

Crime

Report

RELATIVES FIGHT IN ARDIYA CAFE

KUWAIT: Five female citizens who are related engaged in a fight with each other in an Ardiya cafe. They were taken to the police station and charged with fighting. The five women hurled insults at each other before exchanging blows, so police were called.

Escapes caught

Ahmadi detectives arrested two dangerous suspects who had escaped from their holding cell. The two, who were found in Hawally, said they opened the cell's door with a copy of the key and that they had planned the escape for days. A man was waiting for them outside the police station. He was also arrested.

Physical assault

A Syrian man suffered a broken jaw and his friend, a citizen, suffered various bruises and grazes, when six persons beat them for no apparent reason in Zour desert. The two called police, who responded along with paramedics and took them to Adan Hospital. Ahmadi detectives are working on the case.

Reckless driving

Police brought 150 persons under control who had gathered in a street near Taima to see reckless drivers showing off with their cars. The drivers poured diesel on the street during their act, endangering other motorists who drive on the road. Several drivers were arrested and their cars impounded, and legal action is being taken.

Pedestrian mugged

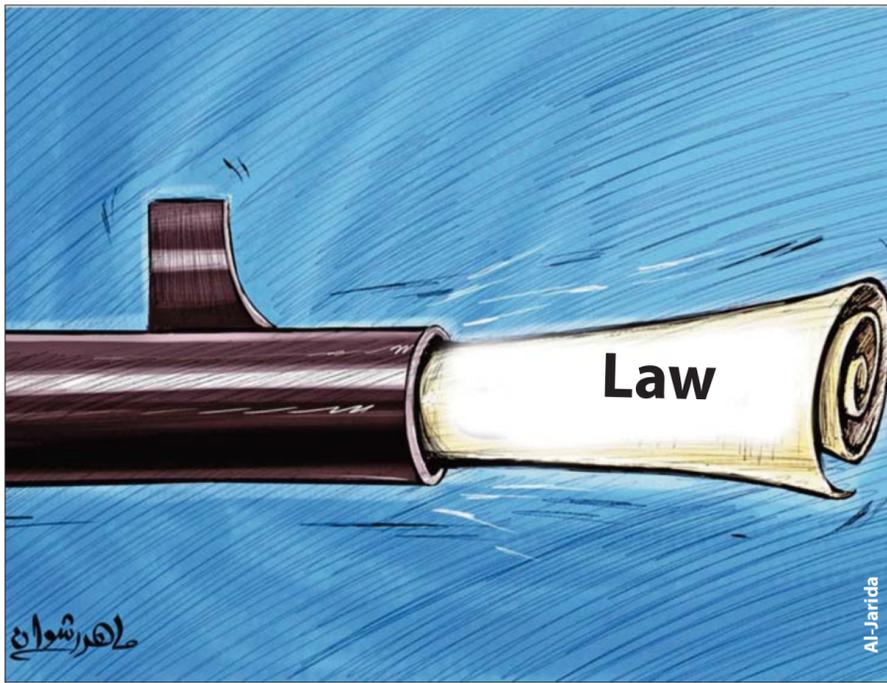
A person in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh abducted an Asian man and robbed him, claiming to be a detective. The victim was walking at night when a man stopped him telling him he was a detective. He asked him to get in his car and handcuffed him. He then took him to an area in Hasawi and stole KD 300 in cash and his new phone, got him out of the car then drove off. The victim went to Jleeb police station and complained.

Domestic violence

A citizen dropped domestic violence charges against her husband, saying that issue between them was resolved. However, she made an emergency call later and insisted to lodge a complaint against her husband. The woman told police she was beaten by her husband, and when a patrol went to the house, the woman told them the dispute was resolved. Minutes later, she called again and insisted that a complaint be lodged. Both were sent to Saad Al-Abdullah police station, and investigations are underway.

Suicide attempt

Police and paramedics rescued a young citizen who slashed his wrist in an attempt to commit suicide. Police found there was a fight between two brothers, which prompted one of them to attempt suicide. The injured youth became enraged in the ambulance and caused extensive damage, while paramedics attempted to help him. —Translated from the Arabic press



الجريدة

Al-Jarida

AMENDING ARTICLE 79 AND THE CIVIL STATE

By Dr Bader Al-Daihani

According to its constitution, namely article 6, Kuwait is a democratic civil state and any proposal to amend constitutional articles should be done for the sake of achieving more liberties, equality and establishing the foundations of a civil democratic state that has room for everyone. Nevertheless, political Islam blocs do not recognize democratic regimes and values such as freedom, devolution of power, pluralism and separation between powers.

The ultimate goal of political Islam blocs is to build a religious state that is no different from the Islamic State (IS) group except for some slight differences in grades. Political Islam blocs (the Muslim Brotherhood and its subdivisions) work according to gradual phases, during which they utilize liberties and democratic tools, such as elections and ballots, only to get to power and then monopolize it forever, while IS follows a policy of burning everything.

Therefore, it is no wonder that once in power, their first priority is to try to indirectly cancel the constitution and push towards establishing a religious state. This is why they recently asked to amend article 79 of the Kuwaiti constitution after they failed several times (nine to be precise) in amending article 2. If they manage to achieve this, the other articles of the constitution will be worthless. Notably, this is their second attempt to amend article 79 after His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Sabah had previously rejected the first attempt in accordance with article 66 of the constitution.

In case article 79 gets amended as proposed by Kuwait's branch of the Muslim Brotherhood - the Islamic Constitutional Movement (ICM) and its allies in other Sunni blocs - this would signal a shift from a civil state into a religious one similar to IS, and we would then have a religious power superior to the legislative power, which is according to article 51 of the constitution, headed by His Highness the Amir and the National Assembly. This new power will decide on violations of Islamic sharia laws.

I wonder who will be its members. Which of the so many sharia interpretations will they adopt, especially when each of them claims to know the whole truth? The Muslim Brotherhood's interpretation of some issues is different from those of Salafists. In addition, we have differences between Sunnis and Shiites. We still remember the disagreement between the Brotherhood and the Salafist Ummah Principles Party when the Youth Rising Forum was held in Kuwait several years ago, and MP Jamaan Al-Harbash tweeted addressing his fellow MP, urging him not to encapsulate sharia in his own interpretations of it. This confirms the existence of more than an interpretation of sharia. So, which one will the proposed religious power follow after amending article 79?

The slogan of applying Islamic sharia used by political Islam blocs to justify turning against the constitution is nothing more than an evasive emotional political tactic used to manipulate simple people and win their support. According to our constitution, sharia is the basic source of legislation. These blocs are not even settled on the religious state they intend to establish, and the best example of this are the bloody conflicts among them in Syria.

Last but not least, political Islam blocs that are hindering the development of the democratic civil regime and look forward to establishing a religious state get their might and strength from allying with the political regime since the 1970s, as the latter has been facilitating their access to power and allowing them to publicly expand, although they have been frankly announcing rejection of liberties and the values of a democratic civil regime. For them, democracy is nothing more than a tool they use to come to power, then start changing the rules and monopolize it forever! —Translated by Kuwait Times

النهار

Al-Anbaa

180° EXPANSION

By Saad Al-Motesh

I totally believe that Almighty Allah is capable of changing anything promptly - praise be to Him who cannot be impeded by anything on earth or in the skies. I recall a story, although I am not sure if it is authentic or not. However, it has been going around among people, who say that in a TV interview with a rich Arab, he was asked about the size of his fortune, and the billionaire said: 'Do you mean its size before or after you asked the question?' Such an answer means that man's wealth changes within seconds and never stays the same!

I remembered this story while listening to some statements about the number of casualties among our Syrian brothers, which sounded more like that Arab billionaire's answer.

If you ask anybody about the real figures of those killed and held captive, the number will surely and drastically change. So, are those fig-

ures about the fallen true before or after the question was asked?!

Away from the Syrians' sufferings and the Arab billionaire's wealth, we have seen personal accounts of ordinary and economically and commercially insignificant people expand to astronomical figures.

So, did this happen after or before they started their political careers? The answer highly depends on whether those accounts multiplied before or after they assumed their positions!

Notably, the question does not only include those who had their bank accounts enlarged, but also includes all politicians who turned into real estate merchants inside and outside Kuwait. Those who always claimed owning nothing more than their salaries and things changed by 180 degrees after they started their political careers!

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A picture from the celebrations in Al-Hamra Tower.



A picture from the celebrations in Shuyoukh office.



Kuwaiti flag in an atrium area.



ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES CELEBRATES NATIONAL AND LIBERATION DAYS

KUWAIT: On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, Alghanim Industries, one of the largest private companies in the region, celebrated Kuwait's National and Liberation Days, with employees at the company headquarters in Al-Hamra Tower and its Shuwaikh offices.

The employee engagement featured the local band The Concert which played Kuwaiti national music to the diverse crowd. Kuwaiti food and desserts were served, alongside a temporary photo studio, consisting of traditional sadu woven furniture, giving employees a fun place to socialize and take pictures.

Commenting on the event, George Lambros, Chief Human Resources Officer, said: "At Alghanim Industries, we strive to engage with our employees, bringing them together around important events throughout the year. This year, we created a lot of fun activities around Kuwait's national holidays in order to celebrate with our

employees and our customers who are at the center of our values. We also take opportunities such as these to emphasize our Kuwaiti talent within Alghanim Industries - we have worked hard to create a collaborative, encouraging and challenging environment which we hope brings out the potential in all of our employees."

In addition to the employee engagement event, the company held a photography competition for the employees to share patriotic pic-

tures featuring Alghanim Industries related items. The winning photo was of a costa cup and Kuwait City's skyline drawn by hand with coffee.

The offices were also decorated throughout the month of February, featuring a large 3-story Kuwaiti flag, which was hung in the headquarter atrium. Decorated cookies were handed out to employees earlier in the same week, and Kuwait flag pins were distributed for employees to express nationalistic spirit.

Alghanim Industries holds engaging employee activities on a regular basis, including blood drives which the company organizes in collaboration with the Kuwait Central Blood Bank (KCBB), Breast Cancer Awareness campaigns, and charity runs and marathons in which the company pays the registration fees for its employees who are interested in joining, in addition to celebrating the national holidays in the company.