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## THE ARTICLES THIEF

By Ali Khajah

Weeks ago, a writer who is supposedly religious posted a video of an old man speaking the Kuwaiti dialect with an accent of Kuwaiti or Persian origins. The writer made sarcastic comments about the accent, and implying that he lives in a certain area inhabited by a majority of citizens with Persian origins. However, when followers warned him that the old man comes from a well-known honorable family 'Al-Kandari', that man, with religious looks only, who is famous amongst journalists for being an articles' thief, deleted his post. I personally believe that the disaster was not in the tweet that the 'articles' thief had posted, nor in the satirical remarks he made. The real problem lies in the fact that he deleted his post after realizing that the honorable old man belonged to Al-Kandari family. Personally, I believe there is no harm when people speak different accents in Kuwait because all of us have migrated here from various places surrounding Kuwait.

There are many accents of migrants originating from north, south, east or west. It is also alright to imitate those accents for comic reasons in drama such as the role played by comedian Dawood Hussein in the famous play 'Vote for Um Ali', the character of 'Nahhash Fata Al-Jabal' and many others. This is acceptable worldwide.

However, deleting the tweet reflects the ill intentions of the 'articles' thief. Why did he delete it? Has the man's accent disappeared on realizing he is a Kandari family member? Or did he intend to mock a certain sect before realizing that his attempt was useless and decided to delete the post? That is the bottom line of the whole issue because his motive was to get at a certain sect rather than mocking it. People have not noticed this, and focused more on the old man's identity. That has always been our problem. We are being too superficial without scrutinizing or comprehending, and that is the reason of all our everyday problems.

— Translated by Kuwait Times



## ARTIST ARRESTED FOR SWINDLING

**KUWAIT:** Hawally detectives arrested a Gulf artist who swindled a Kuwaiti actress of KD 8,000 to design and make special sofas for an upcoming project. The Gulf national claimed that he own a company known for such works, but he did not deliver on his part of the deal. Detectives found out that he had no relations with the company he claimed he owned. Based on their findings, police headed to the man's house and arrested him there.

In another case, an investigator referred a citizen's com-

plaint to prosecution after she claimed that she was blackmailed by a man who practices usury. The woman's lawyer accused a citizen of loaning his client KD 900 after she signed a paper to borrow KD 1,600. Then when the woman was not able to pay it back, he asked her to sign for another debt of KD 1,500 in front of a notary public to postpone the time of payment, making the total debt KD 3,100, though originally it was KD 900. The man is being summoned for questioning. — Translated from the Arabic press

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## PARTNERS IN CITIZENSHIP FORGERY

By Dr Hassan Jouhar

We had just finished with the dual citizens issue that preoccupied Kuwait's public opinion for over five years without actually reaching any accurate or official results about the credibility of such a dangerous issue, when another issue came out of the blue: the citizenship forgery cases. It came out with the same direction method, starting the same actors. This topic has become the talk of everyone, including bloggers, writers, Diwaniya visitors and MPs, but of course not the government, as if it is just standing by watching everybody fight.

What is remarkable about both issues is that the related documents have now reached the public who are analyzing numbers, scrutinizing IDs and defining the parties involved in the alleged forgeries, saying that their numbers are estimated at up to 400,000 out of one million Kuwaitis; that is 40 percent of citizens. All of this is happening without even a blink of an eye from the government's side to deny such serious accusations amidst a state of general chaos, shock, anger and public disputes.

The new scenario could indicate two things. Either the data are fake and the issue is nothing more than a new play to distract people from more serious issues such as multibillion-dinar deals to sell out the country, or is used to cover up horrifying financial violations that are beginning to unfold. Well, voices about this forgery will eventually fade away in due time the same way those about dual citizenship did, and that time might be the coming parliamentary elections.

The other possible motive behind creating this 'forgery' vortex might be accepted for political analysis reasons until the government declares its official attitude. Otherwise, how come some MPs get access to documents and information stating that the Interior Ministry gave around half a million 'fake' Kuwaitis the Kuwaiti citizenship illegally, and that the Cabinet is using fake identification documents, while at the same time fight fiercely to keep the right to grant and withdraw citizenships in the hands of the government, rejecting judicial monitoring?

What kind of logic are the new advocates using to instigate public opinion through loud threats, while at the same time fiercely defend the government and save it from any parliamentary political accountability? Shouldn't MPs, the ones showing that much care for Kuwaitis, truly attempt to straighten up the government's performance through grilling motions, or even refer it to public prosecution over what could be the largest forgery case in contemporary political history? Doesn't being silent about such violations make them accomplices and partners in crime?

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## ZAIN GOLD SPONSOR OF AUM CAREER FAIR 2017

**KUWAIT:** Zain, the leading telecommunication company in Kuwait, announced its sponsorship and participation in the American University of the Middle East's Career Fair for the year 2017, held in the main campus in Egaila. The event was organized by AUM's Tawteen Career Development and Recruitment center.

The AUM Career Fair, sponsored by Zain on an annual basis, witnessed high turnouts from both students and graduates who were eager to learn about the company's available job vacancies. Students of various business and engineering majors learned about Zain's leading experience in the telecom sector, as well as its internal policy and wonderful work atmosphere.

Zain participated in the career fair through its dedicated booth, where it high-

lighted the available job vacancies in the company, provided a detailed explanation of the nature of work at various departments and divisions, as well as answered questions and inquiries visitors had.

Zain participates in career fairs all year round as part of its Human Resources strategy, which closely focuses on supporting the educational sector hand in hand with various universities, colleges, and educational institutions in Kuwait to provide students and graduates with career opportunities in the private sector.

Zain is committed to playing an active role in the investment in the human capital of Kuwait. The company seeks to provide young and eager Kuwaitis with job opportunities that allow them to apply their practical skills, achieve their potential, and fully develop their capabilities.



## ABK PARTICIPATES IN AUM JOB FAIR

**KUWAIT:** Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) yesterday announced its successful participation in the American University of the Middle East (AUM) job fair, which was held on the 17th and 18th of April 2017, at the university campus. ABK's participation reinforces its commitment to play an active role in the support of Kuwait's youth during the early stages of their work life. Commenting on the Bank's involvement, Hamza Enki, General

Manager - Human Resources at ABK said, "Our participation in university job fairs stems from our belief in the duty we hold to act as supporters of fresh graduates, who are in need of exposure to the opportunities that await them. We would like to nurture their skills and abilities by increasing their knowledge on what the banking industry entails and the requirements to pursue a career in the banking field through the 'ABK Academy'."

## Crime Report

### MAID ACCUSED OF STEALING KD 150,000 NECKLACE

**KUWAIT:** A well-known Kuwaiti businessman accused his domestic helper of stealing a KD 150,000 necklace from his Faiha house and then disappearing. Police are investigating. Separately, a Bangladeshi man told Maidaan Hawally police that a person choked him then robbed KD 225 in cash from him as well as his smartphone then escaped. A case was filed for investigations. In Shamiya, a citizen lodged a complaint with police saying that her expensive watch was stolen and gave them its serial number. She said the theft took place in Wahren Park while she was playing with children, as she placed it next to her on a seat. Meanwhile, an Iranian man told Salam police that the backseat window of his sports-utility-vehicle (SUV) was broken and KD 2,500 in cash were stolen from inside it. The theft happened while the vehicle was parked in the parking lot of a Hitteen school, he said.

#### Mugging

Investigations are ongoing to identify suspects who reportedly mugged three different people in Nugra and Maidaan Hawally. Officials in those two areas were approached by three people who gave identical descriptions for the culprits they said were driving a black SUV. The suspects had pulled over next to the victim, stole their money and cell phone then escaped, according to the victims' accounts.

#### Generator stolen

An unknown person stole a power generator from a telecommunication company's relay station. The company's lawyer told police that technicians have discovered the theft when they noticed that the metal barrier was broken and that the generator was missing. Detectives are investigating.

#### Insult

A first Lieutenant in the fire department told Qairawan police that he was insulted while on duty. He said that while he was returning to the fire station, a driver obstructed his way, and when asked him to open the way, he pulled over next to him and verbally insulted him. The suspect, Iranian, was summoned for questioning.

#### Nonpayment

A company salesman filed a case against an Egyptian man, accusing him of disappearing after buying a large quantity of medicines for an estimated value of KD 2,500 without paying for them. The case is being referred to concerned authorities, although the suspect had already left the country.

#### Drug possession

Farwaniya police arrested two Egyptian women on drugs charges, while one of them is wanted for at least six cases. They had different types of drugs on them. Police stopped the two women who seemed abnormal while walking. The two were sent to concerned authorities.

#### Fight

Three friends beat five citizens in Hadiya and stabbed one of them three times in his back. Police responded to a call about a fight, and three of those involved escaped as soon as they saw the cops. Meanwhile, the five victims were taken to Adan hospital while suffering from various injuries. Detectives were asked to arrest the three who escaped for questioning. In another case, an Egyptian security guard, who was asked to guard a parking space, was beaten for refusing to do so. A resident in the building that the man was guarding asked him to watch out for his parking space, but he said "I am a security guard; not a parking space," which angered the citizen so he beat him up. The guard went to Adan hospital for treatment and then took a medical report to the police station where he lodged a complaint. — Translated from the Arabic press