

## Crime

Report

TWO DRUG  
SUSPECTS NABBED

**KUWAIT:** Jahra police arrested two citizens with five envelopes of shabu. One of them was also wanted to serve a jail sentence. The arrest was made in Saad Al-Abdullah, and both suspects were under the influence of drugs. They were sent to concerned authorities.

## 18 bottles of liquor

A Bangladeshi was caught with 18 imported bottles of liquor. The suspect was known for selling imported liquor, and asked to meet his customers in Mina Abdulla, where he was caught by Ahmadi police. He told officers that he sold liquor to workers and camp owners.

## 'Missing boy'

The father of missing boy Mohammad Moheb Abdelwahab said his son took his sister to her school, which is adjacent to his, but hasn't returned home since Monday, adding that he looked for him everywhere but did not find him. Detectives are intensifying their search for Mohammad. He said the latest information is that two of his son's friends (both bedoons) were questioned, but nothing has materialized so far. Mohammad is in 11th grade and his house is only 600 meters from his school.

## Policeman driving recklessly

A security source said a person who was driving recklessly until his vehicle flipped over, and who then resumed his reckless behavior, was found to be a policeman. A locally made liquor bottle was found with him, and he was held at Firdous police station holding cell. The source said the suspect will face several charges including endangering others' lives, and driving while intoxicated.

## Ministry warns citizens, expats

An official source at the Interior Ministry warned citizens and expats from falling into the trap of some calls urging them to donate to charity projects, adding only licensed bodies can collect donations. Some citizens and expats responded to some of these calls asking them to donate for Syria and elsewhere, and a representative was sent to them to receive the donation. But others refused and called the police. An interior ministry official said there is direct contact with the social affairs ministry for such cases, and concerned authorities deal with them.

## Under the influence

A citizen was compelled to call police about a woman who had too much drugs and disturbed neighbors. The woman used to get out of her Jabriya flat under the influence of drugs and harassed passersby and neighbors. But she went further by obstructing traffic and placed herself in harm's way, so the man called police. Police found the woman in a very bad shape and unaware of what she was doing. A police source said she is an ex-convict and known to security authorities.

## Wanted citizens arrested

Mubarak Al-Kabeer detectives arrested two wanted citizens to serve jail sentences in two different cases. The first case is of a 27-year-old citizen sentenced for five years for violent theft. He was arrested in his house following resistance. The second case is of a citizen sentenced to five years in a felony case, and wanted by information affairs prosecution. He also was arrested in his house, where he attempted to attack them.

— Al-Rai and Al-Anbaa



**KUWAIT:** Impressive display of lights at the Amricani Cultural Center in Kuwait. — KUNA

KUWAIT TO BOOST  
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

## BOURSA KUWAIT WITNESSES UNSTEADY ACTIVITY

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait will witness in foreseeable future qualitative leap for boosting the industrial sector, said the Minister of Commerce and Industry yesterday. The forecast's major step will be in light of the State strategy for diversifying income resources, said Khaled Al-Roudhan, also the Minister of State for Youth Affairs, in a statement after inaugurating the international industrial fair, "Maker Faire." The minister affirmed keenness on supporting industrial ventures, in general, innovative projects in particular, indicating that some national projects in display at the exhibition need financial support. He also pledged to back young Kuwaiti industrialists. The three-day "Make Faire" exhibition is held at the fair ground.

## Unsteady activity

Meanwhile, stock trades at Boursa Kuwait in the passing week sessions were largely unsteady amid noticeably purchases targeting small and inactive chips. In the past five sessions, portfolios and funds targeted stocks under umbrella of Kuwait-15 index, thus reflecting on its closing, which was low in value as compared to other shares, by 20-25 percent. Traders namely "small ones" were affected by local and geopolitical events, however these effects were short lived as the trades partially revived despite speculations, profit bagging and selling pressure on most stocks. Continuing disclosures of operational profits by some enlisted banks positively impacted on many banking stocks, namely those of Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait, earnings of which rose by seven percent reaching KD 32.5 million (2016).

Investment groups' activities were visible throughout the past week session, namely Al-Madina and National Investments, although these groups' portfolios targeted their companies' stocks to alter their prices, many of

which were at reasonable levels. As to today's session, it witnessed further pressure on small and large chips, amid renewed rumors regarding financial disclosures' delay by operating companies, thus resulting in greater profit bagging operations during the auction period (two minutes ahead of the closing).

Some stocks of operating companies, namely Americana and Agility, faced selloffs' pressure due to their operations in some Arab countries. Kuwait Bourse ended Thursday's trading with the main indices in the red zone. The benchmark dropped by 72.78 points to settle at 6,582.75 points. The weighted index shed 5.52 points to stand at 420.28 points. The third key index, KSX 15, which reflects blue chips' trades, went down by 16.98 points to stand at 962.07. Value of shares was KD 55 million with

stock turnover amounting to 531 million, done in 10,573 deals.

## e-networks safe

In another development, governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait Dr Mohammad Al-Hashel has re-affirmed that banking accounts are well protected and secured. There has been no "illegitimate entries into the accounts of the Kuwaiti banks; except for the Commercial Bank of Kuwait where there have been very limited entries," he said in a statement on Thursday, responding to some social media reports. The CBK is coordinating with the Commercial Bank and other local banks to contain the irregular act and ensure sound status of the banks' electronic networks, he said, noting that a CBK special team is examining the situation. — Agencies

KUWAIT 'SUPPORTS  
SYRIAN REFUGEES'

**HATAY:** Kuwait has given tremendous support to the Syrian refugees since the beginning of the Syrian crisis, Turkish health official said yesterday. Director of Emel Hospital in Reyhani town Dr Nabil Al-Muridin made this remark to KUNA while meeting Kuwait's 'Shifa' humanitarian medical team. He lauded Kuwaiti medical teams of surgeons who have visited Turkey numerous times to offer high quality medical services, including surgeries.

Having those highly qualified surgeons of all medical fields - general Surgery, orthopedics, neurosurgery and urology, ophthalmology, and constructive surgery - is a blessing to this under-equipped and understaffed hospital, he

said. He urged for more support to be given to the hospital to allow it to continue treating many injured Syrian refugees. Member of the 'Shifa' humanitarian team Dr Bashar Al-Hashash said, in his second visit to the hospital, that despite the limitedness of this hospital yet the size of medical services given to the Syrian refugees is unfathomable. Kuwaiti medical teams have conducted 62 surgeries on 27 Syrian refugees in November 2015 - their first visit to the hospital. This visit the medical team, arrived yesterday to Reyhani, included specialty physicians and surgeons in pediatrics, digestive diseases, internal medicine, endocrinology, urinary surgery, and general surgery. — KUNA