

Crime

Report

**JET SKI RIDER ARRESTED FOR ASIAN SWIMMER'S DEATH OFF SALMIYA**

**KUWAIT:** The rider of the jet ski who hit an Asian swimmer off Salmiya resulting in the latter's death was eventually arrested, security sources. The jet ski rider, who had fled the scene following the incident and the police were in the pursuit of the man.

**Pirated CDs seized**

A massive inspection campaign was launched recently across Kuwait in order to protect copyrights resulted in confiscating hundreds of pirated CDs from 38 places.

**Fake robbery**

A Jordanian who had reported that robbers stole KD 12,600 from his vehicle was recently arrested when detectives found out that the money belonged to a friend of his and that he faked the robbery to take hold of the money for himself, said security sources.

**Argument leads to brawl**

An Egyptian sustained a head injury when an argument with a relative developed into a fight in a restaurant in Khaitan, said security sources.

**Citizen dies in crash**

A citizen was instantly killed and another was seriously injured when their vehicle turned turtle along Al-Salmi highway, said security sources. The injured was rushed to Jahra Hospital for treatment.

**Asians assaulted**

Three Asians working in a laundry reported that a client assaulted them because he found out that one of his Dishdashas was burnt while they were ironing it.

**Bro loses cool**

A citizen was recently arrested after his own brother called the police seeking help to bring his brother under control because he was drugged and out of control. The citizen reported that the brother smashed a TV during his rage.

**Police major injured**

A traffic police major was recently rushed to hospital with injuries when a citizen refused his instructions not to use a U-Turn outside a school during rush hour and ran him over, said security sources. On checking on the suspect's registration, the police found out that the vehicle belonged to a female citizen and the driver was her brother who was eventually arrested.

**Suicide attempt**

A female citizen was recently rushed to Adan Hospital by her family when she swallowed a large number of pills in an apparent suicide attempt.

**Citizen duped**

A citizen reported to the police that a Somali real estate broker had taken KD 5000 from him as commission for sale of a 12,500 sqm of farm in Abdali for KD 30,000. However, the Somali reportedly disappeared after taking the 'commission'. —Al-Rai/Al-Anbaa

**MOMENTUM GAINS FOR TAKAUD'S MENA PENSIONS CONFERENCE**

**MANAMA:** TAKAUD, the specialist provider of savings and pension solutions for the MENA region, announced yesterday that, with almost 250 registered delegates to date, momentum is building for the Middle East and North Africa "MENA" Pensions Conference. The Conference will bring together, for the first time, private and public sector representatives, regional and global institutions and leading employee benefits consultants to discuss how the region can reflect global practices in pension schemes for citizens and expat workers. The Conference is being held under the patronage of the Central Bank of Bahrain and will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel in Manama, Bahrain on October 18, 2016.

"The support we have received has been overwhelming," said Ebrahim K Ebrahim, TAKAUD's Chief Government Business and Communications Officer, and the leader of the Conference initiative. "We are most grateful for the high level commitment demonstrated for the Conference and its important goals." The Conference has drawn prominent speakers, including representatives of international organisations such as the World Bank, the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) and the World Pension Council. Public pension entities from Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Morocco will provide their perspective to the audience of distinguished and expert delegates. Delegates from across the region will be joined by international delegates from the countries of Albania, Mongolia, Nigeria and Namibia.

Official Conference partners include the Economic Development Board, Nogaholding, Bahrain Bourse and the SIO (Social Insurance Organisation). Ebrahim emphasizes that the Conference is meeting a need in the region by bringing together public pension administrators, private-sector pension providers, economic advisors, financial services regulators, asset managers, and specialist financial firms. He points out that the Conference mandate supports public and private pension provision: "Globally, there are challenges in sustaining social security benefits due to changes in economic, demographic and social conditions," he stated.

"This conference will explore and present options beyond sole pension-provision by governments, in line with the World Bank's three-pillar pension format". Moreover, with the presence of substantial numbers of expatriate workers throughout the region, there is a need to ensure that this working population has access to regulated private-sector pensions, assuring them of some sort of retirement security. In many companies the End-of-Service Benefits (ESBs) for expat workers are not adequately managed in accordance with global best practices."

In our region alone, private sector pensions are currently a US\$30 billion business. Experts have calculated that by 2023, just seven years from now, if this region invests in private and corporate pensions at a level that reflects the average of the 16 countries studied by Towers Watson in 2015, pensions will represent \$1.9 trillion in assets under management, which in turn can turn the region into a super financial centre.



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**WEST IS NOT BETTER THAN US**

By Arwa Al-Waqian

Whenever your own society bullies, hates and ostracizes you, you will have no option but to hate it back, hate its individuals and reject its traditions and customs and probably its religion as well, because you will find that others keep advising you with the excuse that 'religion is the opium of the masses'. I am not here praising Western countries, because they are not better than us, but because they discovered at an early stage how the human nature accepts violence, sarcasm, harassment and violating others' privacy. This is why laws were set to incriminate bullying and hate. Laws deem any person using racial discrimination legally accountable, and so many people avoid insulting others not because they have profound manners or respect others, but because of fear of legal accountability.

Therefore, we are on a constant run from real life that overburdens us by bearing with strangers' curiosity, rela-

tives' nosiness and hatred if you are any different from the rest of the herd. We have recently started flying to countries that respect and value liberties, where we can live the simple life we have always dreamt of.

In our societies, simplicity is restricted to the poor, extravaganza is the culture of religious people and passion is a secret we only reveal to the sick and needy. The West is no better than us. We have as intelligent and creative minds. Our problem is that we are living in societies that violate privacy and incriminate people for being 'different'. This is the true problem that cannot be solved unless by setting laws incriminating hatred and those showing it.

Finally, one has to always remember how small he is in an enormous world, and that he has no right in judging others and making choices for them!

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**EQUATE SPONSORS KUWAIT INDUSTRIES EXPO**

**KUWAIT:** Under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, EQUATE Petrochemical Company, Kuwait's first international joint-venture in this industry, sponsored the Third Kuwait Industries Expo 2016. Through this sponsorship for the third consecutive year, EQUATE aspires to strengthen cooperation and coordination among Kuwait's industrial organizations, as well as familiarize the public with the role and added-value of the Kuwaiti industrial sector.

EQUATE President & CEO Mohammad Husain said, "We seek overall industrial collaboration and integration by all industry-related bodies in Kuwait, public and private. Such a step would greatly contribute to the diversification of our national economy, especially that EQUATE's petrochemical products represent over 60 percent of Kuwait's export value from non-oil sources. In addition, EQUATE has contributed to the growth of the local plastics industry by over 450 percent and supported these local man-

ufacturers to launch export operations to several countries."

Husain added, "As a global industrial enterprise, EQUATE is the first Kuwaiti petrochemical company to establish an industrial investment in the USA through a world-scale ethylene glycol (EG) plant with a capacity of 750,000 metric tons annually. The plant is expected to be finalized during 2019. Currently, EQUATE is the world's second largest producer of ethylene glycol (EG) with a 12 percent market share." EG is used in a number of market applications, including polyester fibers, polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles and packaging, antifreeze and coolants, paints, resins, deicing fluids, heat transfer fluids and construction materials. Husain added, "Through this expo, we can highlight the vitality of the Kuwaiti petrochemical sector in the development and progress of our national economy by diversifying income sources, devising additional added-value, creating job opportunities especially for nationals, as well as con-

tributing to overall sustainability. This can be done through the integration of oil, gas and petrochemical sectors."

Husain expressed appreciation and gratitude to Kuwait Industries Union (KIU) along with all participants in the expo for their role in organizing and enriching this event. During the opening ceremony, EQUATE's exhibition stand hosted the representative of HH the Amir, Minister of Social Affairs & Labor and Minister of State for Development and Planning Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh. EQUATE's stand has attracted numerous attendees who are interested in receiving more information about the company's activities and overall contributions. Kuwait Industries Expo 2016 is held from the 9th to the 11th of October at the Sheraton Hotel in Kuwait City.

Established in 1995 as Kuwait's first international joint-venture in this industry, EQUATE Petrochemical Company (EQUATE) embodies its "Partners in Success" slogan through the partnership among

Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC), The Dow Chemical Company (Dow), Boubyan Petrochemical Company (BPC) and Qurain Petrochemical Industries Company (QPIC). Having commenced production in 1997, EQUATE is currently the owner and single-operator of several fully integrated world-class units in Kuwait, North America and Europe that annually produce over 6 million tons of the highest quality petrochemicals. As part of its global presence and growth opportunities, EQUATE fully acquired MEGlobal as a wholly owned subsidiary in 2015. MEGlobal is a world leader in the manufacture and marketing of petrochemicals with operations in North America and Europe. EQUATE's operations through MEGlobal and Greater EQUATE, the Kuwait-based integrated petrochemical complex, include producing Ethylene, Polyethylene (PE), Ethylene Glycol (EG), Polypropylene (PP), Styrene Monomer (SM), Paraxylene (PX), Heavy Aromatics (HA) and Benzene (BZ).



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**ABSOLUTE FRUSTRATION**

By Hassan Al-Essa

A friend of mine, who is a businessman of medium caliber and not a tycoon, who step into tenders wherever they go, spoke to me very sadly, which is not like him. He told me that he was seriously considering going into semi-permanent residence abroad, probably in Spain or Portugal, because both countries give foreigners permanent residence and a Schengen visa if they own a reasonably-priced home there. He said that he feels absolute depression and frustration and sees no hope for a better future, because state situations are getting worse without any hope for possible solutions or making any dreams come true.

My depressed friend said that he has been very worried and concerned over the past few years. He explained that he was not worried about death or geriatric diseases and loss of youth. He stressed that he was worried about the unknown and the state's loss of all hopes for a better future. He said the state administration does not include a single person holding any sort of torches to light the paths of tomorrow.

"The problem is not about falling oil prices," he said explaining that all businessmen, merchants and government employees mainly rely on that good and that it was normal to be affected by the end of the welfare years. "It is a matter of a lack of trust in the administration," he added, noting we are forced to deal with this administration without any discussion. So, what about having it change its opinions or way of work that has been the same for generations?

My friend gave an example of two similarly identical companies working in the same line of business that have been given KD 1 million each to invest. He added that after a while, you would find that one of the companies had lost the million and borrowed another, while the other made a one-million dinar profit. "The difference between both countries is simple - administration, my friend," he underlined, noting that the one with good management made profits.

My friend highlighted that he had interest in politics and stressed that it is politics that imposes itself on him and that he could not express his opinion even in the simplest matters because of growing limitations and restrictions on freedoms. He said that one could not object or criticize except within allowed limits. He added that Kuwait enjoyed the climax of liberties in the 1960s and that it began to deteriorate by the decade to where we are now.

"Just review our papers, which are only different in names because of censorship, and you will find nothing but emptiness in headlines, comments and columns," he rued, asking to be excused because he had an appointment to apply for a Schengen visa, leaving us here fighting about fuel prices!

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