I, though we had so many confrontations with governments and their policies. We were fiercer in defending people's rights, liberties and the rule of law. Why do they opt to practices that are so strange for citizens and open for authoritarians, the enemies of democracy and those with bad intentions to attack and criticize the democracy?

I recently heard threats to file interpellations, then closely followed the process of grilling former information minister Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah. And though I believe he failed in fulfilling his tasks in sports and information, I strongly believe that the motion was unsuccessful and that lawmakers abused this tool and started executing political agendas that are far beyond the right of monitoring as part of a balance-of-power game that would only harm Kuwait.

—*Translated by Kuwait Times*



Alghanim Industries employees pose with the Minister of Commerce at GUST.

ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES STRENGTHENS RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

KUWAIT: Alghanim Industries, one of the largest privately owned companies in the region was a Platinum sponsor of Gulf University for Science and Technology's (GUST) career fair, and a Silver sponsor of the career fair in the College of Business Administration of Kuwait University. The career fairs were able to attract many students and professors to the company booth to learn more about the businesses and programs that the company offers such as, the Alghanim Future Leaders Program (AFLP) and the Summer Internship Program.

Commenting on the company's participation in the career fairs, Chief Human Resources Officer at Alghanim Industries, George Lambros said: "We look for every opportunity to engage with Kuwaiti students, and to inform them about the exciting career opportunities we have at Alghanim Industries. Over the years, we have successfully recruited impressive talent from local universities and we're invested in retaining and developing them, once they join the organization. We look forward to having many of the students we met as interns or as employees in the near future."

The event served as a great platform for all students interested in learning more about the company, its history, and what it can offer to further develop their skills and build rewarding careers. Many resumes were received from students and alumni interested in joining Alghanim Industries.

The company is committed to empowering youth through education, with particular interest in acquiring talented graduates from both international and local universities. Alghanim Industries also focuses on gender diversity, recruiting and retaining female talent. In addition to its Kuwaiti Mentorship Program, which aims to further advance the skills and talents of Kuwaiti employees in the company.



KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) carried out an exercise at Sabah Al-Salem University in Shedadaya yesterday to gauge the readiness of fire and backup teams in dealing with accidents such as an explosion of an oxygen cylinder during welding.



Alghanim Industries employees pose with the Dean of the college of Business Administration at Kuwait University.