

Crime

Report

CHILD MOLESTER DEPORTED

KUWAIT: An Egyptian man in his 60s was deported after he was caught molesting children in a Farwaniya mall. Security guards at the mall suspected the man who used to lure children who were away from their parents, and took them to corners and toilets. When they reviewed CCTV tapes, they found out that he sexually molested them. Security men handed a CD containing the footage to police who arrested the suspect and he later confessed to committing the crimes. Authorities decided to deport him as the victims' families chose against lodging complaints.

Theft

An Iranian man who works at the scrap yard told Sulaibiya police that he was stopped by a man wearing a dishdasha who introduced himself as a detective, then robbed him. The suspect reportedly got out of his car and accused the Iranian of being on drugs, then asked him to empty his pockets. The Iranian, who had around KD 1,000 in cash with him, was then robbed and the suspect escaped. The victim gave police the license plate number of the suspect's car, which was found out to be reported stolen.

Mugging

A Kuwaiti minor was beaten by an unknown person in Al-Qusoor. The suspect took the minor's mobile phone, as the victim's father lodged a complaint at Adan police station. He said that he dialed his son's number which was answered by a man working in a mobile phone shop, who told him he bought the phone from a person, and gave him his details and phone number. Police will summon the suspect as investigations are underway.

Domestic violence

A Lebanese woman was beaten by her husband, and she lodged a complaint at the police station. The husband is being summoned for questioning.

Scam

A con artist stole KD 40,000 from several people after getting to know them through social media, then he threatened to expose them if they demanded their money back. The Gulf national lured women into believing that he loved them, and later claimed that his elderly father was in need of financial help. One woman gave him KD 20,000 she got through a loan, while another paid him KD 15,000 and a third KD 5,000. The man then ignored the three women and then threatened to expose them if they called him again. The women lodged complaints against him and he was arrested.

Arrests

A drunk citizen got out of his car and removed the license plates of an Asian man's vehicle. The incident took place at a traffic signal between Qurain and Mubarak Al-Kabeer. The Asian called police, who came and took the suspect to the police station. The car he was driving was found to be reported missing by a car rental agency. Separately, Hawally police arrested a drug addict who used to rob pedestrians, and was also discovered to be wanted on civil cases. Police also found drugs on him. He was sent to concerned authorities. — Translated from the Arabic press



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JOB SURPLUS

By Dr Ibrahim Behbehani

I was not surprised by the numbers that were published in some local newspapers about the availability of more than 19,000 jobs for Kuwaitis, compared to the number of people wishing to work in government and private sectors which is estimated at around 18,000. The truth is, to the contrary of what is being published, it is true that there is a surplus, but it is only on paper because the mood of the job applicant is a decisive factor. The 'mood' of some people who choose to wait until their preferred job opportunities become available is what controls the number of job applications, and not the official numbers that are announced by the Civil Service Commission.

So, the Management and Government Restructuring Program; the state department that oversees the state's labor support program, still has a mission and a role to play towards securing jobs for the government employee, as through it the citizen can secure the accepted limit for his living. Here, we must differentiate cases of employment between those working in the public sector and those who work in the private sector. The salary the public sector employee receives will differ from what he will receive in the private sector. For example, if a private company pays him KD 500 for a job based on his academic qualification, the same employee will be entitled to a KD 700 allowance paid by the government as labor support. This means that his academic qualification entitles him to an allowance that exceeds his basic salary.

Everyone knows that the law forces private companies and establishments to designate certain percentage of its labor for Kuwaitis, so we see a large number of them receiving salaries without working, and this phenomena produces two problems: First is that among Kuwaitis who work in the private sector, there are some who do not report to work, and the second is that some employers encourage employees to be non-productive members. This happens when you hear the employer saying, "come sign in then go home, and you will receive your salary at the end of month," because, at the end, he does not want his services. The private sector establishment needs non-Kuwaiti productive employees, and whoever says otherwise, we tell him this is the market and these are its conditions.

My point being, the labor support program contributes to securing a guaranteed future for our children and provides them with a salary that gives the guaranteed family stability. Maybe, as the case is, what is required is a review of employment management and method, and what should be taken into consideration is the proportionality between the market place and educational graduates, so that we do not have employment accumulation in unwanted specialties.

We have disguised unemployment, sure, and we must admit that and attempt to reform the base, and fill true jobs with required specialties, provided that it is met with productivity that fits the job and fulfill the correct formula that is built on the market needs, with national labor that carries out its duties according to the rules. — Translated by Kuwait Times

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ABU NICOLAS' MEMORIES

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

Our Lebanese friend Abu Nicolas, who worked in Kuwait for many years, recently retired and returned to his homeland. He provided education and medical care for his children in Kuwait and was forced to leave the country during the Iraqi Invasion. Commenting on the last attack on expatriates in Kuwait, Abu Nicolas said that each time he picks up a newspaper or a magazine and finds any news item about Kuwait, he leaves everything aside and reads it first.

Kuwait has been imprinted on his mind for 35 years. He started his family here and named his daughter 'Dana' after Kuwait's pearls. They had a very friendly relationship with Kuwaitis as well as people from other nationalities. He said he remembers about all his good times and memories in Kuwait. Especially that one time when his daughter had a severe pain in her ear and he wasn't at home and since it was a Friday, their doctor was not working. His wife asked their Kuwaiti neighbor Maasouma for help and she responded positively.

Maasouma accompanied them to Daeya polyclinic where Maasouma registered Dana in her name and gave her father's name Abdelrahman to over-

come admission problems. The Iraqi doctor on duty treated the girl as she spoke to the doctor about "Father Christmas" as Christmas was approaching. Her talks surprised the doctor who asked Maasouma, who is a Muslim, about teaching her children such things that are alien to the society and its traditions.

Maasouma told the doctor what he heard from the young girl was influenced by her foreign school and promised to correct the matter. All this took place while the real mother kept silent, as she did not want to get into an argument. When they left the center, Maasouma told Dana: "What do you want from Father Christmas? Then looked at her mother and said: "Is he a doctor or a clergyman?"

I am writing to say that many have left Kuwait for good and they are sad for leaving a place they loved and that was good to them, or about feeling that they wasted their time in a place that did not respect their humanity. So, it is our responsibility both humanly and patriotically to make the stay of the expat among us more comfortable, so that they can remember us in their good memories always. —Translated by Kuwait Times

AUB SPONSORS KUWAITI STUDENTS' GRADUATION CEREMONIES ACROSS EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank (AUB) has sponsored the graduation ceremony for Kuwaiti undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students who completed their studies in Egyptian Universities for the academic year 2016-2017.

Held in Cairo, under the patronage of Dr Mohammad Al-Fares, Minister of Education and Higher Education, MP Mohammed Al-Howeili, Head of Education Committee at the Kuwaiti National Assembly, Mohammed Al-Doweikh, Kuwait's Ambassador in Cairo, Dr Ahmad Al-Mutairi, Head of Cultural Office in the Kuwaiti Embassy in Cairo, Dr Mariam Al-Mathkour, Cultural Attache in the Kuwaiti Embassy in Cairo and representing AUB Ahmed Ramzi, Relationship Manager - Private Banking and Wealth Management. On this occasion, Dr Fares honored AUB in recognition of the bank's efforts in supporting Kuwaiti students. Moreover, Dr Mutairi praised the bank's management for its underlying commitment towards sharing Kuwait's joy in the future of their students.

To mark this occasion, the bank declared in a press release: "AUB con-



KUWAIT: Education Minister Dr Mohammad Al-Fares honors AUB.

gratulates those Kuwaiti students who have graduated from Egyptian universities, and wishes them the very best of luck in their future working lives. The bank is proud to sponsor such a momentous occasion in students' lives, and reassures them of its continued support wherever they are - in

Kuwait or abroad." The bank added: "this sponsorship is in line with the bank's overall approach towards social responsibility, namely encouraging the potential of national students by supporting their education process as they represent the foundation of the country's future success."



KUWAIT: ABK Corporate Communications team with KU's College of Engineering students at the exhibition.

ABK PARTICIPATES IN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING'S EXHIBITION

KUWAIT: Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently participated in the 32nd College of Engineering's Exhibition at Kuwait University (KU), which was held on 3rd and 4th of July, 2017 at the Crown Plaza Hotel. ABK reinforced its active role in supporting Kuwait's youth and the education sector by sponsoring three different projects exhibited by graduating students. The

bank's Corporate Communications team attended the exhibition and viewed the different projects as the students presented their work.

ABK is committed to supporting students and encouraging them to maximize their potential. The Bank strongly believes that the role these students will play in the future of Kuwait is invaluable and it is a duty to

support them through the most critical phases of their education and to show them the options they have, in terms of career choice. The bank continuously supports students through the 'ABK Academy', which focuses on developing students banking skills and equips them with the necessary training to prepare them for the work place.

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