

Crime

Report

TWO DIED OF EXHAUST FUMES

KUWAIT: The medical examiner's report on the death of an expat woman and her compatriot suggested that the cause of death was asphyxiation from exhaust from the car the pair were in. The two were found dead inside a car in an uninhabited area of old Khaitan. The woman and man were inside the running car, she was 35 and he was 29 years old.

First drowning victim

The first drowning in the summer of 2016 was recorded at Meidan Hawally police station, when a call about an expat drowning in a swimming pool on the sea front. Police and paramedics rushed to the scene, and he was given first aid, but died while on the way to hospital.

ATV death

A 22-year-old citizen was killed when an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) he was driving flipped over while heading to Kuwait City on Jahra road. The body was recovered by the coroner.

Expat reports rape

A British woman, born in 1971, lodged a complaint against an unknown person who raped her. A security source said the expat went to Salmiya police station crying in a hysterical condition, and told officers that an unknown person raped her before escaping. She said she does not know the man.

Security campaigns roundup

General security led by Major General Ibrahim Al-Tarrah continued its activities in Kuwait's six governorates, as a citizen was arrested in the capital, wanted for debts of more than KD 15,000. Four stolen cars were found. In Hawally, two Indians were caught with 20 locally-made liquor bottles, also two others were arrested with 19 bottles, and a third with six bottles. In Ahmadi a citizen wanted to serve a jail sentence was arrested, two cars reported stolen were located, a person with drugs on him was arrested. In Farwaniya, a grocery store that was selling liquor to adolescents was raided and 111 locally made liquor bottles were found on its premises. The raid followed information about the store. In Mubarak Al-Kabeer seven absconders and violators were arrested by back up patrols.

Officers beaten

A military officer was beaten in Adan by a man he knows, and had personal disputes with him. Policemen are investigating. Separately, two citizens, 22 and 21, were detained in Maidan Hawally at the orders of the investigator on drunkenness and insulting a public employee while on duty. A security source said a Lieutenant noticed a car being driven erratically, so he asked the driver to stop but the driver refused and only stopped later after driving for three kilometers. The driver then got out of the car along with his friend and beat the officer.

Attempted stabbing

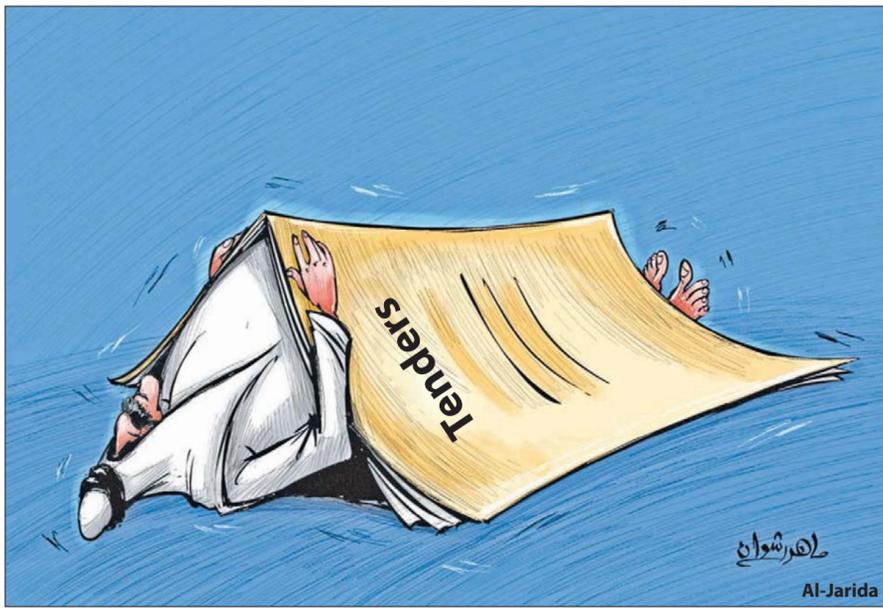
Investigator of Maidan Hawally police station charged a citizen of drunkenness and threatening to kill with a sharp object, and insulting a public employee. A security source said police operations received a call from a woman in a building and when police arrived, they found a man attempting to break into the flat with a knife, with the woman and her son inside. The man attempted to stab the officer while dealing with him and submitted a medical report to that effect. —Al-Rai

NO MORE GENERAL CONTRACTING COMPANIES

KUWAIT: Official sources said Minister of Commerce and Industry Yousuf Al-Ali issued a decision to disband the commercial activities categorization committee and rely on international categorization, which means that general contracting and trading companies, the most widespread in the country, will disappear. The committee is chaired by the ministry undersecretary, assistant secretary for companies and commercial licensing affairs, individual companies and commercial licensing, shareholding companies, commercial supervision, legal studies and IT systems directors. The committee is specialized in studying and describing activities and getting the necessary conditions to practice and follow the licensed activities that are up for renewal, and adding, canceling, amending or rejecting any application for commercial activities be it categorized or not with an explanation. Current license owners must adapt their situation according to the international code within four years, and this applies to general trading and contracting companies. —Al-Rai

IGNORING TARIFF INCREASE WASTED MILLIONS: REPORT

KUWAIT: Successive governments' ignorance of power tariff increase according to the group system caused the loss of billions of dinars, especially since they were within the development plan since 2002, but the lack of implementation or discussing them wasted the opportunity of adjusting the power prices' structure. An informed source said a report prepared by the Supreme Planning Council and the Central Statistics Department more than 14 years ago considered the government responsible for not hurrying crucial decisions to prevent any expected squandering of funds. According to the report, financial calculations showed that possible savings in the first year of implementation in 2003 were nearly KD 65 million, when power subsidies used to be KD 221 million, which means a saving percentage of 38 percent. The source said by the group system, if it was implemented since 2003, government subsidies would have dropped this year to only KD 800 million instead of the KD 2.626 billion paid to subsidize power and water. —Al-Qabas



Al-Anbaa

WHAT DO WE WANT?

By Dr Nermin Al-Houti

Each one of us, when we were young, had a goal and wish we aimed to fulfill in the future. When grown up, and that child became a man that felt his reality and surroundings, those wishes changed and goals scattered and the majority became not knowing what they want. Yesterday, when we were children, our dreams were rosy and our goals and wishes surrounding us had much optimism and hope, because there were those who protected us from reality that we did not know much about in our childhood. When we grew up and became part of reality, dreams and wishes changed, as the present and future carried the question - what do we want? And the majority does not know the answer! That is the irony - you ask but do not have the answer. Maybe the lack of knowledge and delinquency are the result of the reality that made the human being not know his goal, as the human surrounding started to have much environmental, intellectual, political and other pollutions and

impurities that prevents the individual to not take a breath, so he remains having difficulty breathing all the time. Then it will become difficult for the brain to decide his path because his body and brain and heart breathe much of the negatives that scattered the self and goals, and here the inevitable result will always be in his present and future. Our question: What do we want? When the reality's pollution, oxidation of brains, and tough hearts became what the majority wants in its wishes and goals, things that are polluted from their life, as we once find those who dig for the other to claim his job, and we find those whose goal is to conspire against others so he becomes the best in his surroundings - so from here and there we find out in the air that is full of negatives that the majority became just poisonous material for the society which increases the pollution of reality. All are asking, and do not know the answer: What do we want? —Translated by Kuwait Times

SAWABER COMPLEX TO BE DEMOLISHED SOON NORTHWEST SULAIBIKHAT TENANTS TO SUE HOUSING AUTHORITY

KUWAIT: Director of the Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) Bader Al-Weqayyan announced that the Cabinet has made a decision authorizing the demolition of the Sawaber Complex soon and annexing the site to the commercial zone in downtown Kuwait City. In a related development, well-informed sources said that following reports about the sufferings of citizens who were given government-provided houses in Northwest Sulaibikhat and complaints about the quality of the material used in constructing the houses, a local law firm offered to represent those tenants in suing the housing authority. Most former tenants in Sawaber were handed over replacement houses in Northwest Sulaibikhat.

The sources added that the law firm asked the concerned citizens to make powers of attorney to sue the housing authority on grounds that it violated the contracts signed with the companies that executed the project by allowing the use of low-quality construction materials. Further, the sources added that a team of the concerned citizens that volunteered to collect the powers of attorney explained that the law firm would file the case free of charge and would only take a percentage of the sums clients would be compensated with if they win the case.

Meanwhile, the deputy resident engineer of the Northwest Sulaibikhat project Jassim Ashkanani said that the housing authority had formed a committee that examined and approved the material used in constructions at the project site. He also



stressed that the authority's engineers would have never passed the project if it did not match specifications. Ashkanani

stressed that by checking many of the complaints citizens filed, they turned out to be insignificant and do not indicate any viola-

tion of standard specifications stated in the contracts signed with the executing companies. —Al-Rai, Al-Anbaa

FISH PRICES SOAR

KUWAIT: There is a shortage in fish in Kuwait; a country where seafood is most popular, or consumers are increasingly avoiding eating seafood because the price is too high, according to an official. Deputy Chairman of the Board of Kuwait Fishermen Union Jalal Al-Shemmari described the fish market as very "hot" in an indication to high prices, and denied that the decision to ban fishing by cages (qar-qoor) is the reason. Shemmari said the decision was 'random' and made without a study, nor was the opinion of people in the field taken before it was issued. He said agriculture and environment authorities enjoy our support in the field of protecting the environment, but what did they present in solutions to provide food security from fish and guarantee moderate prices for the consumer? Shemmari said the reduction in the percentage of local fish in the market to 45 percent only is due to several reasons including that the area in which nearly 1,000 boats are



operating is not enough for them, in addition to banning fishing off some islands, military and oil areas, and limiting fishing to an area that is only three miles offshore. He said PAAAFR implements the laws on licensed fishermen and

ignores more than 26,500 boats, 20 percent of which use illegal equipment for fishing. He demanded that meetings should be held to find solutions and revitalize the market by providing fish at reasonable prices. —Al-Rai

CITIZENSHIP WITHDRAWAL 'NOT SOVEREIGN ACT'

KUWAIT: The cassation prosecution said the interior ministry's decision to revoke the nationality of former MP Abdullah Al-Barghash and his family falls under the administrative judiciary and it is not considered a sovereign act. It rejected the appeals court's decision that cancelled the citizenships' restoration. The prosecution said in its report that it sent to the administrative cassation court which received the contestation of the former MP and his family against revoking their nationality, that the constitution bans immunity of decisions from the judiciary's supervision and guarantees the right of litigation in front of a judge. —Al-Jarida

CENTRAL BANK ARRANGES TO BORROW KD 2 BILLION FROM LOCAL BANKS

KUWAIT: The general debt managing committee formed by the finance ministry gave the Central Bank the green light to arrange for borrowing KD 2 billion for the government, sources said, adding that the banks sought to contribute to this loan are local banks only. This loan will be in dinars and dollars, and its value will be according to market ability and liquidity available at banks, said the sources, adding that the finance ministry does not want to exhaust the banks by applying pressure on the liquidity they have, and this will affect the private sector in turn. The expected picture will be clearer in the coming weeks after the meeting of the Central Bank with local banks and finding their ability to arrange for and collect a loan of this size. They said it is expected the finance ministry will announce that the budget deficit for 2015/2016 fiscal year that ended at the end of March is about KD 6 billion. —Al-Jarida