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ESCAPING MISTREATMENT

KUWAIT: Following up the case of the Ethiopian housemaid who was caught on video jumping from her sponsor's seventh-floor balcony in Sabah Al-Salem while the sponsor filmed her attempt a few months ago, the maid has recovered after receiving proper medical care in Kuwait and returned home, where she was received at the airport by her father and brother. Speaking to reporters, the maid denied that she was trying to commit suicide and stressed that she was only trying to escape her sponsor's mistreatment.

2 arrested for fighting

A citizen and a Syrian were arrested for fighting inside and outside a Fahaheel cafe, said security sources, noting that both were injured during the fight. A case was filed and further investigations are in progress. In another development, a female citizen filed a complaint against a relative accusing him of insulting her in public, said security sources. A case was filed.

Drug suspect nabbed

A citizen was arrested in Farwaniya with illicit pills and two pieces of hashish. Security sources said a police patrol suspected the way the man drove his vehicle, so they stopped and searched him.

Fire in Saad Al-Abdullah

A fire broke out in a citizen's house in Saad Al-Abdullah, said security sources, noting that firemen rushed to the scene and managed to control the blaze after evacuating the house. No casualties were reported. — Al-Rai/Al-Anbaa



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THE TYRANNY AND EMPLOYEES STATE

By Salah Al-Sayer

Man kind has always known various types of authoritarian states including ancient monarchies ruled by one authoritarian person. It has also experienced states ruled by fascist parties that monopolize states and use them to serve their corrupt ideas or fight absurd wars. We have also seen military dictatorships where armies take over political powers and have Barracks run palaces. In addition, we have

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seen blue-collar dictatorships manifested by communists who have always dreamt of controlling their states. We have also seen theocratic religious states and how clergies control countries. Here in Kuwait, we have developed a new type of state known as the 'Employees State.'

One of the dangers Kuwait is really facing is the sustainability of this type of state with its flabby administrative system which is completely responsible for so many setbacks and losses through over-employment and recruiting thousands of unnecessary employees, department heads, managers, directors and directors general, assistant undersecretaries, undersecretaries, senior and semi-senior officials and endless armies of secretaries, which has all turned government departments into a number of 'mazes' out of which one would be so relieved to get out. Everybody has become subject to the mercy of the dictatorship of this state of employees.

During transitional periods, any given government would be described as a 'care-taking' one. If someone is so unlucky to have to go through the terrible administrative system that Kuwait has and do any transaction by such an extremely enlarged administrative system with so limited productivity where employees usually make it harder for the sake of protecting and keeping their vocational gains and dictatorships with the ultimate goal of controlling people's interests by endless forms of corruption. —Translated by Kuwait Times

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2013 PARLIAMENT'S HALF-BROTHER

By Tha'ar Al-Rasheedi

I believe that, like many others who are from the 1980s generation, we were lucky because we could read a lot of the international literature novels and plays, buy, keep and get affected by them long before the Pentium One and the Internet revolution and before the genius, Steve Jobs developed smart phones and tabs which turned the world upside down.

One of the greatest novels I have ever read is 'The Tale of Two Cities' by the famous English writer, Charles Dickens. Though I did not know much about the French Revolution, the French-British conflict nor the military geography tackled in the novel at the time, this did stop me from perceiving the novel's main theme dealing with good and evil and sacrifices in a most dramatic plot based on resemblance between the two main characters in the novel.

A French migrant who is accused of treason and the lawyer defending him. I am vague on the details but this 'Tale of Two Cities' somehow resembles our democracy and the 'Tale of Two Parliaments'; the 2013 and the 2016 parliaments. Since day one, the former was more pro-government than the government itself while the latter, elected in 2016, was a fiercely opposing one and

remained so until last January when the former minister of information and minister of state for youth affairs, Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud was grilled and the parliament suddenly turned into a very 'tame' one until now.

Most political analysts thought that state of 'tame-ness' was temporary while others thought it was the result of some kind of bargain related to the 'citizenship' issue. As a matter of fact, I wrote before, during and after the grilling motion that this parliament involves a lot of showing off and now, after seven months of calmness, this parliament proves to be nothing more than a disguised pro-government using too many opposition statements as 'verbal political vents' without any form of real monitoring or legislation.

It was the same one that dared not to force the government pass the military retirement bill. This does not mean the government is bad, it rather means that this parliament is far too weak to legislate anything. I expect the government to propose it and have the parliament unanimously pass it despite the so many parliamentary objections. This parliament appears to be an opposing one but it is purely pro-government and its dismissal will be most welcome just like its half-brother one of 2013. —Translated by Kuwait Times



NBK AND LOYAC ARRANGE A TRIP FOR KUWAITI YOUTH TO TANZANIA

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) and LOYAC arranged a trip for Kuwaiti youth to Tanzania. This one-week trip included social initiatives and activities with tribes to get to know different cultures and learn their daily life. This sponsorship goes with NBK's support to LOYAC's annual activities and events including the trips. A group of volunteers from different backgrounds participated in this trip which was designed to build the humanitarian and adventurous skills in their personality.

The trip entitled "Rafiyah" included a visit to one of the schools to teach children the English language. The volunteers also had the chance to par-

ticipate in a group of social initiatives as interacting with children at the orphanages, cleaning campaigns and donation for food or clothes. During this trip, participants were introduced to the tribes' cultures and learn their daily life routine including several activities such as trying hunting with arrows and cooking.

Joanne Al-Abdul Jaleel, NBK Public Relations Officer, said: "This sponsorship is part of NBK's commitment to its Corporate Social Responsibility as well as the vital role it plays in supporting students, youths and self-building initiatives in Kuwait." "NBK always strives to empower Kuwaiti youth to realize their potentials, build their personali-

ties and motivates their ambition. This trip with LOYAC came in line with our strategy to invest in youth and develop their capabilities," she added.

NBK continues to promote a range of philanthropic missions and social welfare programs as part of its corporate social responsibility to assert its leadership in supporting Kuwait's social development, standing as a model in serving all aspects of the community. LOYAC is a nonprofit organization that runs several programs for the youth to develop their professional skills, enhance their personal growth and help them find their sense of purpose by extending themselves to others.

OVER 120 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN NBK SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) concluded its 2017 Summer Internship Program for high school and college students. More than 120 students participated in the Summer Internship Program this year. Students participated in field activities including visits to Kuwait Airways, LOYAC and Al-Rai Media Group. Yaqoub Al-Baqer, NBK Public Relations Officer said that NBK views the Summer Internship Program as an extension of NBK's education outreach services. "This program is a demonstration of NBK's long-standing social involvement and commitment towards providing Kuwait's younger generation with appropriate opportunities to experience first-



Yaqoub Al-Baqer

hand the banking profession." "The five hour daily sessions featured a mixture of theoretical and practical training dedicated to providing the interns with valuable knowledge on a variety of subjects including team work, creative thinking, means of self expression and modern banking procedures, in addition to providing interns with greater exposure to daily banking practices and norms," Al-Baqer added.

Its worth mentioning that since its inception, LOYAC participated in NBK's annual summer internship program for the first time this year. LOYAC offered students educative training programs that aim at developing knowledge and responsibility towards society. The 2017 Summer Internship Program follows several successful years of NBK Summer Internship Programs. NBK regularly organizes and designs events and packages for the youth of the country to familiarize them with the world of banking and make them responsible citizens.

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