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# Kuwaiti female journalists excel in reporting, draw high views

Seeking non-traditional stories, driven by passion



KUWAIT: In this file photo, Kuwaiti journalist Jenan Al-Zaid is seen as she interviews a man while preparing an investigative report in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh. — KUNA photos



Hadeel Al-Musaileem is seen in a gym as part of her reporting on sports in Kuwait.



Dana Al-Uwaisi interviews a man while reporting on popular restaurants in Kuwait.

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti female journalists have excelled in their reporting specially during the coronavirus pandemic, interacting with people smoothly while creating interesting stories that draw high views. It was their passion that made them seek non-traditional stories, giving them a growing popularity.

Radio broadcaster Jenan Al-Zaid said she joined Al-Qabas newspaper's online service in 2019 and did a report about begging in Kuwait. Zaid said she



Dana Al-Bahar reports on the field.



Bibi Al-Khodhari interviews a man during one of her field reporting missions.



Desire to achieve blocks feeling of fear

discovered her passion in investigative reporting. It is adventurous but absolute fun, she said. She began her investigative reporting, she added, about so-called "thieves market" in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh, where she also accompanied police forces to report on campaigns against violations by restaurants and coffee shops.

"This report resulted in the locking down of the area for three months. At this instance, the journalist feels how important her role is in covering important issues," said Zaid. She said she did not feel being threatened while reporting in dangerous areas because once she held the microphone she

felt "courage and a great desire to hunt the corrupt... the desire to achieve something blocks any feeling of fear." Zaid admitted she was threatened because of her reports but that would not stop her from doing what she loved.

Hadeel Al-Musaileem said it was her childhood dream to be a journalist and found out that the passion was in reporting about different kinds of topics, like sport stories in which she gets to meet with people with a winning mindset. Musaileem said her family stood by her and also provided feedback on her programs.

Dana Al-Uwaisi said she worked in media since

she was 15 years old but was restricted with the traditional type of media. She joined Al-Qabas online service and began genuine reporting. She said her reports about popular restaurants have great impacts among Kuwaitis and expatriates. It made viewers realize how customers were loyal to a certain restaurant because of the service it offered.

Some Egyptian and Jordanian restaurant owners thanked them for educating people about their food "which is a culture that bring people closer," she said. Uwaisi said she also loved reporting about environmental issues and how dumping of wastes

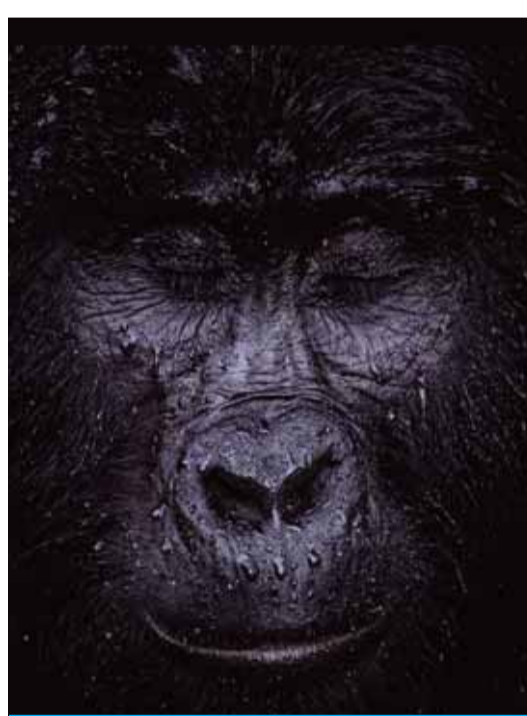
was damaging the environment.

Dana Al-Bahar, a journalist in Sarmad media network and a Mass Communication graduate, said her dedication and hard work made the others acknowledge her effort. Bahar said she loved political programs, covering the 2020 parliamentary elections which was a great experience for her. Bibi Al-Khodhari, meanwhile, said she enjoyed field reporting because it was an opportunity to interact with people. Khodhari hoped to have a personal contribution to media in Kuwait, Gulf and Arab regions in order to make a positive change. — KUNA

## Kuwaiti photographer wins British History Museum's award



Kuwaiti photographer Majed Al-Zaabi.



The winning picture.

LONDON: Kuwaiti photographer Majed Al-Zaabi won the British History Museum's award for Animal Portrait. In a press statement late Tuesday, Zaabi said that the winning picture was taken in Uganda of an almost 40-year-old mountain gorilla called Kibande, noting that the trip took four hours on foot up and down. He pointed out that this type of gorilla faces the risk of extinction because of the infringement on its

natural habitat and reducing the number of forests, noting meanwhile that several organizations are exerting huge efforts to protect the species. This year's competition saw 19 categories including three new groups: oceans, wetlands and natural artistry. The two winners, who were revealed via an online ceremony, were selected out of more than 50,000 entries from 95 countries. — KUNA

## Kuwait Fire Force inspects preparations for rainy season



KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Force said all fire stations are ready to deal with any events and incidents during the upcoming rainy season. The statement was made following a drill and display of fire equipment at Sabah Al-Ahmad Sea City, coinciding with the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, in the

presence of Kuwait Fire Force Chief Lt Gen Khaled Al-Mikrad and other senior officials. The display included rain equipment and water pumps of all types, in addition to 10 hydraulic pumps that are considered the most modern in the world and can pump 246,000 liters of water per minute.

