



'Saq Al Bambo' and 'Been Galbin': Episode 8

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Kuwait Times is publishing a daily recap of two Kuwaiti soap operas aired on Al Rai TV and MBC Drama. Here are the recaps of the eight episodes:

'Saq Al Bambo' (Bamboo Stalk)

Ghanima is rude to Ghasan, so he fights with her and leaves the house without Eisa. Meanwhile, Ghanima falls into a coma and Noor tells Eisa to leave the house, which he does crying, and walks from Qurtuba to Mubarakiya, where he finds Ghasan.

Noor regrets listening to her aunt Hind by kicking Eisa out, so along with Khawla, they suggest visiting him. Hind calls Ghasan but he hangs up. Awatef asks Hind if she still loves him, but she denies it and says that she only talks to him because of Eisa.

Noor and Khawla ask their grandmother to visit Eisa, but she refuses and allows them to call Ghasan and ask about him. They then go with their aunt Hind to visit Eisa. Hind again tries talking to Ghasan, but he leaves the house. Awatef tells her mother that Eisa will be an excuse for Ghasan to meet Hind, so she should allow Eisa to come and live in their house as she is

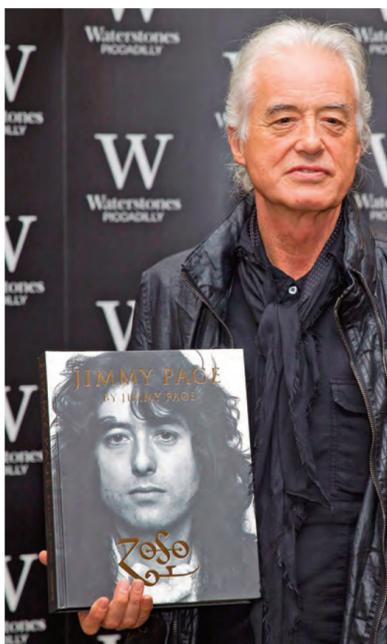
his grandmother. Noor asks Hind if she loves Ghasan, but Hind says it's over and does not want to talk about this matter again. When they come home, they find that Ghanima has locked herself in her room and is not responding.

Been Galbin (Between Two Hearts)

Aryam is not answering Marzouq's messages asking her to come back to Kuwait. He tells his mother to be nice to Aryam when she comes back, so she doesn't leave the house. Dana is excited about her pregnancy. Yasmin is not taking care of her children and doesn't like to play with them or take them out.

Marzouq calls Aryam's mother as Aryam is not answering his calls, and she tells him that Aryam is flying back to Kuwait. He waits for her at the airport, but she tells him she wants to stay at her father's house. She tells him that she was forced to marry him and asks him to divorce her.

When Marzouq tells his parents about it, his father tells him to call her to come and talk. Noora finds she is pregnant but doesn't tell her husband. She doesn't feel happy as she doesn't feel secure with him.



This photo shows British musician Jimmy Page poses for pictures before signing his new book entitled 'Jimmy Page by Jimmy Page' at a Waterstones book shop in central London. — AFP

Led Zeppelin's 'Stairway to Heaven' goes on trial

A civil lawsuit accusing Led Zeppelin's lead singer Robert Plant and guitarist Jimmy Page of stealing the opening chords for their 1971 rock classic "Stairway to Heaven" from another band heads to trial yesterday in federal court in Los Angeles. US District Judge Gary Klausner in Los Angeles in a decision in April said "Stairway" and the 1967 instrumental "Taurus" by the band Spirit were similar enough to let a jury decide whether Plant and Page were liable for copyright infringement.

The lawsuit was brought by Michael Skidmore, a trustee for the late Randy Wolfe, also known as Randy California, who was Spirit's guitarist and the composer of "Taurus." Skidmore said Page may have been inspired to write "Stairway" for Led Zeppelin after hearing Spirit perform "Taurus" while the bands toured together in 1968 and 1969, but that Wolfe never got credit.

"Stairway to Heaven" is considered one of the most widely heard compositions in rock history and is the signature song of Led Zeppelin. Trial in the case began yesterday in federal court in Los Angeles, Marc Landis, a managing partner at the firm of Phillips Nizer which is representing Led Zeppelin, said in an email. The case will begin with jury selection, followed by opening arguments. It was not immediately clear when Plant and Paige might testify.

Larry Iser, an attorney who has represented the Beatles and Michael Jackson and is not directly involved in the case, said in a phone interview the opening riff in dispute, which features a minor key and a descending base line, is a common musical device used on other hit songs. Those include the Beatles piece "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," Chicago's "25 or 6 to 4" and Led Zeppelin's own recording "Babe I'm Gonna Leave You," Iser said.

Attorneys for Led Zeppelin have argued the chord progressions cited in the civil lawsuit were so clichéd that they did not deserve copyright protection. But Judge Klausner, in his decision in April, said a jury could find "substantial" similarity between the first two minutes of "Stairway" and "Taurus." "While it is true that a descending chromatic four-chord progression is a common convention that abounds in the music industry, the similarities here transcend this core structure," Klausner wrote. He added that a jury would need to assess the "concept and feel" of the two works. — Reuters

Rap star Lil Wayne suffers minor seizure

Rap star Lil Wayne suffered a minor seizure on Monday but is in stable condition, his spokesman said after media reports that the Grammy winner was forced to make an emergency landing in Omaha, Nebraska. The incident came three years after Lil Wayne spent several days at a Los Angeles hospital, soon after which he told radio station Power 106 he was epileptic and prone to seizures. "As Wayne's reps we can confirm that he did experience a minor seizure earlier this afternoon," the rap star's spokesman Derek Sherron said in an email.

"Under the guidance of his own doctors, he is now in stable condition and good spirits. He thanks his fans for their everlasting support, prayers and well wishes," Sherron said. Celebrity website TMZ reported that he suffered a seizure during a flight in his private jet and that the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing in Omaha. Omaha television station KETV reported that Lil Wayne, whose given name is

Dwayne Michael Carter Jr, was taken to CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center. A hospital spokeswoman said in an email: "We have no information to release."

Sherron declined to respond to a question about whether Lil Wayne was treated at a hospital in Omaha. The New Orleans-born rapper began his professional career at the age of nine, when he became the youngest artist to be signed by Cash Money Records. Lil Wayne, 33, has become one of the biggest names in rap music over a two-decade career. His Grammy wins include the award for best rap album in 2008 for "Tha Carter III." — Reuters

In this file photo Lil Wayne (AKA Dwayne Michael Carter, Jr) performs as a part of the America's Most Wanted Tour at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in Irvine, Calif. — AP



Kanye West

Kanye West announces major N America tour

Rap superstar Kanye West, who earlier this year topped music charts with his latest album "The Life of Pablo," yesterday announced a major North American tour, which will begin in August. "The Saint Pablo Tour" will hit nearly 40 cities across the United States and Canada, including New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, Chicago, Montreal, Detroit, Washington and Miami, among others, according to Live Nation, which is promoting the event.

West made history earlier this year when "The Life of Pablo" became the first album to debut at the top of the

Billboard 200 album chart based exclusively on streaming—the seventh number one album for the enigmatic music star. West, who is married to reality television star Kim Kardashian, continues to pursue a side career in fashion design, in addition to his announced plans to run for president in 2020. He also said earlier this year that he was \$53 million in debt and asked his legions of fans to subscribe to Tidal, because he needed money to bring his "beautiful ideas to the world." — AFP

Bill Murray to receive Mark Twain Prize for Humor

Bill Murray will become the 19th recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor when he receives the award at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC on Oct 23. "I'm honored by this award and by its timing," Murray said in a statement. "I believe Mark Twain has rolled over in his grave so much for so long, that this news won't disturb his peace." Murray has starred in such hits as "Ghostbusters," "Groundhog Day" and "Caddyshack" over the course of his four-decade career, adding dozens of comedy films to his name.



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In receiving the award, Murray joins past honorees including Steve Martin, Ellen DeGeneres, Will Ferrell and Tina Fey, among others. The award recognizes those who have had an impact on American society in ways similar to the 19th-century novelist, essayist, social commentator and satirist who was born Samuel Clemens. — Reuters



Bollywood actors Shahid Kapoor (left), Alia Bhatt (center) and Diljit Dosanjh (right) pose during a news conference for their upcoming film 'Udta Punjab' in Mumbai. A top court told India's film censor board on June 13 not to act "like a grandmother" as it overturned a controversial demand by the notoriously strict body for 13 cuts to a film depicting drug addiction. — AFP