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Al-Anbaa

Um Saleh's golden chair

By Saad Al-Mo'tesh

I belong to the old generation who suffered from high expenses of marriage when the state only gave KD 2,000 as marriage allowance, half of which as a gift and the other as a loan to be collected through KD 10 installments. At that time, most expenses went to precious items a groom had to purchase such as six large pieces of golden jewelry and a piece of furniture known as "Jaber's Chair," which was very comfortable especially to the back. Yet, that golden chair usually broke the backs of newly wedded grooms due to its cost.

Thanks be to Allah, I have a very wise and cooperative wife who is worth all the costs I paid for our marriage. She never hesitated to allow me

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to sell a piece of those precious jewelry I had bought her whenever I needed money. The last of those precious items I had to sell was the same one that broke my back when we first got married. I promised to make it up to her when days got better and since then, my poor wife has been waiting for that day to come for years now. "Am I not enough compensation for you." I always tell her whenever she inquires about her golden chair.

That chair came to my mind while I was reading a statement made by Hamad Al-Humaidhi, Director of the Public Institute for Social Security, saying that MPs' suggestions to reduce the maximum age of retirement would cost the state budget around KD 4 billion. I know for sure that lawmakers who made such proposals are seeking voters' satisfaction which would keep them in their offices and protect their parliamentary 'seats'.

I only wish they had asked themselves if maintaining their own seats was worth costing the budget losses worth billions of dinars. They ought to learn a lesson from my story with Um Saleh's golden chair as she sacrificed it in order to keep our life together. May Allah save those who would give up their positions for public interest and not those who would sacrifice Kuwait for the sake of a seat or chair. —Translated by Kuwait Times



'Naked' Jleeb woman escapes abusive sponsor

KUWAIT: An Ethiopian woman was sent to the psychiatric hospital to evaluate her condition after she was found naked in a Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh street. A security source said the woman was on the ground unconscious, with people around her. Officers covered her up, and the woman later told investigators that her sponsor, an Arab teacher, was mistreating her, and this made her hysterical and she ran out naked.

Under the influence

A car carrying two citizens collided with a traffic sign on Fahaheel Road, and the two fell unconscious

after the accident. Police patrols later arrested them for being under the influence of drugs. They also had the drug 'chemical,' a local variety of Spice (synthetic marijuana) with added chemicals, on them, and one of the suspects was found wanted on 11 various cases. A passerby saw the car rammed against the pole with its lights on, so he called the police. Both were sent to the Drugs Control General Department.

Drunk man arrested

A citizen was walking with an imported bottle of liquor and waving it in front of motorists. He was arrested and sent to Naeem police station. The man was drunk and harassed people before his arrest.

KD 600 stolen

An Egyptian man lost KD 600 he had saved to send to his family. The man withdrew the money from his bank account, then went home to get the account number to transfer the funds. He returned to his car 30 minutes later to find out that the window was broken and the money was gone. Detectives are investigating. —Translated from the Arabic press



Al-Qabas

Where are the Kuwaiti nurses?

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) aims at providing national technical and professional labor to meet the needs of development in the country in all fields, and in order to achieve progress and prosperity for the state. Among the goals of the authority is to improve the Kuwaiti youth, who are the hope of tomorrow, and on who we rely to build our country. This is done by preparing qualified national labor for the middle technical and professional labor levels that Kuwait needs, and who can compete with expat labor in many production and service sectors where they can bear their national responsibilities in social and economic development.

This can be found in the authority's website and its close to being a chitchat than real, as nothing was achieved from what is mentioned over half a century. PAAET is considered the most failing government entity in its work, and was the reason behind the occurrence of educational catastrophes, administrative corruption and waste of millions of dinars, without succeeding in reaching any of its goals. The nursing institute which belongs to the authority is one of the examples of failure.

This college was opened in 1962 under the name of the 'college of nursing.' It used to be part of the health ministry, under the supervision of the Education Ministry, before being put under the applied education sector in 1988. This college did not succeed after 50 years of graduates in providing the medical service with any significant needs of the state from nurses of both genders. It is rare to find a Kuwaiti nurse who works in an actual nursing house. Joining the institution was only a ladder to get a qualification in a short period of time and get a higher salary.

Where are the Kuwaiti nurses? Why do we still see Indian nurses paying up to KD 10,000 per person to get a job in Kuwait? Bearing in mind that tens of thousands have been appointed based on this corrupt system, and all those who work in the health ministry know the truth of this matter for years, and the reason is that the Indian nurse happily pays such a huge amount because the salary for three years for example is nearly KD 40,000. In addition, the training they get in hospitals qualifies most of them to get jobs in European and American hospitals. This issue caused a silent crisis between the Indian and Kuwaiti governments. It was the subject of a parliamentary question, and one of the corruption aspects that surrounded one of the former health ministers. We cut the story short and say we are with the society's call to strike if the rights of the Kuwaiti nurses are not served, but before that, where are the Kuwaiti nurses? —Translated by Kuwait Times



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