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DO I ELECT AN INFIDEL?

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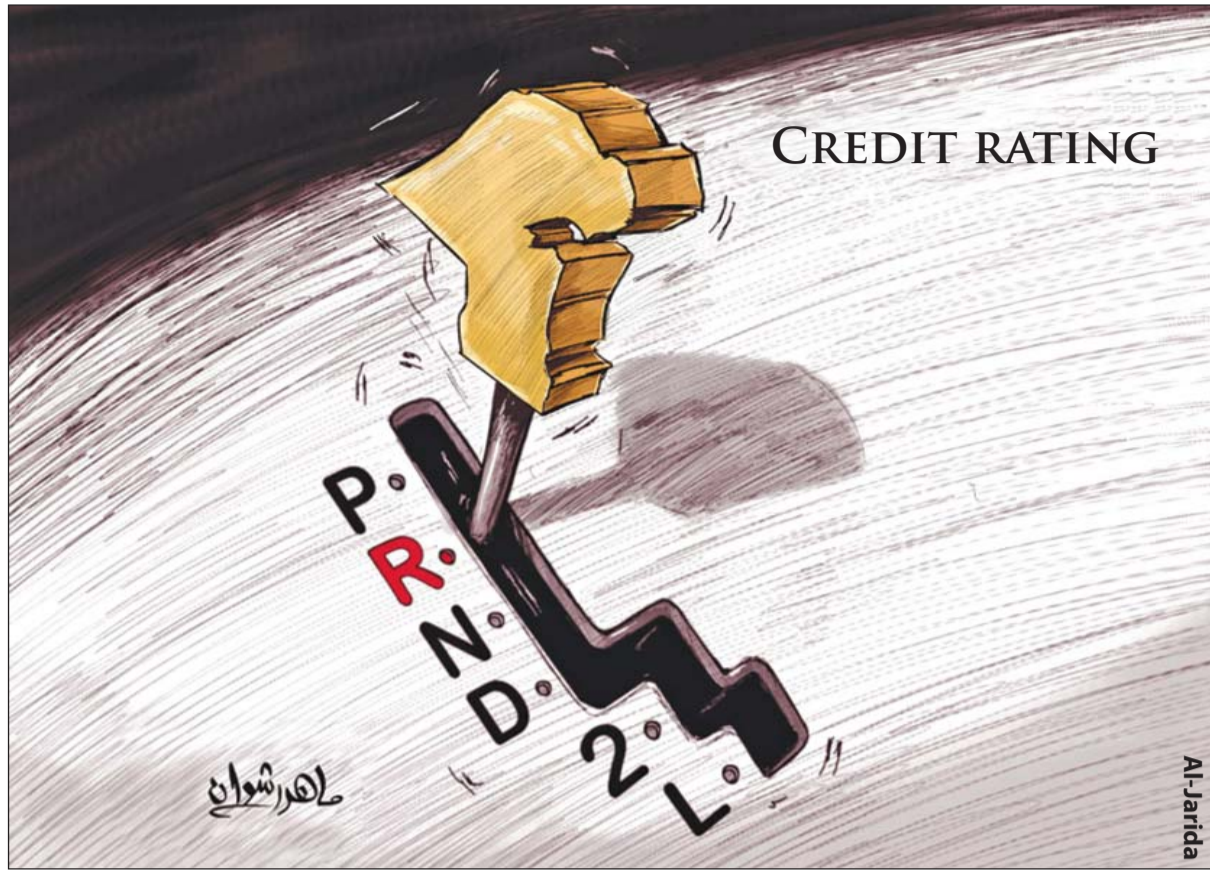
The little noise seems loud in front of the big silence. A few speak and many hear them, and many keep silent and no one feels their presence as if they do not exist. This is the truth with regret and more regret is that those who cause the noise are mostly rogues or holders of a certain purpose, and their noise does not represent the public's interest.

It is very clear that there is a lack and inability of understanding those who cause the noise, who get angry and shout over something they did not understand in its reality. This is what is known as the policy of the herd, which makes the sound, and goes right or left, while at the same time no one takes a different direction from this herd. During one of the voting seasons, I asked a young university graduate, who I thought had enough understanding and awareness, and I thought that he was going to vote for a candidate who has open thinking - I asked him for whom are you going to vote? He surprised me with a name of a candidate from a faction that is opposite to free ideology!

I told him why do not you vote for so or so who has an open ideology and knows parliamentary work with its correct methods? His answer was a shock for me when he said: I will not elect him because he is a liberal! I asked him: Is him being a liberal keeping you from voting for him? He looked at me with wonderment and said: Do you want to elect an infidel?

The lack of awareness and understanding has become a general trait, especially among the youth group, which with regret, did not work on building itself or its brains - rather it gave its reins to the society to carry out this superficial and distorted upbringing and this fragile building. Many times we find angry people claiming that they are defending their beliefs, which they think was insulted because of what so and so said, although there is nothing offensive towards what they believe in, but the superficiality of understanding and absence of awareness are what made them believe this. We are living a case of instinctive spontaneous reaction condition, like the physical reactions the human being cannot control, but the brain reactions must happen as a result of understanding and awareness, not as a result of emotion, absence of awareness and unavailable understanding.

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CREDIT RATING

MPs TO VISIT COMOROS TO VALIDATE BEDOON SETTLEMENT

KUWAIT: A delegation including a number of lawmakers plans to visit the Comoros to validate reports about settling bedoons there, said the chairman of the parliamentary friendship group MP Saud Al-Hurajji, noting that the delegation would leave on Thursday for the Comoros and Cameroon. Hurajji said that the

visit would include attending four workshops on the settlement of bedoons in the Comoros to probe the credibility of recent talks about it. "We are keen on returning with verified news about this topic because I do not think what has been said is true, but we want to make sure," he remarked. — Al-Rai

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WHAT'S COMMON BETWEEN TRUMP AND GADDAFI

By Sami Al-Nisf

Muammar Gaddafi was dubbed worldwide as an impulsive and crazy unpredictable leader in order to explain all the contradictions and atrocities he committed during his reign, including killing, squandering, looting his people's wealth, claiming to be pro-Arab unity and actually working against it and using slogans of defending the Palestinian cause while killing Palestinian people and leaders, depending on the fact that Arab peoples could be easily beguiled and believe what they hear more than what they actually see. Nobody ever wondered how such a lunatic could maintain his 'throne' for 42 consecutive years, ruling over a people that never accept injustice!

The US' debts are close to \$15 trillion and it will be very difficult for any sane US ruler to pay the interests on this unprecedented historic debt, not to mention the debt value itself. Therefore, it would be very useful that some intelligent US minds promote the idea that presidential candidate Donald Trump is an impulsive, unstable and unpredictable person and that even if he makes it to the presidency, he might make some 'insane' decisions to pay off that astronomical debt by using old colonial power principles and ideas to impose an annual tribute on GCC states, Japan, Germany, Korea and others in return for US protection. He will also impose up to 35 percent taxes on the products of China, industrial countries and Mexico to pay off the debt and reduce the dangerous deficit, and thus his country would flourish at the expense of destroying other world countries. All this has previously been mentioned during Trump's election campaign.

So far, results of surveys show that Trump is inevitably coming to the White House, which would mean putting his insane promises into practice. Therefore, afflicted world countries and its lobbies within the US should use all possible and legal means in American political life to prevent Trump from winning, because his win will be very devastating, because he would rule the mightiest country in the history of mankind with all its conventional and non-conventional weapons and Trump would never hesitate to use the latter with the first provocation or major crisis...who knows?!

Finally, there is a lack of likeness between Trump and traditional politicians including Democrats and Republicans, namely those in the Senate, of which only two thirds can depose him if he ever commits fatal mistakes as president. So, will this scenario come true? Who knows!

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KUWAIT BEAUTIFUL & GREEN STUDENTS ART COMPETITION
 March 10th Till April 14th, 2016

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Welcome to the Student's Art Competition. I hope you are ready to paint a beautiful painting and win wonderful prizes. The theme for your painting must be related to planting and greening, basically anything pertaining to our environment. We are looking for a great painting. So, please pick up your color pencils, paint brushes, crayons or whatever you prefer and start drawing and painting. *Good luck to you, our young artists.*

- Competition is open to ages from (6 - 8) (9 - 11) (12 - 14) and (15 - 17) and Special needs
- The competition is open for all schools in Kuwait (Government and Private)
- The competition will start on March 10th and will continue till April 14th 2016.
- 10 winners from each category will receive valuable prizes.
- All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation.
- All schools participating in

- the competition will receive an appreciation plaque.
- Any school or individual interested to participate in this competition is welcome to visit the office of Kuwait Times and collect the drawing sheets.
- Drawing sheets will be given to schools FREE of charge.
- Only drawing sheets provided by the Kuwait Times will be allowed.
- You can use any kind of color pencils, paint brushes or crayons.

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GENDER IDENTITY DISORDERS, DEPRESSION SPREADING AMONG STUDENTS: SPECIALISTS

KUWAIT: Academic and psychiatric specialists warned against the increasing cases of chronic psychological problems in schools, adding that the specialized psychiatric department at the Education Ministry receives more than 600 cases from all educational stages each year that are difficult to treat inside the school.

They said that most common cases at schools include gender identity disorders, suicide attempts caused by depression and violence, and warned about the appearance of satanic worship cases, even though they are only a few cases, as students resort to it out of imitation, and the reason is social media. They said school administrations are main partners in solving students' problems and efforts must be consolidated with these researchers to reach the sought after goals to build a good citizen who serves the country.

Director of the social and psychiatric services

department at the Education Ministry Faisal Al-Ustad said school administration and educational authorities are essential partners in solving students' problems. He said the psychiatric file of a student will be replaced by case follow-up. Ustad said the administration is responsible for providing social and psychological care to students and work to provide the best professional preparation for psychological researchers and enable them to perform their professional roles as required, and provide them with suitable means.

He said the main goal is to create a good citizen that serves the country, and said it is important to change the names that scare and worry parents such as psychological treatment and psychological and behavioral problems, and asked that old means be put aside and introduce new methods to deal with children. — Al-Anbaa

KPC TO TURN EXPAT ADMIN STAFF TO 'CONTRACT' WORKERS

KUWAIT: Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's (KPC) executive administration resumed meeting with various oil companies to acquaint its employees about initiatives that would help cut expenses as well as stop the uncontrolled growth of payroll in the coming five years. In this regard, well-informed official oil sources said that KPC's initiatives aim at saving KD 190 million yearly, adding that oil sector payroll costs would jump from KD 1.5 billion to KD 2.3 billion within five years.

The sources explained that KPC met managers and heads of teams and officials at Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC), Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) and the Petrochemical Industry Company (PIC), and discussed suspending bonuses while in service and on termination, in addition to reducing flight tickets for senior officials and regulating daily travel allowances to KD 220 a day for senior officials travelling worldwide and KD 180 a day for other officials travelling to any country. The sources also explained that the austerity measures also include rationalizing overseas training courses, down-

grading flight tickets and reducing daily allowances as per the KPC's board decision issued on Feb 1, 2016. The measures also include suspending the spring camp and paying parts of club and spa subscription fees.

As far as expat employees are concerned, the source explained that KPC decided turning expat administrative staffs to work through contractors in order to reduce the cost of salaries and incentives they get. The sources added that the measures would also include comprehensive reconsideration of the incentives and privileges non-Kuwaiti staff receive, such as tuition fees, rent allowance, flight tickets and medical services.

KPC CEO Nizar Al-Adasani said that KPC's financial reforms aim at allowing the private sector and citizens to play larger roles in bidding for and co-owning oil service activities. He added that a special schedule was being prepared to launch and privatize 42 petrol stations. He also expected that the initiatives offered by KPC would help maintain payroll costs at KD 1.5 billion. — Al-Anbaa

KD 60 'FOOD ALLOWANCE' TO MUNICIPALITY OFFICIALS

KUWAIT: An official source at Kuwait Municipality said KD 60 will be paid as food allowance to some municipality officials, as Deputy Director General for the Financial and Administrative Sector Walid Al-Jassim opened the issue of the "allowances" some department officials are undeservedly receiving.

The source said the value of the "shift allowance" being paid to some officials is highly exaggerated, and some of it exceeds three allowances, especially since a large number of departments do not need shifts, and their official hours are in the morning

only, and despite this some of them are paid. He said Jassim will resort to the attendance signature and fingerprint system to check attendance, especially after making sure that a large number of recipients are not committed to working hours. The source said other allowances are paid to some officials including food and shift allowance, adding that Jassim, who is facing pressure to keep him from opening this file, will investigate the allowances of officials in departments that belong to the municipality director general as a first step, then will go to other departments and outdoor sites. — Al-Rai

MINISTRY FORMS PANEL TO 'CHANGE RENT LAW'

KUWAIT: A high-ranking source at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said there is no move by the ministry towards limiting or deciding rents of real estate. The source said the ministry will set up a committee that will be formed soon to work on changing the rent law as "it does not go along with the current market factors of the market," providing that increases should not be more than 100 percent every five years. The source said it is not the right of the commerce ministry to interfere

and decide the rent value, because real-estate is private ownership, and the value of its rent cannot be decided by anyone other than the owner.

Meanwhile, chairman of the board of a major real-estate company said there was no decrease in real-estate prices, while a large number of brokers are presenting their properties through social media due to recession and lack of investors in the past two months. Offers over the Internet include 30 houses and 50 pieces of land every day. — Al-Rai

Crime

Report

Man used diplomatic license plates to commit robberies

KUWAIT: Jahra police put an end to the activity of a Saudi thief who robbed passersby claiming to be a detective. The suspect used diplomatic license plates he stole from Yarmouk and moved about without being stopped by police. Jahra detectives received information that a man was harassing people in various areas of Kuwait and robbed them, claiming to be a detective and using diplomatic license plates. Jahra detectives located the man in a Jahra cafe, where he was arrested, while the car with the diplomatic plates was found in a parking lot. He was sent for questioning.

Patient dies

A Saudi family filed a complaint against a dental clinic, accusing them of causing the death of one of its members who was being treated there. The cause of death is being determined by the medical examiner. A security source said the family of the 47-year-old Saudi told Jahra police that the man was being treated for his teeth in a private clinic, but became ill and was taken to hospital, where he remained for two days before dying. The family told police they suspect a medical error in the death of the man and filed a complaint accordingly. Investigations are underway.

Drug addict caught

Farwaniya police arrested a drug user who slept in his car near a hotel. Police found illicit tablets and envelopes thought to contain drugs. He was sent to the Drugs Control General Department.

Liquor possession

A bedoon (stateless) man was arrested in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh with 260 bottles of locally-made liquor. He confessed that he sold the liquor to a Bangladeshi man, and received KD 30 daily from him. A security source said a police patrol noticed a car moving in various areas suspiciously, and when the driver was stopped, he seemed nervous. When his car was searched, 260 bottles were found. He said he has been working for a Bangladeshi man for two years and receives KD 30 per day from him. He added that he works in Jleeb and Farwaniya. He was sent to the Drugs Control General Department.

Beggars arrested

Ahmadi police arrested six beggars and sent them to residency affairs detectives, when they were arrested during a security campaign that targeted several areas. The beggars include one Bangladeshi and five Jordanians, all women.

Swindler in police's net

An Arab man was sent to the public prosecution as he was processing expats' transactions in exchange of money. The expat, who works for a VIP, confessed to swindling a large number of expats. A security source said information was received by Farwaniya detectives about an expat who swindled an Egyptian pharmacist out of KD 1,500 when he promised her a job in the government, then disappeared. The pharmacist was questioned, and the expat was arrested.

Multiple thefts reported

A citizen told Maidan Hawally police that KD 170 in cash and jewelry worth KD 10,000 were stolen from her house. She did not accuse anyone. Meanwhile, an Egyptian man told Fintas police someone stole his car, and police are investigating. Separately, a Gulf national told Adan police his passport was stolen when he was at the co-op. In another case, a Syrian man told police that an unidentified person broke into his tire repair shop and stole KD 6,000 he was keeping for a relative. Also, a citizen said her car was broken into while parked in front of a Fintas area flowers shop. The culprit stole her personal purse from the car. Criminal evidence men lifted the finger prints from the car and detectives are working on the case. — Al-Rai