



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Municipality workers removed 85 unlicensed billboards during recent crackdowns in Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate. They also issued tickets concerning construction-related violations.



## WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE TO ESCAPE MARITAL PROBLEMS

**KUWAIT:** A citizen who wanted to put an end to her marital problems threw herself out of her boyfriend's balcony in Shaab, and was taken in critical condition to Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital.

Her boyfriend said that she was complaining about family problems before surprising him by jumping. Police will question her when her condition improves. Meanwhile, a citizen committed suicide by jumping from

the roof of his house in Farwaniya. A security source said doctors tried to save him at Farwaniya Hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries.

Separately, policemen had suspicions about two persons trying to open a car in a parking lot, so they were stopped and questioned. Illicit tablets were found on them, which they claimed were for their personal use. They were sent to concerned authorities. — Al-Rai

## KICK KUWAITIS OUT OF KUWAIT!

By Dr Humoud Al-Enezi

I know, dear readers, that this article's title might be shocking, but what is happening nowadays by advocates of racism begets such a call. The best proof of this is what happened in Souq Mubarakiya a few days ago, right in front of Mubarak Kiosk, the historic and cultural landmark of Kuwait. We unfortunately watched how the symbolism of such a historic edifice was utilized, when according to her sick, racist and most ugly description, a woman described Kuwaitis protesting there as 'lafa' (newcomers). She even repeated this hateful description more than once on various occasions and on various media outlets. This woman acted very snobbishly without any consideration for Kuwaiti norms or traditions that have been known for generations.

The funny yet baffling thing is how official government bodies have been keeping silent about such an act that is incriminated by the national unity law number 19/2012, which includes "criminalizing any form of agitation and incitement of public through any means, instigating hatred and disdain towards any sect, initiating sectarian or tribal crises, and publishing ideologies to encourage racial, class or group discrimination or the superiority of a certain race, group, color, origin, doctrine or lineage to others." The law also penalizes whoever commits such a crime by "a maximum of seven years in prison and/or a KD 10,000-100,000 fine."

Well, it has been the fact that this law has not been imposed for years on any of the racist people that founded the 'Juwaihelish' ideology (named after hawkish former MP Mohammad Al-Juwaihel) based on undermining social security through classifications such as within and outside the Kuwait wall, Bedouin and urban, authentic (genuine) and newcomers, all the way to Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti.

Things have become so bad that large segments of Kuwaitis are starting to feel a sense of estrangement in their home country because of such a sectarian-based exclusionary approach. It is also not strange, in view of the government's silence and lack of accountability, that we might someday hear a call to 'kick Kuwaitis out of Kuwait', just the way some people called for kicking expats out. The shameful thing is that the majority who make such a call are those who claim to be the 'Kuwaiti educated elite' - what kind of elite are we talking about, gentlemen?

Finally, I urge the Interior Ministry to firmly stop such atypical calls that are trying to tear the Kuwaiti society apart by foolish actions, threatening our unity and coherence at a time when we are going through regional and international challenges that call for more consolidation and unity!

— Translated by Kuwait Times from Al-Jarida

## ABK SPONSORS 'AGAINST THE ODDS' FIRST KIMUN 2017 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

REINFORCING ITS EFFORTS TOWARDS SUPPORTING KUWAIT'S YOUTH

**KUWAIT:** Building on its support for Kuwait's youth, Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently announced its platinum sponsorship of the first Kuwait International Model United Nations (KIMUN) 2017 conference entitled 'Against the Odds'. The conference was held at the Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) over three days, from 13 - 15 April, 2017.

KIMUN is a completely student-run non-profit organization that aims to foster global leaders and to create an environment for international students from around the globe to interact and share ideas on the world's pressing problems.

ABK's sponsorship of the KIMUN conference reinforces the Bank's keenness to contribute to the development of Kuwait's youth, specifically through new initiatives that expose students to a diverse range of subjects that depict the issues and challenges in today's world.

The conference focused on promoting education of youth in the fields of political science and international relations and enlightening individuals of their roles on the developing world.

ABK's efforts were recognized during the closing ceremony, which was held on the last day of the conference. Sahar Al-Therban, Senior Manager Corporate Communications, attended the ceremony and was honored on behalf of the Bank.



## ZAIN HOSTS AL-ASMAA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT ITS MAIN HEADQUARTERS

**KUWAIT:** Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, recently hosted students from Al-Asmaa Bint Al-Harith High School at its main headquarters in Shuwaikh. The visit came in line with Zain's strategy towards supporting the education sector in the country.

The visit came as part of Zain's strategy to support the youth and develop the educational process. Through this strategy, the company is keen on actively developing the skills of high school and college students by conducting field visits, informative seminars, workshops, and more all year round and in collaboration with the various public and private educational institutions.

Zain took this opportunity to present the visiting students with a detailed explanatory session about its leading experiences and strategies in the fields of Public Relations, Editorial and Media Relations, Social Media, and Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility. Zain also showcased its leading experience in the telecom field by taking the students on a visit to the Networks Operations Center (NOC) to learn about the nature of work behind network operations, network infrastructure, as well as other technical areas.

The students were also introduced to Zain's leading experience in customer service by participating in a tour at the company's contact center (107) and main Shuwaikh branch, where they listened to live customer calls and learned about the different services and solutions offered within the branch and how to respond to customers' needs.

Zain hosts seminars and student field trips regularly in line with its active Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility strategy that caters to the youth and education sectors. Such initiatives focus on the development of school and university students' skills through a series of workshops, development programs, and informative seminars. Zain coordinates similar activities all year-round with students of various age groups to further increase their knowledge of the telecom industry in Kuwait.

The company is committed to offering school and university students with similar opportunities on an annual basis. Such programs are targeted at students in collaboration with public and private educational institutions in Kuwait, reflecting Zain's ongoing efforts in promoting the education and development of the country's youth.



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## I LOVE SHADI AL-KHALEEJ!

By Dr Najem Abdul Kareem

George Bernard Shaw once wrote a book titled 'I love Wagner', which was translated into Arabic by Tharwat Okasha, to express his admiration of the music virtuoso Wagner, who lived over a century before his time. So what about someone I have accompanied in most stages of his career and even years earlier, as his late brother Yousef use to be my friend in the late 1950s?

By the beginning of the 1960s, Kuwait saw its breakthrough art period - the era was marked by Shadi Al-Khaleej songs, Ahmad Al-Adwani's lyrics and Ahmad Baqer's tunes, who were all patronized by the head of the social affairs department at the time, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and his undersecretary Hamad Al-Rujaib. So, how can I not love Shadi Al-Khaleej?!

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I once wrote an article about Shadi Al-Khaleej and how he managed to make a substantial shift in Kuwait's arts history when he used theatrical lyrics for the first time in the region, singing the 'Sinbad Story' of a mariner's diary, which was written by poet Mohammed Al-Fayez and was warmly accepted in the Arab world. Shadi Al-Khaleej's singing Al-Fayez's words gave them life.

I witnessed Shadi Al-Khaleej's years of studying music in Cairo in the 1960s. He was an example of Kuwait's new artists following the traditional from of using some simple drums, an oud and a single violin. This turned into a complete orchestra, with Shadi including scores of academic players and they all marvelled in playing and singing songs like 'Holo', 'Ya Sidrat Al-Oshaq', 'Hai Hal' and many others.

Personally speaking, I witnessed Shadi Al-Khaleej's first true love in Cairo and then his marriage to his classmate, who still has a wonderful smile on her face and a kind heart like all Kuwaiti mothers. Um Ali was his supporter all his life. We used to meet with some friends, including his life-long friend Mohammad Al-Sanoussi, once or twice a week. I wish Shadi was also an actor, because he has a great sense of humor and one would be damned if he decides making fun of him.

I was moved to tears by the devotion and dedication of His Highness the Amir and the people of Kuwait on welcoming back Shadi Al-Khaleej. Dear Abu Ali, you have given so much to your country, and please accept this humble greeting from your brother Najem. — Translated by Kuwait Times from Al-Jarida