

'Saq Al Bamboo' and 'Been Galbin': Episode 21

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Kuwait Times is publishing a daily recap of two Kuwaiti soap operas aired on Al Rai TV and MBC Drama. Here are the recaps of the 21st episodes:

'Saq Al Bamboo' (Bamboo Stalk)

Nooriya tells her son that he must fight for Khawla. Ghanima tells Eisa not to repeat what happened yesterday when he entered the house when all the family and relatives were inside. She also tells him not to call her mama Ghanima even if they are alone. He leaves crying and Luzviminda talks to him putting her hand on his shoulder. Noor sees them and feels jealous. She asks him about it, but he says they were only talking.

Ghanima tells Luzviminda she will take her to the agency tomorrow to send her back to the Philippines, but she doesn't want to go and attempts suicide. She is rushed to the hospital. Noor keeps telling Khawla that Jaber is not serious and doesn't love her, but Khawla doesn't want to believe this, so Noor tells her to call him now in front of her, and Jaber doesn't answer. When Noor calls him, he answers. She puts the call on speaker and he says that he never told Khawla he will propose, so Khawla falls unconscious.

Been Galbin (Between Two Hearts)

Aryam with Bashar visit her mother in London who lives



with her husband, who Aryam hates. Bashar suggests she lends them money as they have financial problems, but Aryam refuses. Dana goes with Farida for dinner, while her father doesn't want her to see Farida, who is still in love with him. Dana tries to convince her father to give Farida another chance and to stop living with memories of her



dead mother. Noora visits her nieces and nephew every day, and her aunt suggests that she marries her son Mihsen, but Noora refuses as she feels he is like her brother and she knows he loved her dead sister Yasmin. Masoud falls in love with Dana. He behaves very seriously, while he was always full of humor. Dana is worried about him and



asks him what's wrong, but he doesn't say anything. Marzouq's father blames Marzouq for fighting with Bashar and tells him it's Aryam's right to see her son and he doesn't want problems with Aryam.



Beyoncé, left, and Kendrick Lamar perform "Freedom".



Tammy Collins, left, and Kirk Franklin accept the Dr Bobby Jones best gospel/inspirational award.



Bobby Brown, center, and the cast of New Edition present the award for best actress.



Spike Lee, left, presents the lifetime achievement award to Samuel L. Jackson.



Laila Ali speaks during a tribute to her late father, Muhammad Ali.

Politically charged BET Awards honor Prince, Muhammad Ali

A politically charged BET Awards delivered an exciting night of tributes for Prince and Muhammad Ali between calls for action over gun violence, civil rights and presidential politics. These are the top moments from Sunday's awards show held at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Prince party

After BET dissed the Billboard Music Awards for their Prince tribute in May, the cable network lived up to that challenge by honoring Prince in a show-long tribute. The first of many performances was introduced by comedian Dave Chapelle, who said "that literally our hearts were broken" over the death of Prince on April 21. Artists such as the Roots, Erykah Badu, Bilal, Maxwell, Stevie Wonder and more gave a multifaceted reflection on the late artist's musical gifts.

Highlights included Bilal's falsetto singing and his wild, rolling on the floor performance, Jennifer Hudson's emotionally arresting rendition of "Purple Rain" with Wonder and Janelle Monae's rocking medley and Prince-inspired outfits. But BET ended on a high note when drummer Sheila E, Prince's longtime friend, collaborator and onetime fiancée, took the stage to close out the show. She wailed on the drums in between singing a medley of songs featuring a full band, with horn section and dancers that got the crowd dancing.

Political talk

There was no subtlety to the political messages during this year's award show with multiple references to the upcoming presidential election - none of them in favor of presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump. There was a very direct warning from Taraji P. Henson, who won the best actress award. "For those who think, you know, 'He's really not going to win' - think again," Henson said during her acceptance speech.

"We really need to pull together and turn this country around." Earlier co-host Tracee Ellis Ross urged people to vote and added, "Welcome to the White House, Hillary Clinton." Finally BET Chairman and CEO Debra Lee championed the recent Democratic sit-in on the House floor over gun control legislation and called for a stand against gun violence during upcoming local and national elections.

Jesse's truth

After a long night of political speech, actor and activist Jesse Williams delivered the night's most powerful statement after receiving a humanitarian award honoring his work for equal rights. Williams demanded an end to police violence against blacks, mentioning the names of several victims, and got a standing ovation. "We know that police somehow manage to deescalate, de-arm and somehow not manage to kill white people every day," Williams said. "So what's going to happen is we are going to have equal rights and justice in our own country, or we will restructure their function in ours."

But he also called out commercialization of black culture, armchair critics and "conditional freedom." Even Samuel L. Jackson applauded Williams later, saying it was like hearing from a 1960s activist.

Beyoncé surprises

When Beyoncé's dancers paraded down the BET Awards red carpet prior to the show, the rumors of an unannounced performance solidified. A barefoot Beyoncé in a fringed black outfit opened the awards show with her song "Freedom" in ankle deep water with dancers splashing around beside her, in a preview of her popular Formation World Tour. To top everything off, Kendrick Lamar emerged out of the floor and then danced together with Beyoncé with the stage glowing red behind them. Unfortunately, Beyoncé was not on hand to accept her awards later during the show, as her mother explained that she had to immediately jump on a plane to London for her tour.

A daughter's tribute

The BET Awards also paid tribute to another cultural icon - the late Muhammad Ali - with a heartfelt speech by his daughter, Laila Ali. Known as the "Greatest of All Time," Ali had a huge influence on hip-hop artists either through his pre-fight speeches or through his personal struggles and spiritual convictions. He died on June 3 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. His daughter, also a retired boxer, got choked up as she stood in front of photo of her father holding her as an infant. She closed her speech with a simple, but important request, saying, "If he was here today, he would ask you to pray not just for our family, but for all of mankind." — AP



Bryson Tiller accepts the award for best new artist.



Tina Knowles accepts the viewers' choice award on behalf of Beyoncé for "Formation" at the BET Awards at the Microsoft Theater. — AP photos

Winners

<p>Best Female R&B/Pop Artist Beyoncé</p> <p>Best Male R&B/Pop Artist Bryson Tiller</p> <p>Best Group Drake & Future</p> <p>Best Collaboration Rihanna ft Drake - 'Work'</p> <p>Best Male Hip Hop Artist Drake</p> <p>Best Female Hip Hop Artist Nicki Minaj</p> <p>Video of the Year Beyoncé - 'Formation'</p> <p>Video Director of the Year Director X</p> <p>Best New Artist Bryson Tiller</p> <p>Best Gospel/Inspirational Award Kirk Franklin</p>	<p>Best Actress Taraji P. Henson</p> <p>Best Actor Michael B. Jordan</p> <p>YoungStars Award Amandla Stenberg</p> <p>Best Movie Straight Outta Compton</p> <p>Sportswoman of the Year Serena Williams</p> <p>Sportsman of the Year Stephen Curry</p> <p>Coca-Cola Viewers' Choice Award Beyoncé - 'Formation'</p> <p>Centric Award? Beyoncé - 'Formation'</p> <p>Best International Act Africa Wizkid (Nigeria)</p> <p>Best International Act UK Skepta — Reuters</p>
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Bryson Tiller performs at the BET Awards.