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Policemen arrested with drugs

KUWAIT: A special forces agent dressed in full uniform was arrested for possession and abuse of drugs, resisting arrest, attempting to escape and assaulting fellow policemen. In a similar incident, two police detectives were arrested in two separate incidents with drugs. The sources explained that the first suspect was arrested in Ahmadi with drugs and a weapon. The sources noted that the suspect was high on drugs and kept screaming blame at the force because he was a 'colleague.' The second suspect was arrested in Mubarak Al-Kabeer after causing an accident, said security sources, noting that on noticing how weirdly he acted, traffic police searched his vehicle and found drugs in it.

'Saddam' arrested

An Egyptian named Saddam was arrested in Farwaniya for violating residency laws and referred for deportation, said security sources. Case papers indicate that the suspect was spotted and arrested while trying to avoid a checkpoint.

Stolen cables

Farwaniya detectives raided a warehouse in Hasawi, where two Egyptians had been storing tons of copper cables stolen from Ministry of Electricity and Water power units. Case papers indicate that a police patrol suspected a truck loaded with copper cables with two Egyptians onboard. The suspects immediately confessed that the cables were stolen and that they had been using a house in Hasawi to store them. A case was filed.

Fugitive caught

A citizen wanted over a criminal case was arrested in Jahra, said security sources, noting that the suspect was stopped by a police patrol for obstructing traffic flow. The sources added that the man had no ID on him, but on checking his fingerprints, he was found wanted and was apprehended and referred to relevant authorities.

Drug possession

Jahra detectives conducted a wide-scale inspection campaign which resulted in arresting a 22-year-old citizen with 13 bags of drugs and some hashish joints.

— Translated from the Arabic press

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**Saudi women in the eyes of their Mauritanian peers**

By Arwa Al-Waqian

I heard about the ban lifted on Saudi women driving while I was in Nouakchott, Mauritania on a trip organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for a group of Arab and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) journalists to cover the situations of refugees in Northern Africa. We were having dinner when a colleague congratulated everybody as Saudi women have finally been allowed to drive, which angered a Saudi journalist who insisted that women have no right to drive.

A long debate went on while the latter kept insisting on his contradicting opinion that Saudi women are free to drive anywhere worldwide except in Saudi Arabia, which led to the problem of double standards and people's wrong beliefs.

The following day when we were on our way to the airport, the flight was cancelled due to weather problems. While waiting for a bus, we had a friendly chat with a Mauritanian family waiting at the airport where one of us mentioned how our Saudi colleague was against women driving, which angered the Mauritanian women who criticized him and noted that women were 'half of societies' and that they are ought to be respected.

They kept fiercely and logically arguing with him that driving is not a privilege and that women were free to choose whatever they wish. This is when I realized how powerful Mauritanian women were, which is rare in Africa. I liked the Mauritanian women's feminist vision.

Even African female refugees in Mauritania have good chances of becoming strong feminists. I met a female refugee from Central Africa who was talking about the importance to educate women, their rights and empowerment, which was really amazing to come across in such a poor country.

Finally allowing Saudi women to drive despite all conditions was a step long awaited by women worldwide which was celebrated even in Africa. Saudi women made great achievements despite social restrictions on their rights. It is high time to let Saudi women fly high into creative skies.

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**Small enterprises**



Major projects

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**It is a matter of time**

By Ali Mahmoud Khajah

These days people are focusing less on daily politics and more on starting their own business, cultural activities and events such as those organized at Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center. This makes me wonder if this optimism is an illusion or real, however it does make me feel positive. I am not saying that we are heading towards living in a Utopia nor am I claiming that we are surrounded by many things waiting to undermine such optimism. I have started to notice some positive changes that are about to take place in Kuwait. The reason behind such optimism is that people are gradually abstaining from focusing on politics, the parliament and the government's daily actions and developments as they used to a few years back when people knew the tiniest details about lawmakers' opinions on a certain issue. For instance, Scope TV channel allocated a three-hour program during the evening prime time for a debate with MPs or a candidate.

Al-Watan TV channel also showed a political

program at prime time. Al-Adalah TV channel allocated a three-hour program to talk about parliamentary and governmental daily activities. We also went as far as establishing special TV channels to show National Assembly daily activities. All this is slowly fading away. Even if it does exist, nobody pays attention to it anymore. People are no longer eager to watch an interview with an MP or a debate between two candidates.

In addition, the perfect usage of social media networks in showing the flow in various sectors has led to reform, which eventually made some officials compete in winning public opinion satisfaction with their performance to avoid criticism. Also, more and more people have stopped giving in blindly to statements made by clerics or people pretending to be religious. People are currently rejecting illogical sayings and Fatwas and have stopped considering those men solemn, which is a trait they do not deserve.

— Translated by Kuwait Times

**'Intercare' co-sponsors Horeca 2018**

KUWAIT: Because caring for cleaning systems in restaurants and hotels is a key factor in achieving success in hospitality services, the Intercare General Trading and Contracting Company (Intercare Kuwait) recently signed a contract with organizers of the 2018 Horeca Kuwait exhibition to sponsor the event. Horeca's organizing committee welcomed Intercare into the exhibition's list of sponsors, noting that Intercare Kuwait plays a significant role in securing cleaning services in various hotels and restaurants.

Intercare Kuwait can be credited as an industry leader in the business of innovative professional hygiene solutions in the Middle East. Starting with just two employees in 1998, Intercare has grown phenomenally today, both in status and rank. After having successfully captured the markets of Kuwait, Intercare has launched its world class professional hygiene and



Garish Kumar Nanda

cleaning systems in India and Qatar.

On the occasion of signing the contract, General Manager Garish Kumar Nanda stressed that the company's success was achieved through several elements, including setting rigid standards of quality with a flexible product line and services. Intercare aims to take the edge over its competitors. Specialized

products and hi-tech dispensing systems ensure that the company adheres to its mission of introducing innovative systems and effective cleaning solutions to its client. Nanda added that with strong commitment to its 'Service with Integrity' policy, Intercare continues to fulfill its promise of providing state-of-the-art and modern day solutions to meet the needs of all its customers.

In addition, Nanda stressed that the company is primarily involved in providing innovative hygiene and cleaning solutions to B2B and B2C customers with a major emphasis on the hospitality and food and beverage industry and that its trading activities include washroom, kitchen and property hygiene, maintenance and cleaning solutions. Apart from trading, Intercare also carries out floor restoration services for all types of floors and carpet cleaning services. Notably, Horeca Kuwait 2018 will be organized by Leaders Group in collaboration with the Hospitality Services Company at Kuwait International Fairgrounds in Mishref in the period of January 15-17, 2018.

**PIC signs agreement for project in Canada**

KUWAIT: The Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC) signed an initial agreement for a polypropylene project in Canada through the Canada Kuwait Petrochemical Corporation, said an official yesterday. PIC CEO Mohammed Al-Farhoud said that this project in Canada was one of the major endeavors carried out by the company abroad, affirming that this will bolster Kuwait's status within the global petrochemical industry.

Jacobs Engineering Company will work on the initial design of the polypropylene project which is expected to produce around 550,000 tons annually, said Farhoud, adding that engineering company will provide its initial cost assessment for the project by the fourth quarter of 2018. In December, the Canada Kuwait Petrochemical Corporation received a conditional royalty credit of \$300 million from Alberta Energy to go towards the project. Sturgeon County also signed a Municipal Improvement Agreement with the company. — KUNA

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