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# Man claims he killed brother while under the influence of drugs

## Multiple arrests in crackdowns around Kuwait in weekend



KUWAIT: Vehicles lined up at a check point held over the weekend.

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: A Syrian man who killed his brother in Saad Al-Abdullah turned himself in to police, while investigations revealed that he was under the influence of drugs when he committed his crime. Police responded earlier to a call about a murder, and found a 27-year-old Syrian man dead. His father told police that his other son killed his brother following a fight, then escaped. Two knives were found at the scene. The body was recovered by the coroner. Detectives working on the case found the suspect had turned himself in to the criminal sentences implementation department in Sulaibiya. He said he was not aware of what he was doing at the time because he was under the influence of drugs. He will be sent to concerned authorities.

### Crackdowns

The general security department carried out several campaigns in all governorates on Oct 25 and 26, resulting in the arrest of 29 wanted and absconding persons, in addition to 95 residency law violators. Six drugs and three liquor cases were busted, 250 traffic citations were issued, 23 vehicles were impounded and 277 assistance



Drugs confiscated with a passengers who tried to smuggle them into Kuwait through the airport.

and 142 traffic accidents were dealt with, in addition to 10 citations issued for parking in the disabled spots.

Meanwhile, the traffic department launched a campaign in various areas of Kuwait resulting in issuing 2,237 traffic citations, impounding 144 vehicles and detaining 46 juveniles and 23 adults, while nine were sent



This photo released by the Interior Ministry shows a bus impounded during a recent crackdown by the traffic department.

for deportation for committing grave violations. The traffic department carried out a campaign against buses and vehicles used for other purposes other than what they are licensed for, resulting in issuing 20 citations and impounding 19 buses.

### Smuggling foiled

An Arab woman was caught attempting to smuggle 107 grams of hashish on arrival at Kuwait International Airport. The drug was found in her purse. The arrest was the result of cooperation between customs and drugs fighting authorities.

### No injuries

Hawally, Salmiya and technical rescue responded to a call about a fire in the kitchen of a fourth-floor apartment in a nine-storey building in Hawally. The building was evacuated, and no injuries were reported.

announced that the Chinese contractor executing the second phase of Mutlaa residential city project has started doubling its labor capacity by adding 1,000 new workers from the local market. Informed sources said the contractor's decision was made in response to the authority's demands to increase manpower and cover any shortage, which will be done shortly by bringing more workers from China.

### Sewage project

The Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects (KAPP) is scheduled to sign a contract today with the investor who won the tender of expanding the Umm Al-Haيمان sewage project, said informed sources, noting that the ceremony will be attended by Minister of Public Works and Municipal Affairs Hosam Al-Roumi and a number of officials at both the public works and finance ministries. Separately, Roumi held a lengthy meeting to discuss the consequences of the recent rains in Riqqa and Hadiya, during which he stressed the need to prevent the same from happening again and urged everyone to exert utmost efforts to do so.

### Smart meters

Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) Undersecretary Mohammad Bushehri stressed that using smart meters will facilitate collecting fees and end the problem of accumulating unpaid bills. Bushehri added 5,000 such meters have been installed so far and that using them will help both the ministry and consumers.

rain. Muwaizri urged these bodies to be cautious to avoid possible disasters that might claim lives.

### Online form

Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan issued a decision on using an online form to issue licenses to commercial stores, individual establishments and companies by the beginning of the new year. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) said resolution number 601/2018 added a new clause to article no 1 of ministerial resolution number 411/2013 ordering the use of the new form and cancellation of all previous ones effective Jan 2, 2019.



NEW YORK: Kuwaiti diplomat and part of the Kuwaiti delegation to UN Advisor Tahani Al-Nasser delivers a speech at a UN meeting on child abuse. — KUNA

leads them to social marginalization," she added.

Nasser also welcomed the role of the United Nations in supporting Member States to address the challenges related to sexual violence during conflicts, including joint action to enable survivors and their children to return to normal life. She also welcomed the decision by the Special Representative to launch a new research on the issue following her visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in the launch of the national initiative to combat social stigmatization. Nasser also expressed support to UN independent investigation team and their efforts to ensure accountability from the so-called Islamic State (IS) in Iraq, which was formed in accordance with Security Council resolution 2379. — KUNA

## Panel debates citizenships, MPs' memberships

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The parliamentary legislative affairs committee is scheduled today to discuss granting citizenship to Kuwaiti women's children, cancelling the memberships of MPs Waleed Al-Tabtabae and Jamaan Al-Harbash and a number of housing welfare issues. In other news, MP Safa Al-Hashem said that she prefers being nominated for the membership of the parliamentary financial and budget affairs committees, considering them a top priority for her in view of what she described as "many unsolved issues." Hashem added that lawmakers will demand extending the tenure of the parliamentary 'replacement' committee (concerned with replacing expatriate labor with Kuwaiti employees), because its tasks are not complete and the government has been stalling in disclosing the true number of expat employees even as unemployment among Kuwaitis increased by six percent.

### Labor capacity doubled

The Public Authority for Housing Welfare

## Municipal Council member warns of 'possible flooding'

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Municipal Council member and head of Ahmadi committee Fahd Fahhad Al-Muwaizri warned all relevant bodies of possible flooding resulting from

## Kuwait underlines importance of confronting child abuse

NEW YORK: Kuwait underlined the importance of cooperation and exchange of experience in confronting child abuse and neglected orphans, including their integration into society. The remarks were made by Kuwaiti diplomat and part of the Kuwaiti delegation to UN Advisor Tahani Al-Nasser during her speech at a UN meeting late on Friday, under the slogan 'Protecting children born as a result of sexual violence in conflict zones.'

"Sexual violence has long-term detrimental effects on the physical, psychological, economic and social lives of victims, particularly to children and their family, environment, including victims of social stigmatization even after the end of conflict and during peace, which undermines their enrollment into society," she said.

Nasser stressed that the consequences of these crimes are unfair and cruel to victims, since in most cases these children pay the price instead of the perpetrators, including their families who may suffer social humiliation. "This social stigma against children deprives them from most basic rights, such as their right to grow in a healthy family, where some victims are forced to abandon their children forcibly, which

local spotlight

## Is development disabled?



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This is really an important question among Kuwaitis. Is development really disabled and why? We hear about future projects but do not see anything concrete on the ground. Everything is drowned in politics, crime and social media, but what about the future and outstanding issues? I believe sustainable development is when a society has a plan to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all without exception. Is this not what the United Nations and Western countries call for? Where are we from this plan? Why does development in Kuwait falter?

I think there are unlimited obstacles to the existence of real development in Kuwait, and these obstacles are exacerbated over time and the risk is increasing. We have already begun to address the effects of these problems and neglecting of the real issues that stand in the way of Kuwait's development to restore its leading role in economic fields.

We complain of corruption, but what is the corruption that we really suffer from? Who is the culprit and who stands with it, and how to stop them? Is wasting water and electricity corruption?

We need reform, but how? Because reform requires change of wrong behaviors that may have spread over the years and become a societal tradition that people believe is indispensable. We need more than good wishes because it will not generate economic benefit or produce real economic development that can be felt by citizens and expats.

We complain from routine, bureaucracy and paperwork at a time when there is rarely a human who is free from a mobile phone and electronic communication. But paperwork is still present and required to complete a request at any government body.

We are a hot country, but our neighbors are touristic countries, so why didn't the weather stop them? What do we lack? I think that until now we have not identified the exact obstacles of economic development in Kuwait with a plan to change things. I believe education is the basis of a society's development. The budget of the ministry of education takes up a large part of the state budget. But salaries of employees occupy a large portion of it. How much goes to technology and curriculum change? There is a need to see a change in individual behaviors, inventions and academics. We need to change the curriculum of thinking and studying from kindergarten to university.

Former Education Undersecretary Dr Haitham Al-Athari had formed several committees to develop the curriculum for the next two academic years. They stressed they are trying to put efforts into the development process according to a scientific vision, taking into account many changes, both local and international. I hope the process does not stop in the absence of Athari.

I believe that one of the obstacles to development is that politics has dominated the local scene in Kuwait for a long time. The situation is still without tangible change for ordinary citizens, especially in light of the imbalanced composition of the population, reliance on oil as the sole source of income and the spread of waste. I believe that it is necessary to pave the way for citizens to contribute to financial portfolios or companies that are established by the state to acquire and manage the assets under clear criteria and conditions.

Former CEO of Zain Dr Saad Al-Barrak recently emphasized the need to restructure economic activity in Kuwait to move mostly to the private sector. He explained that Kuwait's economy is based on the largest product in the state, considering it a problem as the state dominates major economic production sectors, noting that this does not create a culture of small projects.

I think that we in Kuwait have the fundamentals of development in financial and human resources, but we still lack a real desire for change for the better and the belief in sustainable development for all and not for some.

### News in brief

#### Amir laments Jordan's flood victims

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Thursday sent a cable of condolences to Jordan's King Abdullah II over the victims of flash floods that hit the kingdom. In the cable, His Highness the Amir expressed his sincere condolences over people who were killed and wounded by the floods caused by heavy torrential rains. His Highness the Amir wished a speedy recovery to those injured and safety for those missing. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables. — KUNA

#### Kuwait, France's DMs hold talks

KUWAIT: Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and French Minister of Armed Forces Florence Parly discussed, on Friday through a telephone call, some topics of common concern. During the call, the two sides exchanged friendly talks and focused on the most important topics of common concern. Kuwait's Defense Ministry said in a press remark. It added that Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad commended the depth of relations between the two friendly countries. Parly, meanwhile, wished further success and progress for Kuwait as well as increasing cooperation between the two countries, according to the statement. — KUNA

#### Bahraini PM praises Amir

MANAMA: Bahraini Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa praised yesterday His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's efforts in achieving Kuwait's vision and his efforts towards Arab unity. The Bahraini premier affirmed both countries' keenness on strengthening bilateral cooperation, while giving a speech during the reception of Kuwait Ministry of Interior's Assistant Undersecretary for Citizenship and Passports, Major-General Sheikh Faisal Nawaf Al-Sabah, who is currently visiting Bahrain to participate in Manama Dialogue. "What Bahraini-Kuwaiti relations witness from development and prosperity in various fields demonstrates the depth of the brotherly ties between the two countries," the Bahraini prime minister said. — KUNA

#### MP stresses dialogue's significance

MANAMA: Member of the Kuwaiti National Assembly Ali Al-Deqbasi yesterday affirmed significance of the Manama Dialogue conference for exchanging views about political and security issues among the conferees. MP Al-Deqbasi, in a statement on the convention sidelines, called for rallying "all international efforts for facing terrorism that threatens the region's security and stability." He expressed gratitude to the Kingdom of Bahrain for hosting the conference, which kicked off late on Friday. It comprises dozens of government officials, businessmen, international figures, economists and political and strategic thinkers from Asia, Africa, North America, Latin America and Europe. The agenda tackles a host of issues, namely regional security challenges. — KUNA