

POLICE FREE WOMEN TRAFFICKED FROM SIERRA LEONE TO KUWAIT

VICTIMS FORCED TO WORK AS DOMESTIC HELPERS

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Anti-vice and human trafficking police arrested a gang that trafficked in people, led by a Ugandan national who brought women from Sierra Leone. According to investigations, the prime suspect (identified in the Interior Ministry's report by his initials 'S.M') smuggled the women to Guinea by land, making authorities there believe that they were heading to Senegal. They were then locked up for a week in Guinea, before being brought to Kuwait after receiving promises that they will work at prestigious hotels and restaurants and also as nurses with salaries ranging between KD 600 to KD 700 per month. But when they arrived in Kuwait, they were forced under threat to work as domestic helpers for KD 70-80. The main suspect was placed under surveillance to find out where he lived and where the domestic helpers were detained. A warrant was obtained and his residence was raided. The detained women were released, while airline tickets and bank transfer slips were confiscated.

Fire department roundup
Two men were injured when their vehicle

flipped over following an accident. Nuwaiseeb fire center rushed to the scene and freed the two injured men (Asian nationals) and handed them to paramedics. Meanwhile, Nuwaiseeb Fire Center rescued a camel that fell in a septic hole at the camping area. Firemen used ropes and raised the camel from the bottom of the hole unharmed. Separately, Mishref fire center responded to an accident on Sixth Ring Road that trapped four expats in their vehicles. Firemen got the injured people out of the cars and handed them to paramedics. In another case, fire broke out in a Mubarak Al-Kabeer house, prompting Qurain center to respond. Trapped people were evacuated. They only suffered minor smoke inhalation. The fire was put out and losses were material only.

Vehicles impounded

The traffic department at the airport impounded 35 cars and issued 2,532 citations last month. The Interior Ministry's relations and security information department said that everyone must comply with the traffic law and not obstruct traffic flow, particularly at vital facilities. Meanwhile, Farwaniya municipality inspection team carried out a campaign in Ardiya during which 40 car



KUWAIT: A damaged vehicle is impounded during a municipality crackdown in Ardiya.

rental offices were inspected. Eight undertakings were made, while 40 stickers were placed on cars left in open yards in order to remove them. Twenty warnings and 18 citations were issued for exceeding the areas allowed to be used.

Letters to Badrya

Madam,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for raising burning issues in the Gulf, especially with regards to expatriates. It is indeed a pleasure to at least recognize our problem and hope it may bring some positive changes among employers, to be more humanitarian. It is always nice to see and meet like-minded people and I hope you excel more in your personal as well as professional areas.

Every one of you is special and I love what you are doing and continue to do for Kuwait Times. May Allah bless you with the best of health, wealth and prosperity in your life.

Afsar Ahmad

Madam,

Very well-crafted lines. Really a good article. Love it - keep it up!

Laiq Ur Rehman

KUWAIT A PIONEER IN TREATING PARKINSON'S DISEASE: PROFESSOR

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Neurology consultant, head of the neurology department at Ibn Sina Hospital and Kuwait University (KU) professor Dr Jassem Al-Hashel announced that in collaboration with the Kuwait Neurology Society (KNS), his department would organize the second awareness day for Parkinson's patients on Saturday, April 15. Hashel added that the awareness day coincides with marking World Parkinson's Day 2017 and it would be held under the auspices of Sheikha Anisa Al-Sabah at 10:00 am at Radisson Blu hotel.

Hashel stressed that Kuwait is a leading country worldwide in terms of treating Parkinson's disease and that this was achieved thanks to its integrated team working in Kuwait and abroad, which helped reduce the number of Parkinson's patients dispatched for treatment overseas. Moreover, Hashel said that his team had examined many cases over the past four years and conducted four complicated surgeries to implant special batteries. He also noted that his team succeeded in providing the latest treatments and medicines and that an international French doctor would arrive within 3-4 months to help diagnose and examine some cases.

Finally, Hashel explained that an integrated team of specialists would be available on the awareness day to answer patients' and their families' inquiries about the disease, medications and physiotherapy.



NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS GRADUATED

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: The 21st batch of non-commissioned officers graduated yesterday from the non-commissioned officers

institute under the patronage of Assistant Undersecretary for Education and Training Affairs Maj Gen Sheikh Faisal Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and in the presence of Commander of Protection and Backup at the National

Guard Maj Gen Faleh Sujaa, Acting Director of Saad Al-Abdullah Security Science College Maj Gen Nasser Burisli and Director General of the Training Department Maj Gen Anwar Al-Barjas.

MOCK DRILL AT SABAH MEDICAL ZONE



KUWAIT: A scene from a mock exercise held in Sabah Medical Zone yesterday.

KUWAIT: The Civil Defense Department carried out a mock exercise in Sabah Medical Zone, with the participation of the Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD), rescue police, medical emergencies department and the relations and security information at the interior ministry. The exercise was successful in completing the evacuation in record time. Separately, Director General of KFSD Lt Gen Khalid Al-Mikrad received a delegation from the Morton-in-March Fire Services College, headed by Managing Director of the College Darren Bance. Both sides discussed topics of mutual interest. In the meantime, Director General of the Investigations Department Maj Gen Dr Fahd Al-Dousari honored a number of members of the Hawally investigations department in appreciation of their efforts and distinguished performance.

News

In brief

40 C temperature predicted

KUWAIT: Meteorologist Essa Ramadan said temperatures are considerably rising in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and might rise up to 40 C degrees by noon, then return to normal by Saturday.

Imams duties

KUWAIT: Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al-Jabri yesterday issued a ministerial decision substituting clause number 2 of the ministerial decision number 69/207 pertaining reducing the job duties of imams should do monthly.

Violations

KUWAIT: On direct instructions from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor's (MSAL) Undersecretary Mutar Al-Mutairi and as a preventive measure to control vegetable companies and prevent sellers from faking the country of origin of products displayed for sale at various co-ops, a special MSAL inspection team yesterday made a surprise field visit to Andalous vegetable market, where some violations were detected, said MSAL sources. The sources added that the team spotted a Kuwaiti farmer purchasing lots from auctions to display them for sale in the Kuwaiti products' section in co-ops, which is a severe violation. The team also found some companies doing the opposite, by changing the origin of local products and labeling them as imported, before displaying them at co-ops.

Financial support

KUWAIT: The court of appeal yesterday mandated a citizen to provide his children living expenses, pay the rent of a house for them and their mother, furnish it, provide a vehicle and pay for recruiting a maid and a driver, said the mother's lawyer Dalal Al-Mutairi, noting that despite his affluence, the father had not been supporting his children after the mother won a custody battle.

IRAQI MAYOR ALLEGES KUWAITI VIOLATIONS AGAINST FISHERMEN

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The mayor of Faw in Basra Waleed Al-Shareef urged the Iraqi government to intervene to end what he described as violations committed by Kuwaiti marine patrols against Iraqi fishermen. Shareef claimed an Iraqi fisherman was shot in the abdomen by a Kuwaiti marine patrol in Khor Abdullah, while other fishermen escaped to avoid injury. He added that 'Kuwaiti harassments' continued in Iraqi national waters and said that many objections and problems would have been made if the injured fisherman was Kuwaiti. Notably, Basra governorate member Ghanem Hamed Saleh said the Iraqi fishing boat was shot at dawn yesterday by a Kuwaiti marine boat while inside Iraqi national waters, injuring a fisherman. The Kuwaiti side insisted that the Iraqi boat had violated Kuwaiti waters.

Power generation

The Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (API-CORP) said Kuwait's estimated power generation capability in 2016 is 17,000 megawatts, and it needs to reach 23,000 megawatts by 2021, which calls for investing \$14 billion in the medium run. APICORP added that the energy sector is currently building five projects that are expected to add 6,000 megawatts of electricity, including the North Zour refineries 1 and 2 (respectively producing 1,500 and 1,800 megawatts) and Al-Khairan project (2,500 megawatts), which is the first public-private-partnership (PPP) project.

Egyptian manpower

Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh that she discussed electronically linking the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MSAL) and the Egyptian ministry of manpower with her Egyptian counterpart Mohammed Safan. Sabeeh added that the e-connection would include registering job applications as well as signing and delivering contracts. Sabeeh noted that the e-connection would be initially made with Egypt before extending it to other GCC states.

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