

KUWAIT MEDIATES TO END IRAN-GCC TENSIONS: REPORT

KUWAIT: Kuwait recently started mediating between Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states and Iran to put an end to regional tensions, a local daily reported yesterday quoting diplomatic sources. Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sabah has recently carried letters in this regard to leaders of five GCC state, while another letter would be handed over to the United Arab Emirates today. The letters convey a wish from the Iranian leadership to 'turn a new leaf' of relations with GCC states and to discuss unsolved problems through dialogue.

The source added that Kuwait had recently received the Iranian minister of intelligence Dr Sayyed Mahmoud Alawi who carried a message from President Hassan Rouhani about bilateral relations with Kuwait as well as with other GCC states in general. It further conveyed a strong will to resolve regional problems without any foreign interference.

Further, the sources said that Kuwait asked the Iranian official to work on building trust and that it also expressed its official view on Iranian interferences in Bahrain, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and discovering several armed cells in some GCC states including Kuwait. — Al-Rai

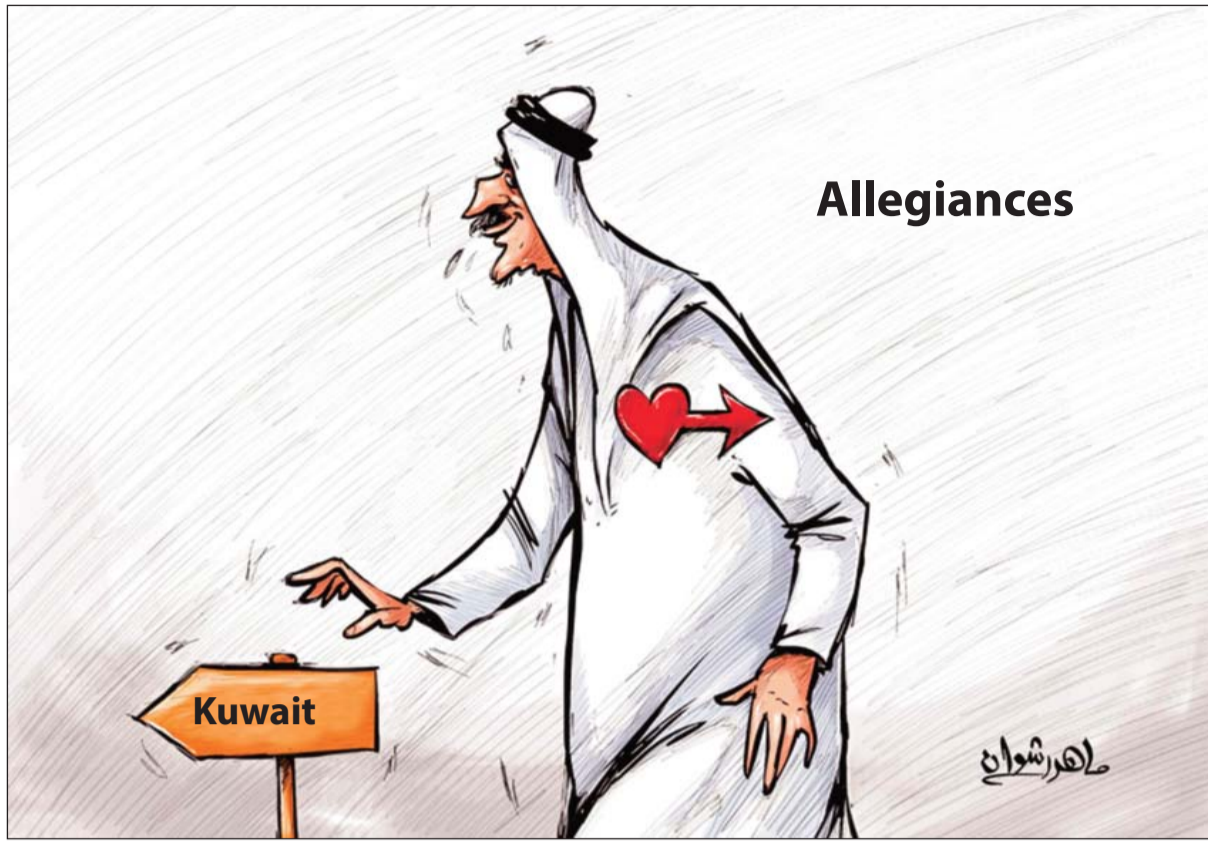
EDUCATOR SLAMS TEENS' NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

KUWAIT: A recent report rang a bell of warning about the practices of teenagers during the annual national celebrations, and urged the information minister to react towards what it described as a 'very dangerous' phenomena. "Those celebrations made young people believe there were no behavioral limits," the report reads, "thus giving teenagers living in other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries the impression that there are no gender restrictions during the celebrations."

"This is why those youngsters make sure to attend the celebrations every year," reads the report which was prepared by Deputy Chairman of the National Celebrations Committee and the Ministry of Education's Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative Development Yousif Al-Najjar.

The top educator further expressed rejection to turning Kuwait into a 'den' where teenagers from other countries can have fun.

Najjar added that expressing patriotism and love to one's home country should not be done by parades, spraying others with foam of water guns, losing contact to ethics or painting vehicles in Kuwait flag's colors. "This love should be better expressed by hard work that places Kuwait amongst leading countries," he underlined. —Al-Rai



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THE CHILDREN OF BIBI

By Dr Nermin Al-Houti

Sheikha Bibi Al-Yousuf Al-Sabah appeared on TV last week to speak about those who were born orphans or lost their parents under any circumstances. She spoke with a spirit of mercy, not with the text of laws, about those who never knew any a cradle to contain them except for Kuwait itself.

Before I start my article and attempt to analyze all the things said during Sheikha Bibi Al-Yousuf Al-Sabah's TV interview, I would like to tell Um Yousuf the following: Those are not only your children, rather they are the children of Kuwait. Maybe many spoke, wrote and put forth parliamentary questions about that problem. But recently during the 'Al-Rai Meeting' show, Sheikha Bibi Al-Yousuf presented her cause through the eye of mercy, and a heart that is full of mercy, without dismantling laws and without hitting at officials. When Um Yousuf appealed to the government, she did so with the heart and soul of a mother. She asked them to look with mercy at those children who missed the feeling and meaning of fatherhood from an early age, and asked some officials to adopt the values of Islam which our Prophet (PBUH) had asked for in mercy and love. That is the point which Um Yousuf focused on during her dialogue every now and then, while speaking about the issue through a humanitarian eye, that keeps a distance, every movement, from laws and regulations. She is a woman who is not against laws and does not attack officials. Rather, she presents an issue based on laws written by the alphabets of love, and its lines have much mer-

cy. Sheikha Bibi Al-Yousuf's demands are that the education of those children must be based on considering them individuals in the Kuwaiti family. That was her demand, and that is what the Kuwait society is demanding because they are at the end Kuwaitis.

Some people may look at those children as a small group in our society. Despite their low number, they are still individuals in the Kuwaiti society. So why don't we follow and implement Um Yousuf's proposal? These proposals are as follows:

- Provide them with housing that gives them dignified family life with the Kuwaiti society's customs and values.
- Supervise them just like we do our children.
- Give them the feeling that they are indivisible part of this society.
- Maintain their dignity, respect their individuality, avoid making them feel inferiority, and do not accept anything for them that we do not accept for ourselves.

The message of Sheikha Bibi was clear. If our officials analyze Um Yousuf's message, they will find out that she gave them many rules in love and mercy, because her message is coming out from the daughter of Kuwait; the land that is so generous to those who want to help. So how will it be if those who need help, love and mercy are Kuwait children?

In conclusion: We may differ in opinions, but we agree in the love we have for Kuwait.

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Crime

Report

TEEN DRUG PUSHER ARRESTED

KUWAIT: A 16-year-old expat was recently arrested for selling drug on behalf of a citizen who is serving a life time imprisonment sentence for drug trafficking, said security sources. Case papers indicate that narcotics detectives were tipped off concerning the juvenile's activity and how he used to hide drugs in certain hideouts where his customers could then pick them up. Arresting the boy while putting a package, he confessed that he worked for a central prison inmate. He also led police to about 50 grams of heroin he hid at his house. The boy also told police that at first he received a call from an unknown person, who offered him KD5 for each delivery he made. He added that he later on learnt that he worked for an inmate. The boy added that he usually received a call from the inmate, telling him where to pick up the packages till further notice. A case was filed and the inmate is being summoned for further investigations.

Woman arrested for liquor trade

Farwaniya detectives recently raided a liquor factory, and arrested an Asian woman who ran the place. The woman also hired a number of compatriots to distribute her products. Case papers indicate that police patrol officers spotted a woman carrying a large bag and on approaching her, she tried to flee but was caught. By checking the bag she carried, policemen found out that it was full of liquor bottles. The woman led police to where she brewed the liquor and to her associates. In another case, an Asian man was recently arrested in Fintas with possession of 160 bottles of homebrewed liquor, said security sources. Case papers indicate that patrol officers stopped the man and on noticing that he was nervous, they searched his vehicle to find the liquor in the trunk.

Ex-wife assaulted

A female citizen recently filed a complaint against her ex-husband, accusing him of breaking into her apartment in Maidan Hawalli and assaulting her. A case was filed and further investigations are in progress.

Addict assaults officers

A man was recently arrested in Jahra industrial area for drug abuse, possessing 67 illicit pills and insulting police officers, said security sources. They noted that police patrol officers had suspected the man and on stopping him, he was found to be under the influence of drugs. The man refused to cooperate with search procedures, and insulted the officers who still searched his vehicle and found the pills. A case was filed. Separately, a Kuwaiti citizen was recently arrested in Adan with possession of a large piece of hashish in addition to smaller pieces packed and ready for sale, said security sources.

Senior citizen assaulted

A Syrian man was recently referred to Andalus police station for assaulting a senior citizen who was selling traditional photos at the Friday market, when they argued about location priority. — Al-Rai, Al-Anbaa

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