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Woman, boyfriend sentenced to death in disabled girl's murder

Kuwaitis 79% in public sector, 21% in private sector

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KUWAIT: The criminal court yesterday sentenced a woman and her boyfriend to death for the first degree murder of her daughter, said legal sources. The mother and the boyfriend admitted they both beat the disabled girl to death because they were annoyed by her screams and cries, the sources noted. The criminal court also sentenced a former Ministry of Health assistant undersecretary to two years in prison with labor over charges of forging a degree from Egypt for his son.



Expats make up 70% of population

79 percent

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) statistics show that 79 percent of the manpower working for the government and 21 percent working for the private sector are citizens. Statistics also showed that citizens form only 30 percent of Kuwait's population (1,372,998), while non-Kuwaitis make up 70 percent (3,162,180) of the total population of 4,535,178.

Government spending

MP Mubarak Al-Harees expressed amazement at increasing government spending in the 2018-2019 budget, because it comes at a time when the government is calling for and confirming its seriousness in rationalization and cutting expenses. Harees added that the government has been repeatedly making the same mistakes on setting its budgets. "We have been hearing the same since we came to the 2013 parliament - the government increases spending and at the same time fails to fulfill citizens' needs," he said, noting that the government had refused amending the social security law with regards to early retirement, yet it increased spending in the new budget. "The government should not have expected stability in oil prices on setting the budget because they are subject to international circumstances beyond our control," he noted, calling for stopping waste without affecting citizens' incomes.



The Palace of Justice.

Arab League

The Cabinet yesterday urged various ministries and government bodies to address the Arab League Secretariat General only via the foreign ministry. A letter sent by the Cabinet Secretary General Abdullatif Al-

Roudhan to all ministries and government bodies stressed that some of these bodies had been directly contacting the Arab League Secretariat General, adding this is a violation of the foreign ministry's regulations and the related Amiri decree.

Three car inspectors fight in Jahra

KUWAIT: Jahra vehicle technical inspection department was the venue of a fight between three inspectors due to disputes not related to their jobs. One of them was suspected of being under the influence of drugs, while the other disappeared after he claimed that he wanted to go home to bring his ID, but did not return. Two inspectors had a verbal exchange with a colleague, and it escalated to exchanging blows. One of them then stabbed his colleague with a pen, before the rest of the employees broke the fight up. The injured inspector went to hospital for treatment, then lodged a complaint at Saad Al-Abdullah police station. The other two inspectors were summoned, and one of them

was in an abnormal condition, while the other claimed his ID was at home and went to bring it and did not return. Detectives are investigating.

Head injury

A citizen was rushed to Adan Hospital after sustaining injuries on the way to Zour. The citizen and his friend were busy with the boat, when one of them got inside it, while the other drove off. While on the road, the boat fell on the street with the man inside it, and he sustained a head injury. Police and paramedics rushed to the site and transferred the injured man to hospital in a critical condition.

Body found

A man was found dead in his vehicle in Waha. The man was noticed by a citizen, who called police, and paramedics confirmed he was dead. The deceased is a citizen in his thirties and there were no signs of foul play. Investigations are underway.

Nugra fire

Thirteen people suffered burns and suffocations due to a fire in a Nugra apartment. Policemen rushed to the build-

ing and found the fire was caused by a gas cylinder that exploded in the apartment. A source said nine persons were treated onsite, while four were taken to hospital.

Under the influence

A Kuwaiti woman in her thirties and a citizen in his twenties were taken to the Drugs Control General Department after being found under the influence of drugs. Police noticed the two were in an abnormal condition when their IDs were being checked, so the car was searched and a liquor bottle was found, along with a light bulb containing a white substance, a small bag of drugs and three other liquor bottles.

Search for thieves

Jahra prosecutor ordered detectives to arrest two persons who robbed an Indian man of his car and mobile in Qashaniya, after they threatened him with a knife. The Indian works as a foreman in an engineering company and was near the gate of an oil company in Rawdatain in his pickup truck, when he was surprised by the two thieves.

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KFAED offers Uzbekistan loan of KD 9 million

KUWAIT: Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) and the Uzbek government on Tuesday inked an agreement by virtue of which the fund will loan Uzbekistan KD nine million (some \$30 million). The funds will be used in financing the development of infrastructure in rural areas in the Central Asian nation, according to a KFAED press release. The project will help provide many job opportunities to the residents of these areas in the sectors of construction and industry, the statement said. The agreement was signed by KFAED Deputy Director General Hisham Al-Woqyan and Uzbek Deputy Minister of Finance. The loan is the ninth one offered by KFAED to Uzbekistan. The total value of the previous loans amounts to KD 44.9 million in addition to two technical grants amounting to KD 500,000. —KUNA



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