

Al-Anbaa

A SECOND WIFE?!

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The moment you ask a group of young people, assuming I am still one of them, about their opinion of taking a second wife and the replies will race to you as they are in a 100-meter race where everyone is keen on winning. They all roll up their sleeves to take part in this 'interesting' discussion. I wonder what makes this particular question very appealing to every man and provocative to women!

One of the guys said that his wife does not understand him and quickly gets angry over the most trivial things. "I try to keep calm and let her vent steam as she pleases while I am boiling inside, because I heard a specialist advise men to do so on a radio program," he said, noting that the expert advised husbands to avoid wives' anger rages by leaving the house to avoid problems. "I would marry another one if only I could," he added, explaining that such a step needs much guts and money.

Another said that the question he hates most from his wife is when she calls asking him: Where are you? "I then have an urge to get into the phone to tell her that I am bathing in the water tank on the roof!" he said, pointing out that his wife suspects all his moves. On his part, Bu Saad said that what really gets on his nerves is that his wife usually purchases the most elegant and expensive clothes only to wear them in front of her family and friends, while she only wears cheap garments bought from public stores for him as if he was nothing but a worthless insignificant shepherd, though it is he who pays for all her purchases. "What a fool I am!" he said.

Elicited many reactions and intend to publish them in further articles. However, another responder said that he would immediately get married to another woman if only he had enough money, because he was fed up with his wife. "Whenever I inquire about her whereabouts, she says that she is going shopping, on a family visit or going to a restaurant. She is always out of the house. The same applies to the children. She is very sick with the 'let me be' syndrome and I am fed up with that!" he explained.

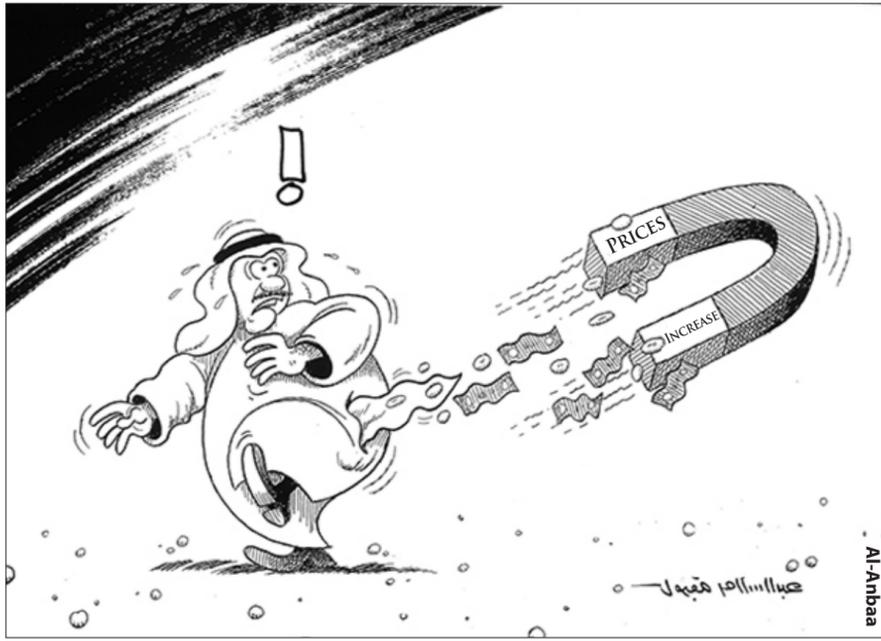
I believe that my female readers would kill me for this article, but kindly hold your horses and read on. On the other hand, many men stay at home waiting long for their wives to return from beauty salons to put on the best makeup for them, but shockingly meet them with silly questions such as: What kept you so long? Don't you have a husband or kids to tend to? You are too old to do that, aren't you ashamed of yourself? What's the difference? Nothing has changed after makeup - we only lost the money you spent on it.

Such questions are very disappointing for women and may drive some of them to shout back. Some other men know nothing about their houses and show no care for its needs. They only care for their diwanis or ranches. So what do such husbands expect from their wives, who in most cases, keep silent and patient only for the sake of the kids.

Finally, I would like to highlight that the holy Prophet (PBUH) advised us to take very good care of women as they are very fragile creatures. He taught us that mutual understanding is the base of marital relations and that it would be normal to have family disputes between couples and that this should not make husbands consider having second wives because of some silly complaints like the ones the guys mentioned above.

Dear fellowman - your first wife is the mother of your children. You should treat her nicely, put up with her faults and change a little for her. The same applies for you, dear wives. Take good care of your husbands and be like they wish. May Almighty Allah bestow happiness on you all. When a woman was asked about what she needs from a man, she said: I need security rather than love, deeds rather than words, kindness rather than cruelty and a man rather than a male!"

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BIOMETRICS IN MOH FACILITIES SOON

KUWAIT: Well-informed health sources said that the Ministry of Health (MoH) is planning to use two more accurate punch-in and out systems for employees working in all its facilities and administrations in a bid to have more control over employees' performances and to avoid faking fingerprints in signing in and out. The sources explained that the two new systems use facial and eye recognition and that concerned ministry officials are currently meeting to discuss using them in all MoH facilities instead of the fingerprint system, especially after the recent discovery of employees using fake fingerprints. — Al-Anbaa

UNION'S SCHOOL FEE REQUEST REJECTED

KUWAIT: Education Minister Bader Al-Essa said the ministry rejected a request by the private schools union to grant it the freedom in deciding fees for private schools, adding "the ministry alone decides the fees for those schools, be they Arab or foreign, through a technical committee formed for this purpose". He expected the committee to complete its work soon and will announce the fees for each school.

Meanwhile, Essa said graduates from non-education colleges will be accepted for educational jobs in American and British schools, through interviews and selection of those qualified, as part of efforts to solve the problem of bringing foreign teachers from abroad that private schools are facing, and a lack of Kuwaiti graduates who are able to work in these schools because the higher education ministry is limiting education and philosophy specialties to Kuwait University only, and not allowing private universities in Kuwait to open education streams to graduate qualified teachers who are able to meet school's needs. — Al-Rai

PROCEDURES THREATEN TO HALT INSTALLMENT LOANS FOR EXPATS

KUWAIT: Supervisory instructions to the banking sector led to banks ceasing to grant expats installment loans up to KD 70,000, limiting their financial transactions to car loans and some consumer needs, although there are no specific supervisory instructions in this regard. Instructions by the Central Bank set the maximum limit of consumer loans at 15 times the salary, but should not exceed KD 15,000, and the total installments should not exceed 40 percent of the salary. Meanwhile, an installment loan may reach KD 70,000 and has to be paid back in 15 years.

Banking sources said supervisory instructions and banking policies do not differentiate between citizens and expats, but "installment loans" are exclusively for private residences in Kuwait including constructing, renovation and purchase, and cannot be used for trading in residential real estate or development for investment purposes. Banks used to grant installment loans to expats and they used the amount as they liked with a commitment to pay it back, and this was possible because the client was not required to present any invoices or proof for the money was used for. But starting from October, the customer had to submit invoices within six months, so some banks stopped granting installment loans to expats. — Al-Rai



VIVA VISITES KUWAIT SPORTS CLUB FOR DEAF

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, announced that its corporate team paid a visit to the Kuwait Sports Club for the Deaf in Sulaibikhat area. Special offers and gifts were distributed and showcased among the club's members.

VIVA's presence at the Kuwait Sports Club For The Deaf reaffirms its continued commitment to the society through communication with various Kuwaiti institutions and committees, promoting its products and services while meeting the clients' needs and aspirations.

VIVA is keen to continue its ongoing socially responsible

role in the community by spreading the spirit of goodness amongst Kuwaiti society. We believe at VIVA in taking a holistic approach to our CSR activities, one that engages our employees, and creates goodwill in our communities with a focus on helping to grow and develop the State of Kuwait.

VIVA's Corporate Social Responsibility 'CSR' activities can be reviewed on the company's website at <https://www.viva.com.kw/csr>. This offers a description of each CSR initiative that VIVA has supported, or taken on since its inception.

340 NURSERIES SUE GOVERNMENT

KUWAIT: Following the Cabinet's decision to transfer supervision of private nurseries from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MSAL) to the Ministry of Education (MoE), a number of private nursery owners vowed to file lawsuits against the Cabinet as they deemed the decision as being against nurseries and their employees' interests. The owners of 340 private nurseries added that they would go to court to suspend the Cabinet's decision until a final one was issued by the court. "This decision will allow all private schools to establish their own nurseries that will surely work as schools as well, which violates several rules," stressed the owners. — Al-Anbaa

CABINET UNIFIES RAILWAY PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY

KUWAIT: Chairman of the Road and Transportation Public Authority Abdullahif Al-Dakheel stressed that the delay in the railway project was due to endless paperwork and having to refer matters to various bodies. He added that, accordingly, the Cabinet decided solving the problem by unifying the project's responsibility with the road authority. Dakheel added that the real problem facing the project was not the farms on its route, but signing contracts with qualified companies. He also noted that Kuwait's railway would be connected to the GCC one by 2018. Further, Dakheel added that the project would cost KD 1 billion and that the partnership authority had already signed a contract with an international office to prepare the project's documents pending inviting companies and contractors to take part in the three-year project. — Al-Jarida

NEW FORGERY CASE: MAN RECEIVES KUWAITI CITIZENSHIP TWICE

KUWAIT: It may no longer be strange for someone to get Kuwaiti nationality in exchange of money to become a citizen with all advantages after being without a "nationality," or become a Kuwaiti with the power of money and add this to another to use the advantages of the first one, that is be a dual citizen.

Yet to become a Kuwaiti twice with two different names and two identical pictures with a beard as the only difference is a different issue and an unprecedented one. The hero of the new incident is a bedoon who sought to get nationality in the name of a Kuwaiti who became notorious for selling nationalities and claimed to be his son, so he

filed a pedigree complaint to enable his son to get Kuwaiti nationality, but a DNA test failed him.

The man did not give up and filed a complaint at the personal status court that took many years to decide, until he received three rulings that the person who failed the DNA test was his son, after preparing foolproof documents and testimonies in exchange of money, and so the "fake" son received Kuwaiti nationality and benefited from its advantages.

The case, as discovered and followed up by the public funds crimes fighting department, said the person who failed the DNA test did not lose hope in gain-

ing Kuwaiti nationality, and got it while waiting for the verdict of the personal status courts' ruling, after another Kuwaiti added him to his file, and by this he became a Kuwaiti with a different name and different tribe, and this way he benefited from the full advantages of the nationality through his "new personality".

Sources said Bahraini security authorities detained the "fake Kuwaiti" after suspecting his identity because the birth date on his ID could not be right due to changing it by at least 12 years, then found he was wanted to serve a five-years jail sentence, and was handed to Kuwait authorities.



The Jaber Hospital

MOH MULLS INTERNATIONAL ADMIN AT JABER HOSPITAL

KUWAIT: Well-informed sources said the health ministry is considering a proposal made to have an international administration run the new Jaber Hospital in South Surra and subject it to a governmental body like the investment authority.

The sources added that MoH committees have already reviewed similar experiences in Dubai and Qatar and that such a procedure might 'liberate' the new hospital from the bureaucracy found at public hospitals. "There is a tendency

to run the hospital, that is yet to be handed over by MPW, the same way Dasman Diabetes Research Center is run, by getting all medications from MoH and having an independent administration," explained the sources.

Notably, MoH expects to gradually launch the hospital by mid-2017 and Minister Ali Al-Obaidi has spoken about studying reserving the new hospital entirely for Kuwaitis. — Al-Jarida

INTERVIEW WITH KUWAIT OIL COMPANY CEO HASHIM HASHIM

KUWAIT: The following are transcripts from an interview conducted with Kuwait Oil Company CEO Hashim Hashim, which was published by Al-Rai yesterday:

Question: What are the operational and capital budgets of Kuwait Oil Company for 2016-2017?

Hashim: We would like to explain that the operational and capital budgets are still under approval. The operational budget for KOC in 2016/2017 is estimated at KD 1.68 billion, and the budget was prepared based on an expected production capacity of 3.15 million bpd and actual production of 3 million bpd. As for the

capital budget for 2016/2017, it is estimated at KD 1.7 billion and it is part of the five-year capital plan which aims at raising KOC's production capacity to 3.65 million bpd in 2020.

Question: What is the production capacity of KOC?

Hashim: The current production capacity of KOC is 3 million bpd, and the company achieved this level in 2015. It should be noted that KOC reached this level in an experimentation phase in 2010, and actual production in the '70s, but the '70s production was of easy oil as it did not have accompanying water and from

reservoirs that were considered to be at the start of their productive age then.

Question: Do you have a certain mechanism to qualify private companies to work in company projects?

Hashim: Yes, KOC has a mechanism to qualify private companies to work for projects, and this mechanism was placed on the basis that guarantees the qualification of competent companies and contractors.

Question: What is the cost of expected budgets during the next five years?

Hashim: The budget of proposed cap-



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ital projects for the next five years is around KD 17 billion, which includes projects under construction, projects that are being awarded and future projects.

Question: How far have you got in the northern fields? And what is the fate of qualified companies for the

heavy oil tenders?

Hashim: KOC continues to develop the conventional northern fields, and as said before, KOC is working on three main programs to develop the fields in the north. As for the development of heavy oil, KOC awarded the tender of developing the first stage which aims to build a production capacity of 60,000 bpd in 2018/2019, and there are several qualified companies and opportunities to cooperate with KOC.

Question: How do you see the condition of the major Burgan field following more than 80 years of production? And where is its production now, and what are the new projects to raise its production?

Hashim: First, we would like to confirm that Burgan field contains a strategic reserves that enable it to produce for

many years, as it is considered one of the biggest fields not in Kuwait but at the global level. Burgan field is characterized by containing huge reserves and has a large production capacity. It plays a basic role in achieving the strategic goal of KOC to reach 3.65 million bpd by 2020.

Question: Where have you reached in new discoveries that you announced earlier? And when are they expected to be included in production plans?

Hashim: Discovery programs aim at compensating for oil and gas production and increase reserves. These programs also include seismic surveys that cover all Kuwait land and sea areas, as discovery programs aim at discovering and developing nearly 700,000 bpd and one million cu ft of gas daily by 2030 as part of the 2030 strategy. — Al-Rai