

COP CAUGHT SELLING DRUGS IN JAIL

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Interior's relations and security information department said prison authorities arrested a policeman



involved in selling drugs inside the central prison. Tips were received about policeman

Khalid Mohammad selling drugs in prison, so officials followed him until he was caught red-handed. He was sent to concerned authorities.

Municipality campaign

Kuwait Municipality's public relations said field campaigns in Farwaniya resulted in issuing 11 citations and removing 60 advertisements. Head of the emergency team Khalid Al-Radaan said the team carries out campaigns to check any violations during and after working hours. Radaan said two of the citations were for employing workers before receiving a health certificate, two for working without a health certificate, a citation was for using excess area than what is licensed and five for public cleanliness, besides removing the ads.



REFORM DOCUMENT: KUWAIT'S ROADMAP FOR BALANCED ECONOMY

KUWAIT: Eager to overcome the economic mishap caused by the low oil prices, Kuwait has taken some essential steps last March to diversify the country's sources of income. The financial and economic reform document, approved by the Kuwaiti government three months ago, focused on boosting non-oil revenues and reducing public spending, steps which aimed at achieving a balanced national economy. The six-point document also focused on reforming the financial sector, redefining the state's involvement in the national economy,

boosting the public sector's economic role, enabling citizens to kick start their own businesses, as well as encouraging the legislative and executive powers to enhance economic and financial policies. The document also aimed at enabling the government to boost its efforts for administrative and institutional reforms which will in turn attract more foreign investments to Kuwait. When submitting the document to the cabinet back in March, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Acting Oil Minister Anas

Al-Saleh said that the document would allow people to own privatized projects at a rate of 40 percent and public-private sector joint ventures at a rate of 50 percent within 2016-19. It aims at reforming the labor market and civil service system with a view to ensure justice among workers to improve job performance and boost the public sector's efficiency by linking pay to production, said the minister. Minister Saleh was assigned by the cabinet to follow up on the implementation of the document. — KUNA

FATCA EXTENDS DEADLINE OF COMPLIANCE REPORTS NOV END

KUWAIT: The US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) has agreed to the Ministry of Finance's request to



The Ministry of Finance's Undersecretary Khalifa Hamada

extend the deadline for financial institutions to issue their FATCA compliance reports to November 30. In a press statement yesterday, the ministry's Undersecretary Khalifa Hamada said that the deadline extension would give financial bodies the time needed to assemble the data required. He also noted that all financial institutions are required to register on FATCA's website before sending their details to the ministry. The law, enacted in February, aims to ensure transparency and applies to anyone incurring back taxes in the amount of \$50,000 per person or \$250,000 per company. Moreover, all US citizens and permanent residents are subject to the law, an effort to curb tax evasion and ensure stiff penalties on all tax dodgers. — KUNA

NO RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONAL FREEDOMS: INTERIOR MINISTRY

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Interior refuted yesterday rumors carried by the social networks that the Ministry has enacted a number of measures restricting the use of public freedoms, especially the freedom of speech. In a press statement, the Ministry said there is no basis for claims that the Ministry monitors personal phone calls or services offered by the social networks through many popular apps. Tracking cybercrime, the statement added, would not

require watching social networks or internet users in general with the eye to incriminate them. With regard to the enforcement of the cybercrime law as of the start of its application last January, the statement said it enables the Ministry of Interior to carry out certain steps such as first responding to a complaint about the occurrence of a cybercrime and then following it up with pertinent investigation with the end result of eventually nabbing the offender or offenders,

whichever the case may be. Hackers, those who set up illegal websites, and others who carry out money-laundering schemes online or deal in human trafficking or illegal drugs online, all face strict jail sentences and hefty fines, said the statement. The statement urged all internet and social networks users to exercise caution in disseminating noxious rumors or outright mendacities for the purpose of creating social unrest. — KUNA

MP SLAMS COLLEAGUE'S FAVORITISM

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: MP Faisal Al-Duwaisan said that an announcement by a fellow lawmaker who allegedly said that he helped appoint his tribe members in a leadership post "makes citizens lose confidence in justice and equal opportunity." Duwaisan said what is more catastrophic is that the MP which he did not name said that he discussed the matter with His Highness the Prime Minister and Public Works Minister Ali Al-Omar, and both agreed. "We are awaiting a denial or confirmation of this," he added.



MP Faisal Al-Duwaisan

directors complained to the prosecution general against a policeman who attacked a lawyer and his client at a police station. Lawyers have called for a gathering in front of Sabah Al-Salem police station to demand that the incident should not be repeated.

Stray camels

Following incidents of collisions with stray camels, Jahra municipality issued a circular that measures should be taken against camel pens that are in violation near highways. Director Mohammad Al-Arabi said the pens should be removed within a maximum of one week.

Lawyer attacked

The Kuwait Lawyers Society's board of

FAMILY UNDER SIEGE

In my view



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Good morning dear and honorable brothers and sisters, and I wish you all a happy summer vacation. In this article, I would like to add on a previous column in which I wrote about a family under siege, an issue for which had received wide-scale responses and positive reactions.

Picking up from where I left off in my previous article, I can say that the helpless and fatigue woman along with her son were waiting for a brighter future, but could not do anything or come out of their prison-like room. Just a few days before Ramadan, the two looked anxious that their ordeal could be resolved and their case would be closed. But unfortunately, they were faced by numerous obstacles such as the high rent, shortage of food, weak internet connection and many more challenges.

I came to learn that woman suffered many accidents in which she fell in the bathroom, but she did not want her son to know. And when he would hear something falling inside the bathroom, he would inquire if his mother was ok, but she would reply that the bathroom's rack had fallen, just that she does not scare the boy.

Some weird things keep appearing on the woman's body, things that look like tiny tumors, but of course the painkillers cannot do anything to her. Since the last article, so many good doers have positively interacted with the case, and some have actually assisted to ease the suffering of the family.

When asked how they could survive sometimes if aid could not be reached or if the circumstances change, the woman replied that "since Almighty Allah is with us, he will never abandon us. I am able to work and earn a little." Every time I visit them, the little boy keeps smiling thinking that I have some good news for them, but when I get ready to leave, the two pay farewell with anticipation for the next visit which hopefully would come with the salvation.

The woman has grown wary of consuming painkillers, which could ultimately negatively impact her health as compared to taking the specific medication for her case. Meanwhile, her old mother keeps insisting for the two to come back home to see her, but she keeps on telling her that they are fine and that she must finish her work contract in Kuwait before deciding to travel back home.

Till the next article insha Allah.

News

in brief

ALAFCO ANNOUNCES KD 9.9 MLN NET PROFIT FOR PAST 9 MONTHS

KUWAIT: ALAFCO Aviation Lease and Finance Company announced Wednesday a net profit of KD 9.9 million (\$32.9 million) for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of ALAFCO Ahmad A Alzabin said in a press release, the company is on track in the implementation of its strategy through sale and lease-back operations and through acquisition of aircraft with lease attached. Additionally, the company has contracted with Boeing and Airbus to acquire 117 new aircraft valued at \$14.9 billion to be delivered between 2017 and 2021. ALAFCO aims to have a fleet of more than 100 aircraft by the end of the decade, in order to position itself amongst the world's top aircraft leasing companies. ALAFCO is a Kuwait-based aircraft leasing company and is listed on the Kuwait Stock Exchange. — KUNA



ALAFCO CEO Ahmad Alzabin

KAC opens new office in Bu Hamdoun, Lebanon

BEIRUT: Kuwait Airways Company (KAC) has opened a new passenger service office in city of Bu Hamdoun in the Mount Lebanon area, said KAC director in Lebanon Misha'al Al-Saleh yesterday. Passengers living in Bu Hamdoun and other towns nearby such as Sofer, Alya, Hamana, and Faloga, who normally had to go to KAC's office in Beirut to book flights, now can do so in the airline's office in Bu Hamdoun, saving them a long trip to the capital city, he said. Furthermore, he pointed out that booking of flights on KAC can also be done through the airline's online services including the use of KAC's app on smart phones. He emphasized KAC's indefatigable efforts at streamlining all its services for the comfort of its patrons. — KUNA

Environment safety vital in KOC's projects: Official

KUWAIT: Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) affirmed yesterday that it follows strict safety measures during projects development and activities to ensure protection of the environment. The current oil exploration operations executed by the company at Kuwait Bay did not have any negative impact on maritime life forms in the area, KOC's spokesman Saad Al-Azmi said. He noted that KOC is following international environmental standards when running explorations, adding that no dead fish phenomenon had been recorded since the launch of the project at Kuwait Bay in August 2015. — KUNA

DUO ARRESTED FOR PROSTITUTION

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: Vice police arrested two Romanian women for prostitution, who were charging KD 250 per hour. Tips were received about two Romanian women coming into

the country for prostitution as part of an international network. Detectives arrested the two women in the act. The women said their visit was intended for prostitution for of KD 200 - KD 250 per hour, collect large amounts of money and leave the country.

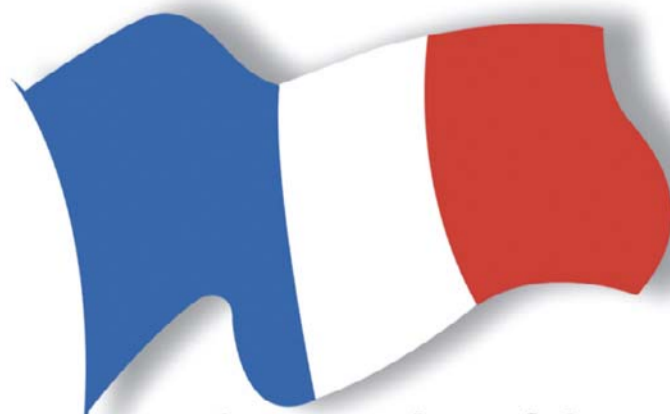


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