

Crime

Report

DRUG ADDICTED APE TO BE 'DEPORTED'

KUWAIT: An ape faces deportation after being caught for addiction, and was sent to the zoo in preparation for his expatriation. Sources at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) said the orangutan was brought to them by the Interior Ministry over drug addiction caused by his owner. The simian was with his owner two months ago when he was involved in a traffic accident. The man was found under the influence of drugs, and the monkey seemed in an abnormal condition too. His owner said he turned the animal into an addict so he could 'have fun'. PAAAFR contacted the Indonesian embassy and asked the orangutan be sent to Indonesia because its natural habitat is there, and is threatened with extinction.

Smuggling foiled

Kuwait International Airport customs officers foiled an attempt by an African man to smuggle 35 bags of qat in his suitcase. Roaming customs officers at the airport suspected the man who arrived at the airport, so he was searched and the qat was found. The man was arrested and he along with the qat were sent to the Drugs Control General Department.

Fake doctor arrested

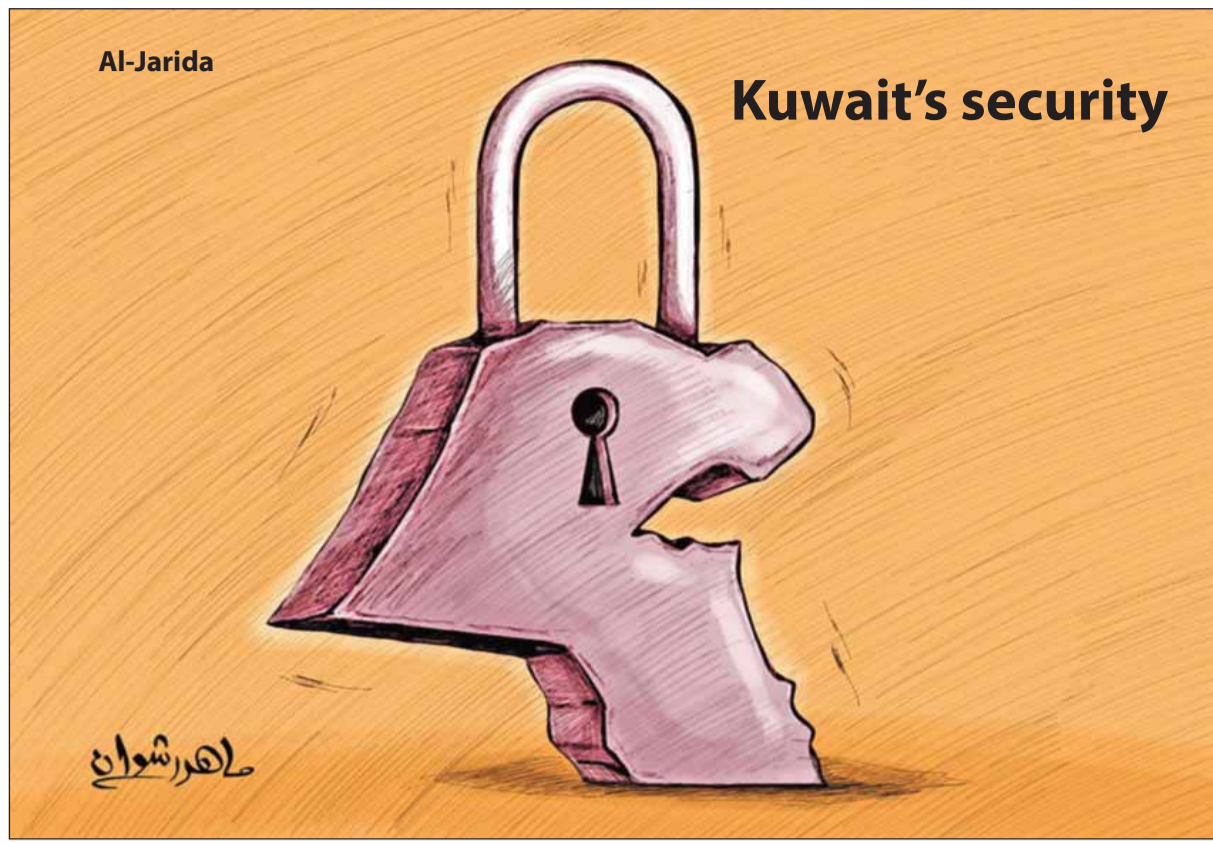
An Indian man posed as a doctor although he does not have a medical degree, and treated criminals and law violators with fake or expired medicine. Security men in Farwaniya learned about him from a secret source, so a team was formed and he was arrested, and the medicine was found with him. Interrogations revealed that the suspect acted as a doctor without a degree, and the majority of those he treated were criminals and violators who cannot go to health ministry centers and hospitals. He was sent to concerned authorities.

Motorist mugged

A citizen was beaten and robbed at gunpoint by three persons in a car with tinted windows in Taima. The trio took his money and mobile phone. A security source said a citizen sought police help and told them while he was driving in Taima, he was surprised by three persons driving an SUV who forced him to stop, then beat him at gunpoint before taking his wallet and mobile phone. The victim gave police a medical report and provided them with the SUV's license plate number. Detectives are working on the case.

Banned fireworks

A company's mandoub (representative) tried to get in a large quantity of banned fireworks, but Shuwaikh customs officers foiled his attempt. A customs source said a container arrived at Shuwaikh port with documents stating that it had children's clothes, then when searched, they found huge quantities of banned fireworks, estimated at 2.5 million pieces with a market value of KD 1 million. The mandoub was sent to criminal detectives along with the confiscated material. — Al-Rai



NO NEAR SOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC JAMS: OFFICIAL

KUWAIT: Interior Ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Traffic Affairs Major General Abdullah Al-Muhanna does not see a solution in the near future for traffic jams on Kuwait roads, especially since cars are on the increase while roads remain the same. Muhanna believes that overcoming the traffic jam issue needs modification projects on the side, main and ring roads, starting with Fahaheel, King Abdulaziz, King Fahd, Maghreb, Riyadh and Ghazali expressways, in addition to the First Ring Road all the way to Seventh Ring Road. He said without the modifications and corrections on these roads, the congestions will not be solved, adding that the bridge network being built now will partially contribute to reducing congestion.

He said there is a project to renew driving licenses through machines at cooperative societies, like the civil ID machines. He said the machines enable a person to pay his traffic fines, place his data, a copy of the civil ID and driving license and pay the fees,

then go to the traffic department only to receive the license. He said the problem is in locked violations, where the violator must go to the department to lift the restriction.

Muhanna said the department has deported 788 expats for driving without a license since the decision to implement this procedure was issued. He said this matter is a grave violation for all and that a Kuwaiti minor who is caught will be detained and sent to the juvenile court, his car will be impounded and he will face a block if he repeats his violations in a way that shows disregard to traffic laws.

He also mentioned a project is under study to make the car title a magnetic card with a chip storing the data of the car and its owner. He said the only obstacle facing the project is the continued sale and purchase of cars, which change ownership more than once in a month. The second issue is the financial cost of the magnetic card, as its cost will be more than KD 5, which affects those with low income.



Lieutenant General Abdullah Al-Muhanna

Muhanna criticized the issue of stray and loose camels, and considered it an old issue that causes car accidents. He believes a reflective collar may be one of the solutions, in addition to changing grazing areas away from the roads. — Al-Rai

Al-Qabas

KUWAITI MEDIA IN RAMADAN

By Baheja Behbehani

Information Minister and State Minister for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah is one of the distinguished ministers in their performance of their duties. His Excellency follows events and government achievements and is always present at events. Credit goes to him in transforming all plans to enhance and develop national media from studies into achievements, and the development of the human element and qualifying it to help Kuwait's information.

He lately commissioned four live transmission vehicles, 10 TV production units and tens of cameras and new equipment. The capabilities of this fleet are important to activate the role of television coverage for ministry sectors, be it the news on television or even radio and events, besides satellite linkage, better equipment and the most modern technical tools in the world. It is supposed for all workers in information and those dealing with it to follow the example of His Excellency the minister in the fantastic achievement and fruitful contribution, which forms a bright image of Kuwait.

This is the positive information for those who love Kuwait and are keen to keep its bright face in front of the world. The media, especially the video part of it, is the state's means to announce its achievements in all fields such as education, health, child and youth care and others, yet some of what was shown during Ramadan destroyed all the positive efforts of the ministry of information, as some episodes contained offensive behaviors and social events alien to Kuwaiti society which has many more positives than negatives.

The majority of Kuwaiti families are cohesive, and there are no dialogues that include offensive words, screams, slaps or men kissing women's feet, as the series show. The Kuwait family is not a prison that keeps the deviant in their behavior as these series imply, and keep in mind that all countries around the world have deviant behaviors in a few families, but they do not show them on TV, because this is considered an insult to the state and defamation of its citizens.

Why do not the TV series show events such as iftar meals in all governorates for laborers and the poor, projects in many countries in the world held with Kuwaiti money or the volunteering of many Kuwaitis to serve in poor countries as preachers and doctors? There are Kuwaiti youth who volunteer at charity societies to serve their country. We appeal to the information minister to review and study the issue of showing these series that insult Kuwait and its people.

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SABAH AL-AHMAD CENTER WELCOMES CHAMPION STUDENTS BACK HOME

KUWAIT: The Sabah Al-Ahmad Center for Giftedness and Creativity (SACGC) welcomed Kuwaiti students who returned home from Thailand, where they participated in the 'Smart Brain' International Mental Match Championship.

The Kuwaiti students have won the first

place in the group category. They have also performed well in the individuals categories winning the first and second places in level 1. The Kuwaiti students have snatched the first places in levels 3 and 4 and the fourth place in level 5.

Over 1,465 students from across the

world took part in the competition which started Sunday. The students were challenged by complicated math equations.

SACGC General Director Dr Omar Al-Bannai led the team that welcomed the students at Kuwait International Airport Friday night. He spoke highly of the stu-

dents' achievement, adding that it was the fruit of their hard labor and preparations throughout the past three years.

Smart Brain is part of the global Smart Brain Franchise, which spans over 20 countries and teaches over 275,000 children every year. It seeks to bring the international-

ly renowned Abacus Mental Arithmetic and Whole Brain Development Program to every child, thereby instilling a powerful learning tool that will aid the child in overall learning abilities such as reading comprehension, math, memory recall and concentration.

