

Crime

Report

Prostitutes arrested in Mahboulah

KUWAIT: A security source said residency affairs detectives were monitoring videos on social media showing two Romanian prostitutes making offers to meet anyone in any country. The two later arrived in Kuwait after a busy week in another Gulf country. An undercover source was asked after thorough investigations to make a deal with them, and they agreed to receive KD 200 each per hour. Detectives then raided a flat in Mahboulah and arrested them. The two admitted servicing clients for the same fee for three days, and were transferring the money immediately. The suspects were sent to the deportation center. Their clients' phone numbers were also noted in case the two have any infectious diseases.

Work mishap

A gas cylinder explosion killed a Pakistani air conditioning technician in a shop in Fahaheel industrial area. His body was recovered by the coroner. Investigations are underway.

Bag missing

An Egyptian mandoub (company representative) told Khaitan police a bag containing five passports and KD 800 was stolen from his car. Detectives are working on the case.

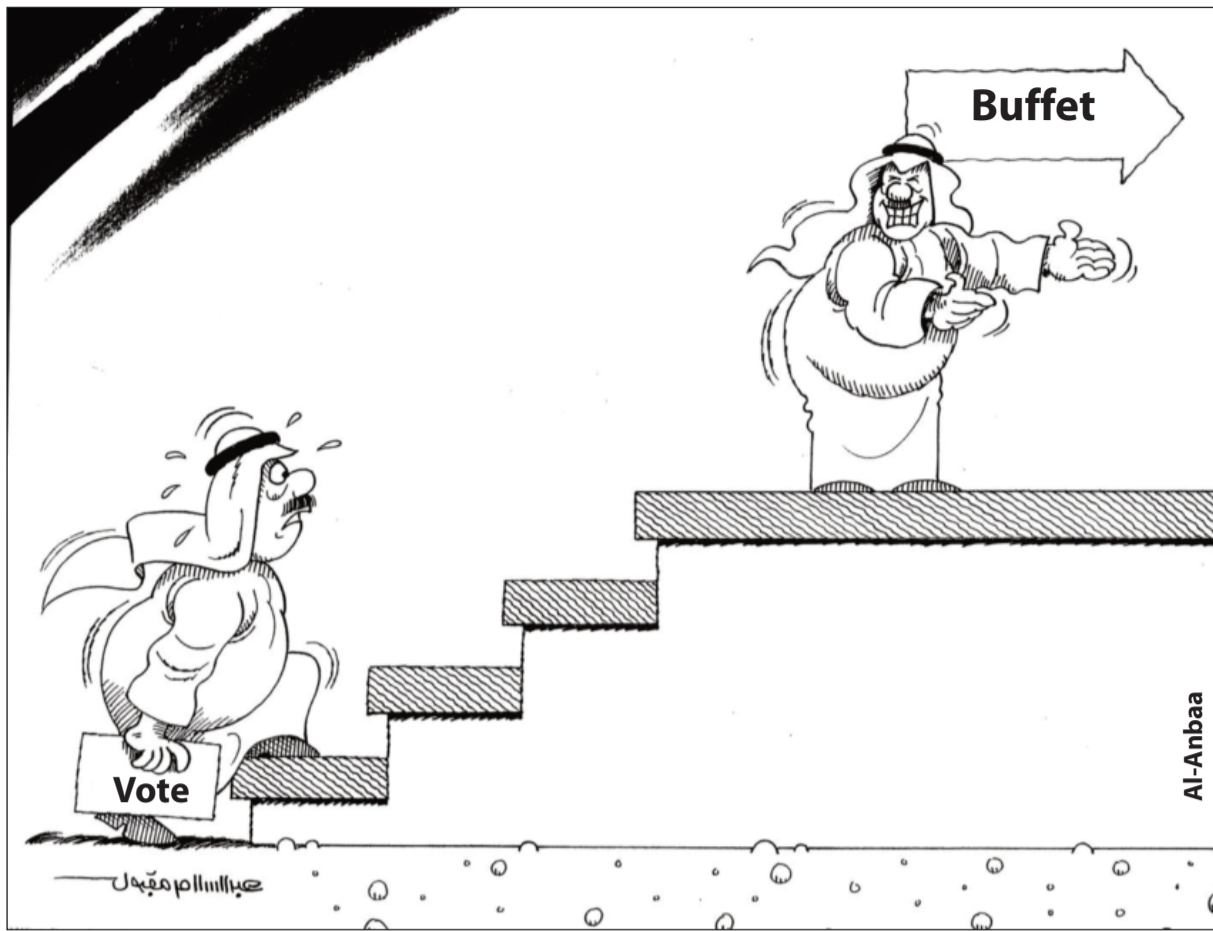
Fights

Four persons were involved in a fight and used knives, so police were called in and broke up the fight. One of those involved was stabbed in the shoulder. He was sent to Mubarak Hospital, while the other three were detained. Meanwhile, three Egyptian juveniles were injured during a fight with other Egyptians, as knives were used. Two of the suspects were sent to Adan Hospital for treatment of wounds they sustained. Investigations are underway. Separately, a fight broke out in Julaia over the rental charges of an ATV, leaving a citizen and an Iraqi injured. Police broke up the fight. The citizen sustained various bruises and the Iraqi had a broken nose. Both were taken to Adan Hospital.

Residency law

Authorities arrested 20 residency law violators in Kabd. Committee Chairman Mohammad Jaloud Al-Dhafri said employees of the arrested people were issued citations. The arrestees were sent to concerned authorities.

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Al-Jarida

WILL VOTE FOR MONEY

By Mohammed Al-Owaisi

The slogan of 'Will Vote for my Country' used by the information ministry to boost people's awareness of the need to vote is a very beautiful one, but is unfortunately hard to put into practice because of the one-vote electoral system, where most voters vote for candidates from the same tribe, clan, sect or even those known for doing services for constituents. Nowadays, voters usually opt to vote for 'dinar' candidates.

Al-Qabas on Oct 25, 2016 published a story with a headline reading "Up to KD 1,300 per vote" in the fourth, third and other constituencies. This story reminded me of a vote-buying incident during the 2003 elections. A voter said that on the eve of the elections, he went to the campaign headquarters of a candidate known to buy votes and asked him how much he paid per vote.

The candidate told him that he will pay KD 1,000 and they agreed on the amount. The candidate asked him to come the following morning to the tent pitched next to the polling center along his citizenship certificate. Meeting him, the candidate asked him to swear by the Holy Quran to vote for him, which he did, and received the KD 1,000.

Next, the voter went to the polling center accompanied by the candidate's representative to vote for the bribe-paying candidate. On the way, the voter thought of a way to shake off the representative so that he could find another vote-buying candidate and make more money, which he did, and ran to his house to have an afternoon nap. In the evening, the voter went back to the same center looking for another ill-mannered and conscienceless candidate who would buy his vote. Finding one, he asked for KD 1,000 for his vote, but the candidate refused, bargained with him and only gave him KD 750.

The voter swore by the Holy Quran to vote for him, collected the money and started counting it before leaving. He found out that the sum included an extra KD 10 and insisted on returning it because he would "never accept haram money", which highly appealed to the candidate, who admired his honesty and insisted on giving him the extra amount, praying to Allah to have many more of his likes!

Well, voters swear by the Holy Quran to vote for those paying bribes, who in turn swear by Almighty Allah to be loyal to the nation and HH the Amir, to respect state laws and the constitution and defend the people's freedom and funds and do their work honestly. What an oath!

—Translated by Kuwait Times

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Al-Anbaa

URBANITE CONTEMPLATION

By Salah Al-Sayer

In the recent past, the word 'bedouin' was not used the way it is nowadays in Kuwait. It was symbolically used and had no indication in real life of desert life because there were no more nomads travelling from one place to another. Just like sailors stopped sailing their dhows after the discovery of oil, bedouins stepped down from their camels and lived in urban residential areas in the early stages of Kuwait's boom, with the spread of education and the availability of job opportunities in various government bodies, and many more aspects that are very different from those known by nomads.

However, things are not the same nowadays. The word 'bedouin' reflects and refers to a different and special culture that ought to be confirmed and protected in the minds of some people. They believe it ought to be separated from urban culture, and thus seem like an illusionary trick played by some magicians who make audiences imagine things that do not really exist. In fact, it is impossible for them to have the same

formations nowadays after they politically, socially and economically changed and started living in the outskirts of modern cities in which citizenship and the rule of the law are more valued than tribal fanaticism.

The problem seems more complex with younger generations who keep fanaticizing about bedouin life in a platonic way with merely a rababa (a bowed musical instrument), a cup of coffee and a falcon, which is totally against the bitter truth! If we go back to bedouin life nowadays, many people will be looted, murdered or socially excluded.

Finally, I would like to remind you of the 'Please don't let me down' call, which is absolutely against true democratic practices. Some people tried to justify it as a bedouin value of requesting assistance and forgot that the Kuwaiti society nationally did so by consolidation, which is far stronger than sectarian bonds, when Kuwaitis of all sects, tribes and races worked hand in hand to build the third Kuwait wall.

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VIVA ORGANIZES HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN COINCID WITH WORLD DIABETES DAY

KUWAIT: Coinciding with World Diabetes Day, VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, organized a health awareness campaign for its staff, VIVA Family's members, in collaboration with Safwan Medical Services Company.

VIVA held a medical clinic with Safwan health professionals at its headquarters located at Olympia Tower, whilst health campaign offered diabetes, blood pressure and cholesterol tests and compared results against healthy levels. It also provided health tips to employees that highlighted the importance of following a healthy lifestyle and good eating habits.

This campaign is in line with VIVA's CSR program, in Health section, towards its employees, the underlying foundation for delivering the company's aspirations and objectives. VIVA is also dedicated to providing a

healthy and suitable environment for its employees. VIVA's employees turned out in large numbers to participate in the health awareness campaign. They acknowledged the importance of having regular medical checkups to prevent chronic diseases.

Led by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), each World Diabetes Day focuses on a theme related to diabetes. Topics covered have included diabetes and human rights, diabetes and lifestyle, diabetes and obesity, diabetes in the disadvantaged and the vulnerable, and diabetes in children and adolescents. While the campaigns last the whole year, the day itself marks the birthday of Frederick Banting who, along with Charles Best and John James Rickard Macleod, first conceived the idea which led to the discovery of insulin in 1922.

BURGAN BANK SPONSORS NUQAT CREATIVE CONFERENCE FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS

KUWAIT: Burgan Bank is delighted to announce its sponsorship of the seventh edition of Nuqat Creative Conference, took place at the Amerianni Cultural Center from 13-16 November 2016. Supporting and encouraging creative thinking and thought-provoking platforms helps Arab youth unleash their creativity and potential, and the Nuqat Conference has proven highly effective in achieving this. Burgan Bank, being a long-term partner of the conference, sponsoring it for four consecutive years, remains committed and engaged with local communities. The Bank believes that education, in all its forms, plays a crucial role in fuelling growth, creating opportunities for everyone and providing creative solutions to 21st century challenges.

Nuqat is a not-for profit organization that aims to nurture creativity and curiosity in adults by boosting out of the box thinking in various walks of life. The Nuqat

Conference, an annual event, brings together thousands of participants to discuss the current state of creativity in the Arab world. This year's event, "The Seventh Sense: Powering the Creative Economy", looked at how innovation in business and technology has contributed to growing creative industries in the Middle East and around the world.

Burgan Bank's support of this initiative falls under its full-fledged community program entitled 'ENGAGE' - Together to be the change. This program sheds light on important aspects affecting every segment of the society by promoting social welfare through educational, cultural, social and health initiatives. Burgan Bank's approach to 'ENGAGE' begins with a vital principle that as a Kuwaiti financial institution, its conduct and policies should be aligned with the needs and interests of the Kuwaiti society.



Senior Officer Public Relations at Burgan Bank Hessa Al-Najadah with Al-Shaikha Al-Zain Al-Sabah and Nuqat Founder Hessa Al-Humadhi.

FARM LAND, GOLDEN SPONSOR OF HORECA

KUWAIT: Farm Land Company, the exclusive distributor of the 'President' trademark, announced its golden sponsorship of Horeca Kuwait for the sixth consecutive year. In this regard, Farm Land's General Manager Antoine Obeid said that his company provides the best quality products including President Cheese, one of the world's premiere cheese makers. He also noted that President offers many dairy products that are produced of 100 percent pure milk, which can be used to prepare the most delicious dishes under prestigious brand names such as the fresh Italian Galbani Mozzarella, the famous French Valbreso Feta, SociÉTÉ Roquefort cheese and the English



Antoine Obeid

McLaren cheddar cheese.

Obeid strongly praised the Horeca Kuwait exhibition and its ability to attract companies specializing in hospi-

talities, food industries and hotel requirements in Kuwait, the region and the Middle East. He also noted that Horeca provides a golden opportunity to exchange expertise in a way that would help develop the business in view of the revolutionary development towards changing Kuwait into a regional financial and commercial hub.

Horeca Kuwait 2017 is organized by Leaders Group in collaboration with Hospitality Services Company at Mishref International Fair Grounds in the period of January 16-18, 2017 under auspices of the Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.



KUWAIT: Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Fawaz Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah met yesterday with members of the Cancer Awareness Nation (CAN) campaign, and congratulated them following the Health Ministry's decision to approve building a radiology cancer treatment center in the governorate.