

Crime

Report

ACADEMIC ASSAULTED

KUWAIT: An academic at Kuwait University was beaten and insulted by an unidentified person, thought to be a student, who chased him and forced him to pull aside. The suspect opened the door of the victim's car, pulled him out and beat him, all the while swearing at him, then fled. The academic went to Mubarak Hospital for treatment, then went to the police station and lodged a complaint.

Search for 'the boss'

A Lebanese man asked Hawally police to help him get his car back from his wife. A security source said the Lebanese told police his wife took his car for a spin and ignored his calls. The man gave police the title of his car, which is in his name, adding, "All I want is my car back." When police asked whether his wife lives with him, he said she does, "but she wants to be the boss and I cannot stop her!" Police attempted to call the woman but she did not respond, so detectives were asked to find and arrest her.

Marital problems

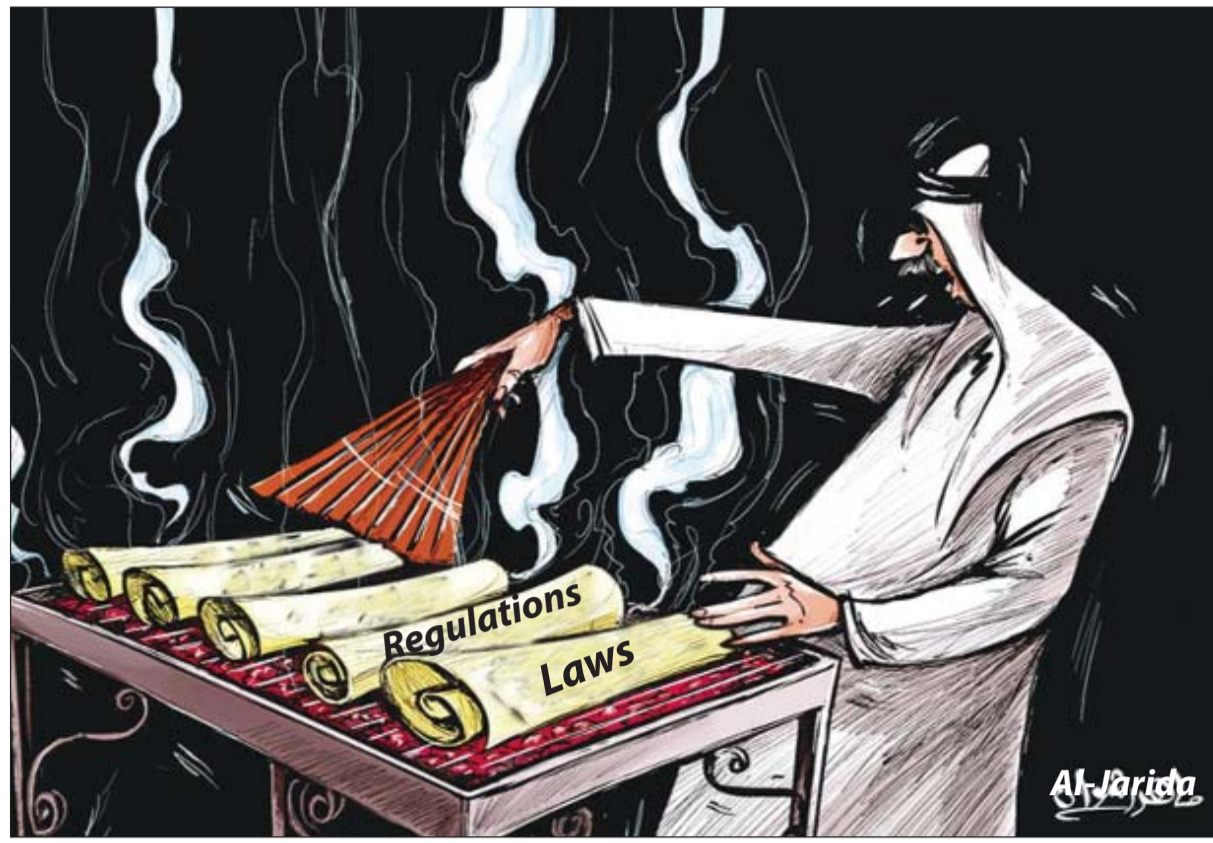
A female citizen got into an argument with her Lebanese husband in a Hawally park and insulted and threatened him in front of everyone. She then took their children and left, after threatening him once again not to come close to her or the children. The husband went to the police station and asked them to protect him from her. Police registered a case, and the woman is being summoned for questioning.

Thieves caught

Hawally detectives arrested two bedoons who robbed taxi drivers in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh. Many complaints were received by Jleeb police about two young men who got in a taxi, then as soon as the car moved, they pulled knives at the cabbie and asked for his money. If he refused, he was beaten up, and his money and mobiles were stolen. The two suspects were arrested in their residence and victims identified them.

Drug possession

Airport customs officers arrested a citizen who works as a flight attendant with cocaine, marijuana and three bottles of liquor. The suspect arrived from Germany, and during inspection, the illicit substances were found. He was sent to the Drugs Control General Department. — Al-Rai



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DEVIATION OF MPs

By Khalid Al-Tarrah

No matter what the reasons and circumstances are, and if the dialogue deviates, our conviction and compliance with the constitution remain deep and fixed. Rather, we are more adherent to it, because it is the pride of Kuwait, the country and people. The deviation of some of those who were elected by the people to represent them at the National Assembly from values and democratic dialogue is not an easy or acceptable matter, especially when the deviation becomes a flagrant violation of national interest.

A former member of parliament, an academic and a lawyer who seems to have studied Islamic sharia, human rights, Hezbollah and the bloody methodology of "Syria's butcher", which is not yet available in the scientific arena, selected an adversarial and insulting stance towards Saudi Arabia, which represents a strategic depth for us in Kuwait, while he continues his defense of Iran and Syrian regime of "Bashar the Butcher".

It is for sure the fault is not in democracy, rather in odd practices and the government's laxity since the summer in confronting this "lightweight" as described by the writer Abdulrahman Al-Rashid. Yes, this former MP drew the media and political interest in Kuwait and outside, but this does not mean that he is one of the heroes of freedom and defenders of freedom of expression that are guaranteed in the constitution, and it seems that he read it in reverse or in a language that is not Arabic. The historic lesson that awaits the former MP, who is a fugitive, is to face the verdicts against him with the courage of a man of law and articulate, and not con-

test judicial rulings through video recordings, and get ready for a suitable security reception following an exhausting trip to appear at the public prosecution, as he is the one who publicly insulted a brotherly country and the law too. This does not relieve the government from its responsibility to take a decisive stand against him and others who are defending Hezbollah, which is considered a terrorist organization, so maybe his voters and others learn the lesson to safeguard the cohesiveness of Kuwait society.

There are strict parliamentary values and practices such as those adopted by the British House of Commons, which has restrictions on members of parliament and sets the punishment, so that immunity does not become a refuge for whoever wants to harm democracy and brotherly countries, as the case was with MP George Galloway before the launch of Desert Storm, when he verbally insulted the British foreign minister and lauded Saddam, and due to this, he was not allowed to attend sessions for a while and was forced to apologize officially to the foreign minister in the house.

We hope that any similar odd practices be buried as they reflect lack of loyalty to the homeland, Kuwait. As for that former MP, we wish him a pleasant stay in Iran and Syria if he decides not to face the justice of courts in Kuwait, or join the university that granted him the PhD, which he refused to name during an interview, to be able to export the Iranian revolution and the butcher of Syria to his sectarian surroundings.

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WHAT IF?

By Ali Mahmoud Khajah

We have many government-proclaimed non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Kuwait, such as those representing graduates, lawyers, engineers, journalists and others that have great roles in non-government activities. Some of these societies are parts of regional or international organizations that help enhance their activities and make them more comprehensive. The Kuwait government has provided many of these societies with land and annual budgets.

Such government-provided privileges entail some kind of follow-up, because it would be illogical that the state funds NGOs without monitoring their activities to make sure these funds are not spent on non-accrued purposes. Let us take Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) as an example. It is a humanitarian society proclaimed by Kuwait in 1966, and joined the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in 1991.

This means that KRCS is a Kuwaiti government-proclaimed society that, at the same time, works under the umbrella of an international organization - IFRC. So, what if we hypothetically assume that KRCS officials commit some financial violations and these are detected by the government's auditors as ones committed by members of the board of directors, whom I fully trust? But this is just an assumption. What if they embezzled funds or used the headquarters for purposes other than those the society had been founded for?

According to Kuwaiti laws, this allows the government to impose some penalties such as dissolving the board of directors, appointing a new one, referral to public prosecution and other penal measures to hold those responsible for public fund violations legally accountable. Let us also assume that IFRC contacts the Kuwaiti government ordering the reappointment of the dismissed board of directors to avoid exclusion from it. What will the situation be like, then? Will we urge the government to reappoint the violators and public fund usurpers or will we commend the measures taken by the government?

This is exactly what is happening today with international sport organizations; ones that I will not discuss the evident corruption prevailing in. I will ignore this to discuss the content of their correspondence and demands to reappoint local sport unions the Kuwaiti government has indicted for clear financial violations. Yielding to such demands made by local unions would compel us in the future to turn blind eyes to any financial violations out of fear of international organizations.

Therefore, no matter what the cost is, accepting such a suspicious condition will open wide for all international organizations to interfere in various local activities in the future and impose their own will, tailored according to their strong relations with some Kuwaitis, on the Kuwaiti people and government. And, as a Kuwaiti, this will not deter me from violating public funds as long as I have strong ties with international organizations that share the same interests as me!

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Ghadeer Al-Awadi

NBK DEDICATES 6 BRANCHES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CUSTOMERS

KUWAIT: Driven by its mission to introduce the best banking solutions for customers and in support of the Central Bank of Kuwait instructions and regulations that urge banks to provide tailored services for people with special needs, NBK has dedicated 6 fully-equipped branches in various governorates to accommodate people with special needs.

NBK's Head of Branches, Ghadeer Al-Awadi stated that the bank is committed to develop inclusive banking services that cater to all segments, including customers with special needs; whether the blind, deaf or people with physical disability. That's why 6 branches were fully equipped as per the highest international standards to welcome and accommodate customers with special needs from the moment they arrive until the moment they leave.

Awadi added that the bank currently offers designated services in all branches for this segment, like: reserved and clearly marked parking spaces, as well as wheelchair friendly access to the branch and ATMs. Yet, NBK has recently implemented additional services and measures across selected branches, which are: Fahaheel Al-Saheli, Mubarak Al-Kabeer, Cinema Salmiya, Saad Al-Abdullah, Rehab and Head Office to further support our customers with special needs.

Besides, the 6 branches are managed by a team of well-trained staff to communicate in sign language, in addition to services for the visually impaired and disabled customers such as Braille printing facilities inside the branch, iPads providing speech to text functionality for visually-impaired, easily accessible safe deposit boxes, and debit and credit cards with photo functionality for easy identification, when requested.

Moreover, NBK's ATMs are equipped with Braille key-pads and a headset jack for voice guidance commands to assist customers in conducting their transactions privately, as well as employing extra security measures inside the ATM room to guarantee customers' safety and personal wellbeing at all times.

Awadi concluded by affirming that this step stems from the bank's strict adherence to CBK's latest instructions and regulation to equip one branch in each governorate to serve people with special needs, as well as translates NBK's mission to deliver world-class banking services that cater to all segments.



Ooredoo officials pose for a group photo with members of the Proteges campaign.

OOREDOO PROUD OF PROTÉGÉS ACHIEVEMENTS

AS PART OF ITS ONGOING SUPPORT FOR YOUTH

KUWAIT: Ooredoo, the fastest network in Kuwait, is proud of the achievements of the 6th generation of the Proteges youth development program. The mentor-based program focuses on giving students an unparalleled experience to hone their skills and instill the values of leadership and innovation in them.

Commenting on this, Ooredoo Corporate Communications Senior Director Mijbil Alalayoub said: "We take great pride in our sponsorship of Proteges; an effective and life changing program that allows youth to gain essential and practical skills and knowledge that will allow them to grow with a stronger sense of direction. Moreover, youth have long been a key element of our Corporate Social Responsibility strategy and by taking part in this initiative we are given the chance to directly contribute to the development of our youth's skills and know-how, and in turn their future as decision makers and the leaders of tomorrow's Kuwait".

The 6th generation of the Proteges titled their project 'Waseelah', an Arabic word that means 'path' or 'way'.

Waseelah is a platform that strives to raise awareness that all talents are influential, and motivate the general public to express themselves through various forms of art. It has culminated in the musical production entitled the Key of Life, which uses music and acting to demonstrate the types of classical Arabic music.

Ooredoo Kuwait has also played an active role in supporting Proteges activities, which include the lecture presented by Professor Fathi Al-Khamisi's on the revolutionary work of the Egyptian musician Sayed Darwish, and the introductory session that was held with the main mentors for this season of Proteges.

The Proteges program was launched in 2010, with the objective to mentor youth between the age of 16 and 24 by local iconic figures in different fields. The program aims to reinforce the social and personal skills of youth, develop their self-awareness and improve their critical and creative thinking. The program includes workshops, projects and open discussion circles. This year's program was kicked off early July and will continue for 6 weeks.



Mijbil Alalayoub