

Crime

Report

COUPLE ARRESTED IN COMPROMISING POSITION

KUWAIT: A citizen and his girlfriend were arrested after they were seen in a car in a compromising position. Police received complaints from people in Bayan, so police went to the scene and arrested them. But the girl did not like it, retorting: "What is wrong with you? He is my fiancé!" Both were detained at Bayan police station, charged with committing indecent acts in public.

Financial disputes

An Egyptian man ended financial disputes with his compatriot by hitting his head with a sharp object before escaping. Police received a call about an man who was bleeding from the head in Jleeb Al-Shuyukh. The man was taken to hospital. Detectives are working on the case.

Bad blood

Two friends met in a diwaniya in Adan and recalled old differences, which made them angry and they exchanged blows. One of them then pulled a knife and stabbed the other in the arm. The injured man was taken to Adan Hospital, and later lodged a complaint. Detectives are looking for the suspect.

Environment police

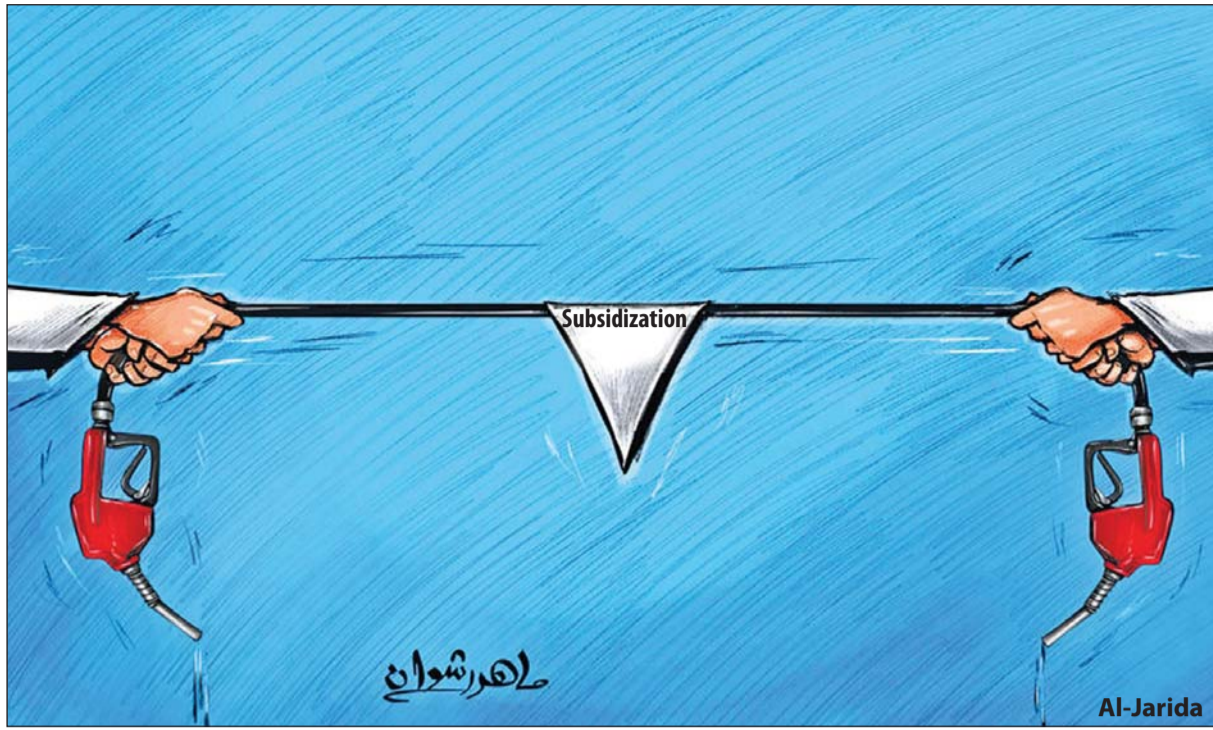
Several persons at Kuwait International Airport were smoking in places where smoking is not allowed, so they were caught by environment police. Citations were issued to the smokers and they were warned not to repeat such violations.

Drunk driver caught

A drunken citizen lost control of his car and ended up stuck on a pavement. A police patrol noticed the car and when they checked it, they found the driver in an abnormal condition with a liquor bottle in his hand. A security source said the driver told policemen he thought there was a turn but found himself on the pavement. Policemen arrested the man, who will face legal action.

Drug arrests

A police patrol in Salam approached a vehicle parked in front of a fast food restaurant and saw two men and a woman, all citizens, with a bag of drugs (containing Lyrica, Xanax, Serquel and Valium). Police also noticed a bottle suspected of containing liquor on the backseat. The trio was arrested and will be sent to the Drug Control General Department (DCGD). Meanwhile, 71 wanted persons and violators were arrested during a security campaign in Jleeb Al-Shuyukh, along with 14 wanted over debts, 14 with expired residency permits, six for prostitution, one on felony charges, one loose laborer, two over drugs and one over liquor. All were sent to concerned authorities. —Al-Rai and Al-Anbaa



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END CORRUPTION FIRST

By Iqbal Al-Ahmad

After gasoline prices were hiked, opponents claimed that uprooting corruption first will save manifold of what will be gained by higher petrol prices. It is possible, through rationalizing treatment abroad, to save millions of dinars in the state budget by "activating" the conscience of officials, stop wasta and punish those who take advantage of their posts, along with those who deal with them among the decision makers.

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of KD 300 million, it is possible to build the largest and most prestigious hospitals in Kuwait, that can be the largest in the region to treat all cases.

If the government wanted to eradicate all the wastage in the treatment abroad to benefit this member of parliament and that official, then it will be able to do this for sure, because it is the decision maker. This can only happen if it is serious in this regard, and this is what I hope for along with the entire Kuwaiti population. If you want to silence opponents of any rationalization move you intend to make, then convince them that you are serious in fighting corruption, and that you started on this road, along with all that proves this.

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COEXISTING WITH CORRUPTION

By Fawziya Abul

According to Tunisian media, there is a big argument about the economic reconciliation and investment law, which will be among the priorities of the parliament during the delicate circumstances the first Arab Spring country is going through. The proposal came with an initiative from the presidency in July 2015, and its opponents quickly said that it is a reconciliation with the symbols of corruption, men who contributed to looting the country's wealth during the former regime which the revolution erupted against, and that accountability must come first, then reconciliation. An activist said, "we are for reconciliation, but we are against all what may equate normalization with corruption."

Meanwhile, supporters of the project believed it will push the deteriorating economy forward, and contribute to rescuing the financial and developmental situation, and that reconciliation is a strategic option to boost national unity. It seems that all scenarios will remain open if the proposal is passed or struck down. It was notable that the Tunisian Judges Association called for its withdrawal due to its "violation of the constitution, requirements of transitional justice and legal defects", and considered that "it creates a forgiving precedence related to crimes of financial corruption and violation of public funds". The judges association went so far as to say that the proposal "does not encourage nor motivate strengthening of the judicial role in deterring such crimes".

In truth, when the judiciary objects to a very important

proposal, it means there are serious fears from the results of its approval and implementation. Even in Egypt, there is a heated debate with regards to reconciliation with businessmen. Opponents of the reconciliation believe that there are suspicions of corruption and violations of public funds, but opposition there was not strong and heated as the case is in Tunisia, and most judges did not reject this reconciliation proposal. It seems there are fears in Tunisia that some remaining symbols from Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's regime may benefit from the practices, intentions and legislations that leaders of the current stage are overlooking.

There are multiple differences between parties and powers participating in the Tunisian authority, while matters in Egypt took a different turn after President Abdelfattah Al-Sisi was able to grasp most powers, meaning that there is a lot of confusion and lack of opposition to many decisions of economic, financial and developmental nature. But the mega projects Sisi promised to launch like the Suez Canal and others "changed" the attention to this issue.

Generally, fighting corruption in the Arab Spring countries was among the most important goals of the revolutions, and if this page is turned without accountability and bearing responsibility, then it will be a disappointment for the masses and rejection of the youth sacrifices. This forgiveness and lack of accountability will lead to a repeat of the corruption phenomenon in all its shapes, because of the lack of a deterrent.

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KUWAIT: The Marina Crescent, a favorite tourist destination in Kuwait. —KUNA