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## RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPOVERISHING REGIONAL COUNTRIES

By Sami Al-Nisf

Despite its industrial and scientific renaissance, Europe experienced severe poverty in the period between the Thirty Year War (1618-1648), which was a sectarian war amongst European monarchies, and the end of World War II in 1945. Most resources, revenues by factories, farms and colonies was spontaneously spent and consumed by wars, and up until a few decades back, it was Europeans' life dream to have simple jobs in peaceful rich countries like...Egypt.

Up until 1945, European conflicts were based on severe hatred amongst various peoples, races and sects. The German people had never imagined living peacefully while the French still existed and vice versa, feelings that, by the way, do not exist in our region because GCC and Arab peoples, for instance, have no hard feelings or grudges for the Iranian people and vice versa. There is nothing that proves this more than the eight-year Iraq-Iran war when Iranians continued working in GCC states without any problems and Iranian pilgrims continued to receive utmost care and support in Saudi Arabia.

Well, without any nice talk or courtesy, the main thing that is really destroying the Middle East, wasting its resources and impoverishing its peoples is the unconceivable policies of the Iranian government of interfering in domestic affairs of Arab countries like Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Palestine and Lebanon, that always leads to foreign and civil conflicts resulting in sectarianism, bloodshed, destroying houses, factories and cities and farms, wasting Arab as well as Iranian resources at the same time.

The funny thing is that Iranian interference is limited to Arab countries and does not include others surrounding Iran despite the presence of followers of the same doctrine in them. The region and its peoples' future is very gloomy and heading to severe impoverishment, spread of famine, fatal diseases and displacement of millions because of one reason - Iranian interference in domestic affairs that results in creating extreme groups like Al-Qaeda, IS, Houthis and others, who are all illegitimate armed groups that must be dealt with equally.

It is not acceptable to support the Iraqi army in its war against IS in the north, and at the same time, fight the legitimate Yemeni army in its war against the Houthis troops and the troops of the deposed president Saleh. Most of the regional problems will be solved, peace will prevail and regional peoples, primarily the Iranians, will start enjoying their wealth and fortunes before they become finite, with the very moment in which Iran changes its extreme policies towards its neighbors, because they do not serve Iran or other regional countries and only serves the interests of a third party that all extremists claim to antagonize while they are in fact their closest allies!

— Translated by Kuwait Times

## Crime

Report

### CITIZENSHIP FORGERY CASE DISCOVERED

**KUWAIT:** A security source said based on instructions from Deputy Premier and Defense Minister Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah to cooperate and exchange information between security departments with regards to forgeries in nationalities, the first case was discovered and sent to public prosecution of a citizen accused of adding one of his cousin's children (a bedoon) to his file and got him Kuwaiti nationality from which he benefited in his studies, worked in the defense ministry and received a marriage loan besides other financial and social advantages. The security source said under the instructions and supervision of Interior Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Nationality and Passports Affairs Maj Gen Mazen Al-Jarrah, and exchange of information between nationality detectives and defense ministry intelligence, it was learnt that the accused citizen, (A.R.A.) born in 1961, added the son of the second suspect (A.H.A.) who is his bedoon brother-in-law, to his nationality file and got him official documents as a Kuwait citizen in the name of (A.A.R.).

The source added that after making sure about the information, the first suspect's home in Ahmadi was raided and he was arrested. He told authorities that during the Iraqi invasion, he left for Syria where the second suspect asked him to add his newborn child in his name to get him to Kuwait following liberation and add him to his Kuwaiti nationality file, and he obliged and submitted inaccurate information to the Kuwait embassy in Syria. He brought him to Kuwait with a travel document then got him a birth certificate from the health ministry, then added him to his file in 1993. The second and third suspects were referred to the defense ministry as they are military men.

#### Drunk driver arrested

"I am a drunk, not a thief," is how an Iraqi man explained his condition when he was arrested with a liquor bottle. He was taken to the police station and charged with public drunkenness and possession of alcohol. Patrol officers spotted a car being driven erratically that almost hit other cars and ran over pedestrians. When stopped, he was found heavily drunk.

#### Khaitan fire

Firemen put out a fire in a Khaitan flat which started due to faulty wiring. The speedy response of firemen prevented the spread of the fire, and only material losses were reported.

#### KD 23,000 debt

Capital patrols arrested a 28-year-old citizen wanted for a KD 23,000 debt, and he was sent to the civil implementation department. The arrest was made in Sharq when a patrol officer suspected the man who seemed nervous when police approached him. When they checked his information, he was found wanted.

#### Kidnappers caught

Jahra police arrested three persons who kidnapped a bedoon (stateless) man, took him to the Jahra stables area and beat him up because of previous disputes. They were charged accordingly. A security source said a call was received about a kidnapping, so Waha policemen went to the area and found the victim, who told them about the three who beat him and fled. Policemen combed the area and found the three in a car and were arrested.—Al-Rai



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## EGYPT: A PHOENIX THAT WILL RISE FROM THE ASHES

By Thaar Al-Rasheedi

I know each and every detail about Egypt, its buildings, people's aspirations and visions, media figures, policies, politicians and history very well and whenever I write about it, it is as if I am writing about Kuwait because I know its sorrows and its many joys. In June 2013, I wrote an article predicting that the Muslim Brotherhood would once more be deemed 'a banned group'. The article was written just before the runoff between Ahmed Shafiq and Mohamed Morsi. Many analysts from both Egypt and Kuwait criticized me at the time, saying that I was only fortunetelling, but in less than a year after that, all I wrote about my beloved Egypt was realized simply because I wrote about it out of full knowledge of Egypt and Egyptians' mentality.

Nowadays, some people expect Egypt's total failure, while historic facts, for those who never read history, say that Egypt and its people have always been unbreakable. It never falls, breaks or dies. Egypt's geographic location and people are an exception regardless of who is ruling them, be they pharaohs, Romans, Islamists, Ottomans or republicans. It is always capable of rising from the ashes of crises like a phoenix that is always reborn from its own ashes.

Despite repeated domestic and regional crises,

Egypt is capable today of going through them all and resume its status as the main Arab attraction. Egypt has been and will always be Arabs' cultural and political minaret. It has always embraced Arabs and will always do so despite the temporary current delay in the aftermath of the revolution, which is historically insignificant and Egypt will overcome it, passing into a better future.

All logical political analyses we have studied in books, universities and political science books does not apply to Egypt because it has been and will always be a blessed land beyond any political theories and explanations. I do realize the amount of pessimism most Egyptians might feel, but I assure them that tomorrow's dawn is very close and it will be much better, bringing a wonderful future beyond the most optimistic people's aspirations or dreams.

Egypt will once more be better and purer than ever and will once more be Arabs' beating lively heart. Egypt is fine today and do not worry about some pessimistic statements made by some media figures or politicians, because it has always been more like a phoenix that always comes back to life and rises from its own ashes. —Translated by Kuwait Times



**KUWAIT:** Retired Lieutenant General, Fahad Ahmad Al-Amir, the Governor of Al-Jahra, Salah Yousef Al-Fulaij, NBK-Kuwait Chief Executive Officer, Mohammed Al-Othman, Deputy General Manager, Consumer Banking Group and Ghadeer Al Awadhi, Assistant General Manager, Consumer Banking group during the branch opening.

## NBK OPENS NEW BRANCH IN SAAD AL-ABDULLAH

**KUWAIT:** National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) opened recently a new branch in Saad Al Abdullah City, the third in Al-Jahra Governorate. The opening of the new branch comes in tandem with the bank's strategy to strengthen its domestic presence and better serve its customers.

The opening ceremony was attended by Retired Lieutenant General, Fahad Ahmad Al-Amir, the Governor of Al-Jahra, Salah Yousef Al-Fulaij, NBK-Kuwait Chief Executive Officer, Mohammed Al Othman, Deputy General Manager, Consumer Banking Group and Ghadeer Al-Awadhi, Assistant General Manager, Consumer Banking group along with NBK officials.

"NBK has maintained its leading position in the market by constantly investing in its local network to ensure the reach of products and services to a wider segment of customers," said Fulaij. "NBK enjoys the

largest banking network in Kuwait with more than 68 branches."

"NBK's new branch in Saad Al-Abdullah, in Al-Jahra Governorate reflects our commitment to continuously develop services and maintain our leading position as the bank of choice for customers," Fulaij added.

The new branch provides customers with complete banking solutions. It is fully equipped with the latest technology in banking services to ensure that customers are able to issue their cards instantly, carry out their transactions easily and meet their expectations.

NBK has maintained its leading position in the market by constantly investing in its local network to ensure the reach of products and services to a wider segment of customers. NBK customers can control their accounts and manage their finances around the clock, seven days a week via NBK Mobile Banking, NBK

Online Banking, or by simply calling NBK Call Center on 1801801.

### 'NO MARRIAGE LOAN REDUCTION'

**KUWAIT:** Sources said the economic committee at the cabinet asked for the cancellation of a suggestion to reduce the subsidy on marriage loans in the study presented to the finance ministry by Ernest & Young. The sources said the committee rejected any change in marriage grants to citizens, justifying it by saying they are not high to a point that make them part of the reasons for the budget deficit, because it is only KD 2,000 given to the married man. — Al-Qabas

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## I'M FREE WITH MY TUMMY

By Samy Al-Khorafy

Many people have become more concerned with appearances than real essences. I recently had the pleasure of running into Bo Hamad, an old friend I had not seen for long. It really caught my eye how overweight he was compared to the good old times when he used to be a role model in agility and fitness amongst us and throughout various neighborhoods around us. "What is wrong with you...you are becoming as roundish as the Sadeq Roundabout?" I asked him.

Responding with a grin, he said: "Look, Bo Fahad, I have tried everything. I ate dark bitter chocolate because somebody told me it helps lose weight and I found out it was nonsense. I tried all the diet meal companies and got fed up with machbous plates going past totally ignoring me as if they were laughing at me and saying: 'You will regret this, you fat man!' I tried saccharin with the hope of cutting down on sugar but I stopped using it when I learnt that it was bad for the heart and that many countries have banned it. I was advised not to eat red meat because it is harmful and might lead to what is known as the 'Kings disease', and you know I am dead poor...so what do you want me to have...just settle for nakhi and bajella?!"

"I am the type of person who adores Adani fat, especially when used in cooking mutabbaq fish. But I stopped it when they told me it increases cholesterol levels and blocks arteries and veins. So I stopped using it with tears in my eyes over such a silly advice. Others advised me not to go to bed after lunch to avoid turning carbohydrates into blood sugar. Who do they think I am - Napoleon Bonaparte?!"

"I was advised to eat as much vegetables as I could and I did to the extent that I started feeling like a goat totally ignored on a ranch. For god's sake, I am fed up with this! I was also advised to walk for half an hour every day to improve my blood circulation and I got everything set up and lost money to a company that got richer at my expense. I walked for a whole week and breathed in to make my tummy look smaller during the exercise, but the minute I returned to the scale, it seemed to be laughing at me and saying 'There is no way you will lose weight!'"

"Getting fed up with this routine, I tried alternative medicine and took many laxatives with no use. Whenever I learnt about a new medicine, they told me it was perfect, but later said it is harmful...and so on. Eventually, I decided to follow the old song that says: 'What do I have to do with people and what do people have to do with me.' And now, I am back to square one with the result that you currently see - Sadeq Roundabout!" he told me.

—Translated by Kuwait Times

## TWO SISTERS ATTACK DOCTOR

**KUWAIT:** An Egyptian doctor was beaten by two Kuwait sisters following a verbal exchange at north Sabah Al-Salem health center, before others intervened and solved the problem, with the sisters leaving. Informed sources said a citizen went for treatment at noon, accompanied with her sister, and as soon as they entered the clinic, a verbal exchange took place. Then the two attacked the doctor, who attempted to defend herself but to no avail. A complaint was filed in the police station. — Al-Qabas

## 1-YEAR REHAB FOR KANDARI

**KUWAIT:** Fayez Al-Kandari, who returned from Guantanamo Bay prison, will go through a rehab program for one year and will be integrated with the society as soon as his health program is completed. Sources said a joint committee from the foreign, awqaf, interior and health ministries, that was formed to follow the case of fellow returnee Fawzi Al-Odah, will also handle the case of Kandari. — Al-Qabas

## KD 1.34 BILLION UNCOLLECTED DUES

**KUWAIT:** Informed sources said that dues owed to the government continue to accumulate from the previous fiscal years, reaching KD 1.34 billion and are concentrated in five ministries. Sources said the amount includes dues on companies under the income tax decree, labor support and zakat law, with over KD 500 million, in addition to nearly KD 200 million due to MEW. They said the dues also include KD 86 million for the post office, KD 64 million for traffic in addition to KD 25 million for the health ministry. The sources said some ministries provided the State Audit Bureau with information to take action to collect the dues and go to court. — Al-Qabas

## EXCEPTION FOR EXPAT TEACHERS AT EDUCATION MINISTRY

**KUWAIT:** Informed sources said the Civil Service Commission (CSC) informed the Education Ministry not to hire non-Kuwaitis except as teachers, adding that there will not be any openings for expat employees during the next school year except for teachers. Meanwhile, CSC asked five government entities to provide it with the necessary job descriptions and employment grades for rare specialties for those registered in the central employment system among graduates of Kuwait University and foreign ones. The sources said these areas are for the health, education, electricity and public works ministries in addition to the Environment Public Authority. He said these bodies are the ones most benefiting from rare specialties such as physics, biology and engineering. He added that the number of holders of such specialties has reached record levels over the wait period for employment, nearly 1.5 years, which did not occur previously. — Al-Qabas