

Crime

Report

GIRL LEAPS TO DEATH FROM 14TH FLOOR

KUWAIT: A 22-year-old Egyptian girl put an end to her psychological problem by jumping from the 14th floor of a Salmiya building where she lived with her family. Paramedics recovered her body and sent it to the coroner. An investigation was opened into the case.

Drug possession

Jahra police arrested two men and two women under the influence of drugs, and found a mixture of drugs on them. The four were in an abnormal state inside a car parked in front of a restaurant. A security source said the suspects were arrested with shabu (methamphetamine), hashish and paraphernalia. They were sent to concerned authorities.

Threats

A man who is abroad for treatment threatened and insulted citizens over the phone, so the people that he threatened filed complaints against him at Rawdha police station. Detectives were able to determine his identity and placed his name on the wanted list.

Suspect caught

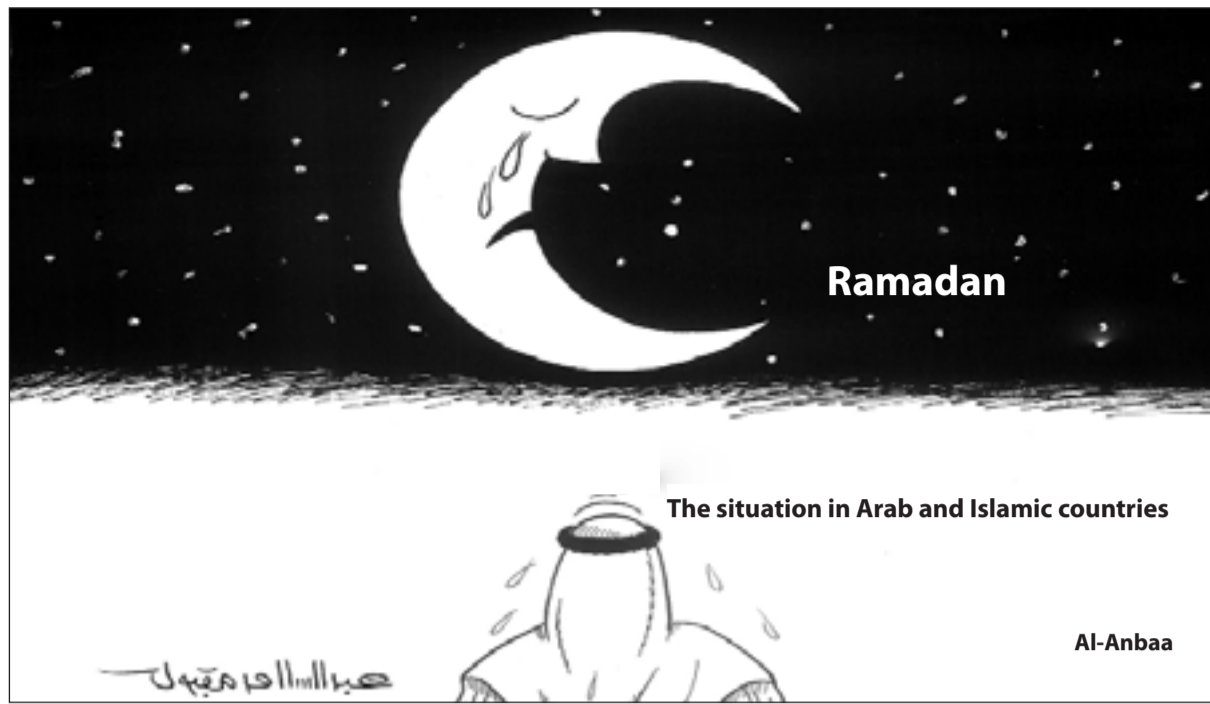
An Egyptian man was arrested at Kuwait International Airport after police discovered that he is wanted for stealing cars, then dismantling and selling them in Salmiya scrap yard. The man was arrested upon his arrival. A citizen had parked his car in front of a garage at night and called the garage's worker to repair it in the morning, but the worker told him the car was missing. The car's owner informed Shuwaikh police afterwards. Capital detectives worked on the case and found out that an Egyptian (1979) had sold it in Salmiya. The man's name was placed on the wanted list, and was arrested upon his arrival. He said he used a tow truck to move the cars.

Kidnap threat

Detectives arrested a Pakistani man for threatening to kidnap a woman of the same nationality because she rejected him, and he justified his actions by saying she refused to marry him. The woman told Hawally police about what happened and gave them the details of the alleged suspect. The man did not respond to their calls so detectives were asked to arrest him.

Drug addicts detained

A citizen went after two people who were under the influence of drugs during the day in Ramadan. He gave police their location, and both were arrested as police found the 'Spice' drug on them. The citizen who was at a gas station after the Fajr prayer noticed two people who were in an abnormal state, so he called police and went after the two until police arrived and caught them. A security source said officers asked for an ambulance which took the two to hospital to receive treatment, before they were sent to concerned authorities. — *Translated from the Arabic press*



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ADVICES FOR US

By Hassan Al-Essa

It is a long journey from Motabba in Sharq to Beirut and London; from the Jafariya and Mubarakiya schools to the American University in Beirut and Oxford University in England through which Hamza Abbas; the first governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait, takes us down memory lanes and stops the train at certain childhood stops in Sharq and particularly at Bin Rashdan fabrics store next to his father's. He once flew to Baghdad on a small chopper that got stuck in the sand at the old airport and all passengers had to step down to push it until it could successfully take off.

This goes unlike what happened to the state's economy that seems to have got stuck in sand dunes making the young Hamza, as a central bank governor, step down and try to push the economy through pieces of advice that contradicted the interests of some influential people. Thus, his advice was ignored and the economy's 'plane' is left stuck even further in the sand. Looking through Hamza Abbas' train window, one can see so many people who have passed away while others are still striving and suffering the bitterness of being forgotten. Images of the late Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah appear several times on Hamza Abbas' time train while he was tidying up and organizing state administrations' budgets and never allowed anyone to violate budget limits when he was the finance minister and prime minister. He used to listen to wise people's advice and kept them in the ministry because they were loyal, faithful and well-experienced people.

None of them violated public funds nor starred as a political icon. Through Abbas' train window, one can also see Dr Fakhry Shehab; the economy professor at Oxford who did so much to have the Kuwait investment office established in London and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development established. He served Kuwait so much in finance and economy. Do any of us still remember such an icon?

The train still goes past several other names including

Faisal Al-Saleh, Hamad Al-Essa, Khalifa Al-Ghunaim, Haidar Al-Shahabi, Hamed Al-Essa, Sulieman Al-Mutawa and Fatima Hussein. Abbas met the love of his life; Lila Ahmad Jassem at the last couple's house and he got married to her. Many others had great impact on this nation's march and, as usual, are long forgotten now. Abbas warned of the bubble called the stock exchange market (also known as Souq Al-Manakh) and the economy based on biddings. He warned of a possible financial disaster but nobody listened.

Fake companies dominated the economy while Hamza and others seemed to be screaming from a distance. Later on, when the bubble burst open and many companies were declared bankrupt, he refused compensations and compromises, but again, none of the decision-makers listened to him. He had enhanced the Dinar's power with a decision on a currencies basket but eventually, the money went to the elite VIP's who devoured huge chunks of the state's present and future funds.

Once again through his work in some financial committee after quitting the central bank with great depression, he warns of the decision to purchase debts after the liberation, which confused everything in a legal deal that resulted in making a few people richer while so many were only silenced by a few gifts. So many popular decisions were made, such as debts' write off and increments tailored in parliament in collaboration with the government to buy some political loyalties and please others before fetus-like deals were made at the expense of children and a future devastated by greed, corruption and abuse of powers while nobody listens or even learns from such fatal mistakes.

'I advised you' is the title of Hamza Abbas' diary in which he was not directing the advice to us because we are not political decision-makers to accept or refuse such advice. He was rather offering advice for our sake. So will anybody ever listen to Hamza Abbas? — *Translated by Kuwait Times*

ZAIN PARTICIPATES IN CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, announced its humanitarian partnership of the 'Abshiro Bil Khair' campaign launched by Al-Najat Charitable Society. The campaign, aimed at supporting underprivileged families and students in Kuwait, received overwhelming success of over KD 4 million of donations collected in just 12 hours.

Through its humanitarian partnership, Zain invited its customers to contribute and donate to the campaign by sending over a million SMS messages containing a link to the official donation portal to its customer base, considered the largest in Kuwait. The company also communicated the campaign to over 670K followers on its official social media channels. Al-Najat Charitable Society launched its charitable campaign entitled 'Abshiro Bil Khair' in Mall 360, where a large projection screen displayed the online donations progress in real time. The event witnessed the attendance of Al-Najat Society Director Dr Mohammed Al-Ansari and Al-Najat member Omar Al-Thuwaini, as well as social media influencers and humanitarian activists Mohammed Al-Husainan, Abdullah Al-Shajji, and Abdulrahman Al-Bidah.

The campaign lasted for 12 straight hours, from 1 pm - 1 am, and resulted in an overwhelming amount of KD 4 million of donations collected in such a short period of time. A part of the donations will be utilized to support the essential needs of underprivileged families in Kuwait on a monthly basis throughout a full year, while the other part will be utilized to pay the tuition fees of underprivileged students in Kuwait on a monthly basis throughout a full year.

Zain's humanitarian partnership to this campaign comes in line with its Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility strategy that seeks to contribute to the welfare of the society in several ways. Zain prides itself on its long track of records and contributions it has put in philanthropic areas. The company strongly believes that such initiatives help infuse a sense of responsibility into members of the society, to help support those who are in need of help.

Zain recently announced the launch of its charitable initiative 'Ya Baghi Al Khair Aqbel' for the second year running, where the company will donate 500 Fils to a charitable organization for every paid bill during the month of Ramadan. During Ramadan of last year, Zain donated over KD 45,000 on behalf of its customers for humanitarian causes. The donation came as part of the first edition of its charitable initiative 'Ya Baghi Al Khair Aqbel', and came in collaboration with Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nouri Charity Association, where the donations were utilized to build a number of water wells at distant locations in Somalia and Kyrgyzstan with the aim of providing clean and safe drinking water to underprivileged families.

This year, Zain will donate 500 Fils (half a KD) each time a customer pays their bill anytime during the Holy Month of Ramadan through one of Zain's electronic or direct channels, including Zain's website, Zain's smartphone app, any of Zain's Quickpay machines, and the company's main branches available throughout the country. The collected donations will be delivered to a charitable organization in Kuwait to support philanthropic projects as well as improve the living conditions of needy families.

Zain stressed that it has always been keen to organize a number of social and humanitarian initiatives during Ramadan to support the various sectors of the Kuwaiti society, and the company is keen on reflecting the religious as well as traditional humanitarian values and principles to enrich the art of giving and to increase bonding between individuals.

AUB ORGANIZES EMPLOYEE AWARENESS PROGRAM ABOUT HEALTHCARE WHILE FASTING

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank (AUB) recently organized a health and wellness program for the Bank's employees in coordination with WAPMED TPA Services and Metro Medical Care. The focus of the program was on how to follow a healthy diet and lifestyle while fasting during the Holy Month of Ramadan. The Bank's program aims at providing professional advice by general practitioners and experts in nutrition, to guide staff on how to avoid dehydration and follow beneficial habits during the Holy Month.

The program featured many sections aimed at opening a check-up booth for staff, followed by a seminar on safe fasting and remaining hydrated during Ramadan. The experts from WAPMED shared their advice on how to maintain in good health during the holy month of Ramadan and introduced the employees to a WhatsApp Medication Facility using WhatsApp, which gives them a platform to enquire about health issues that they could face while fasting. They also launched the application for Android phones to provide valuable health tips.

AUB said in a press release: "At AUB, we put a lot of emphasis on staff health, and we realize how important it is to remain healthy while fasting. Therefore, we have given



our staff additional tools to help them cope with any possible health issues.

AUB added, "This initiative reflects the Bank's underlying commitment towards its employees, while providing a healthy environment in the workplace. We continue to involve our employees in a broad range of health and social activities which aims at adding value to their professional and personal lives."



AUB LAUNCHES 'BREAKING THE FAST' INITIATIVE BY DISTRIBUTING IFTAR MEALS TO FASTING WORKERS

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank (AUB) launched recently its 'Breaking the fast' initiative, by distributing iftar meals to fasting individuals nearby Al-Amiri Hospital, Mubarak Hospital, Shuwaikh, Qaser Nayf and Mubarkiya. The Bank aims to distribute 1000 meals in five days, where a large number of staff members have volunteered to distribute the meals.

AUB's latest initiative comes as part of its continued efforts to support the local community and drive philan-

thropic activities throughout the Holy Month of Ramadan. Ahli United Bank said in a press release: "It has become a custom of the Bank over the course of the past few years to provide iftar meals to fasting individuals during Ramadan. The Holy Month represents a good opportunity to reinforce the Bank's positive role in the community by being a good corporate citizen and supporting those in need."

The bank's distribution of iftar meals reflects the overall spirit of col-

laboration and social giving, a core element of AUB's strategic efforts in encouraging and promoting social cooperation. Moreover, Ahli United Bank continues to develop its Ramadan social program each year to be able to better provide a range of activities that are in line with the Holy Month's spirit while also driving the Bank's relationship with the wider community. This is also fully in line with Islamic sharia which endorses peace and forgiveness.

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