

Deportation denied for drivers altering profession in licence

Make use of grace period: Al-Muhanna



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Acting Director of Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) Major General Khalid Al-Mekrad held a coordinative meeting concerning the 'Shamel 2' drill which will be carried out on Dec 10 in cooperation with the concerned governmental authorities.

According to a press statement, he stated that the drill is being organized based on directives issued by the State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah and the Cabinet with the participation of

Ministry of Interior, National Guard, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Electricity and Water, Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait Municipality, Meteorological Department and Kuwait Red Crescent Society.

Major General Al-Mekrad stressed that the drill is aimed to assess the capabilities of each governmental authority in dealing with the situation based on which the drill is being held, which is dealing with heavy rain and floods.

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KUWAIT CITY, Dec 2: Assistant Under-secretary for Traffic Affairs at Ministry of Interior Major General Abdullah Al-Muhanna affirmed that expatriates whose driving licenses are withdrawn due to change in their professions will not be deported.

Major General Al-Muhanna clarified this in order to dispel fears resultant from misinterpretation of the decision concerning change in mechanism for issuance of licenses to expatriates.

He referred to decision No. 393 issued in April 2013, which stipulates that expatriates whose residence permits have been canceled will not be issued driving licenses until after two years, and they will have to start the procedures afresh.

Major General Al-Muhanna assured that the decision will not apply to those who obtained driving licenses before the decision was issued due to which the process of withdrawal of license over change in profession will not affect them.

He reiterated that those who obtained the license after the decision was issued will automatically lose their driving licenses when they change their profession into one that does not warrant granting of license.

Major General Al-Muhanna listed the conditions for obtaining driving license, which are — the applicant's salary must not be less than KD600 per month, he must have a university degree and he must have stayed in the country for two years.

He affirmed that the validity of license is linked to the validity of residence permits for all licenses issued before and after the decision.

Major General Al-Muhanna urged expatriates who are affected by the decision to submit their licenses to the traffic departments in order to avoid possible legal procedures against them.

He indicated that security operatives can easily detect invalid licenses using the electronic interface between the General Traffic Department, General Department for Residency Affairs and Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor.

Meanwhile, Major General Al-Muhanna also urged citizens and expatriates to make use of the one-month grace period during which the block on payment of certain traffic fines will be lifted, starting from Dec 1.

He explained that some fines cannot be paid unless legal procedures are taken first, particularly for cases that are regarded as serious traffic violations such as driving without license, illegal car racing, betting, reckless driving that endanger the lives of other road users and using vehicles for purposes other than the specified ones.

Escape attempt: In an attempt to escape from her sponsor's house, a Sri Lankan housemaid jumped from the second floor of the building and sustained severe injuries.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information from a Kuwaiti citizen that his housemaid tried to escape from a window on the second floor of his house and fell, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the location and found the victim lying on the ground and bleeding profusely.

She was referred to Adan Hospital for treatment. Securitymen are waiting for her recovery in order to ask her the reasons behind her attempt to escape from her sponsor's house.

Meanwhile, an Asian expatriate tried to commit suicide by consuming a large quantity of pills inside her sponsor's house in Rehab area.

She has been admitted in the Intensive Care Unit of Farwaniya Hospital.

Three assaulted: A 20-year old Kuwaiti citizen working as an officer at Ministry of Interior was arrested for beating three Egyptians in Jabriya area.

Court Cases

Jail, fine for 'DAESHI'

Man gets 10 yrs for sodomy

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KUWAIT CITY, Dec 2: The Criminal Court of Appeals upheld the verdict issued by the Court of First Instance which sentenced a Kuwaiti citizen to ten-year imprisonment with hard labor. It referred the civil aspect of the case to the Civil Section of the court for hearing.

The suspect was accused of kidnapping a minor boy after deceiving him into joining him for a walk in Sulaibiya area, and then sodomizing the boy later by force.

The plaintiff counsel Attorney Fraih Al-Kouh urged the court to ensure that his client receives justice and to consider all evidences in his possession especially the medical report. He explained the incident in detail from the time the defendant tricked his client in front of a grocery store in Sulaibiya area until he sodomized him by force later.



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Monthly allowance: The Administrative Court chaired by Judge Walid Al-Mathkour ordered the Ministry of Information to implement Decision No. 11/2012 which stipulates Kuwaiti employees are entitled to monthly supervision allowance of KD 100.

Attorney Abdul-Mohsin Al-Musa representing the plaintiff filed lawsuit against the ministry imploring the court to repeal administrative Decision No. 3476/2014 that prevented the payment of supervision allowance, stressing his client had insisted on claiming his right to the allowance, because Civil Service Commission (CSC) guaranteed the right.

Man not guilty: The Court of Appeals presided over by Judge Anwar Al-Enezi acquitted an individual who was accused of possessing hashish for selling and consuming.

The Court of First Instance had earlier sentenced the suspect to four-year imprisonment after the officer-in-charge testified that he found the drugs inside the suspect's apartment after raiding and inspecting it.

The defense counsel Attorney Talal Al-Enezi stressed that the procedures followed for arresting his client and searching his

apartment were not legal because the officer did not obtain a warrant from the Public Prosecution.

Stressing that his client was not caught red-handed, he insisted that the procedures that followed such as the urine test are invalid.

Final verdict: The Court of Appeals issued its final verdict in favor of the former board of directors of Al-Imtiyaz Investment Company after it rejected the appeal filed by the current board against the decision of the public prosecution to reserve the case.

The case files indicate the current board members of Al-Imtiyaz Investment Company accused their predecessor of forgery, misappropriation of funds and money laundering. However, the Public Prosecution reserved the case due to lack of concrete evidence to substantiate the allegations. The current board members had filed an appeal against the Public Prosecution's decision but the Court of Appeals upheld its verdict in favor of the former board members.

With its final decision, all accusations leveled against the former board members of Al-Imtiyaz Investment Company are rendered void. It is noteworthy the case was widely publicized on various social communication network websites.

Jail, fine for 'DAESH': The Court of Appeals on Wednesday sentenced a citizen to 10 years in prison with hard labor and fined him \$30,000 or its Kuwaiti dinar equivalent. This came after the higher court annulled the decision of the First Instance Court which refrained from pronouncing its verdict.

Case files indicate the defendant, also referred to as the 'Young DAESH', was accused by the Public Prosecution of performing, without the government's permission, hostile actions against two foreign countries (Syria and Iraq) by sponsoring the banned terrorist group known as ISIL.

The prosecution considered the defendant's action a threat to Kuwait and harmful to political relations between the two aforementioned countries, in addition to participating in hostile campaigns with the banned group whose main objective is to instigate chaos in Kuwait. The group also aims to overthrow the prevailing rule of order. The defendant was charged as well with willingly funding the ISIL.

Police probe as Indian commits suicide on job

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 2: An unidentified Indian reportedly committed suicide yesterday evening by hanging himself with a rope inside the bathroom of a security company near the Doha Port building, reports Al-Qabas daily.

A security source said the death was discovered by a Kuwaiti director of one of the security firms.

A case of suicide has been registered at the area police station. The corpse has been referred to the Department of Forensic Medicine.

Meanwhile, the security authorities

have opened an extensive investigation into the death of an Asian cleaning company worker on the premises of the Public Ports Authority in Al-Nahda, reports Al-Qabas daily.

It has been reported the corpse of the victim was found by an unidentified employee two days after he reportedly went missing.

The remains of the Asian have been referred to the General Department of Criminal Evidences to know the cause of death.

In another development, securitymen were placed on the state of alert

yesterday evening when the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry received a call about a bag left near the Jordanian Embassy in Kuwait, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The daily added, securitymen and bomb disposal experts cordoned off the area and checked the bag which turned out to be empty.

A source said the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry receives similar calls almost on a daily basis, but all calls are dealt with seriously immediately after taking precautionary measures.



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The well located in Abu Halifa, south of Kuwait City.

Disaster waiting to happen

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The Environment Green Line Group affirmed the success of its activities in solving a problem that could have developed into a major disaster and led to the loss of innocent lives. The problem was related to the presence of a deep and open well in a residential area in Abu Halifa, which the group discovered during one of its outings.

In a press release, the group revealed that the well was abandoned and risky as it violates safety regulations as well as environmental and health regulations, especially since it is close to a football pitch and a place often visited by families in Abu Halifa.

The group said the well is dry, 15 meters wide and 20 meters deep, indicating that it was easy for a child or adult to fall into, since it is on the ground level.

News in Brief

'Opening Dec 12': The Director-General of the Public Relations and Security Media Department at the Ministry of Interior Brigadier Adel Ahmed Al-Hashash commented on what has been circulated in the Social Media Networking which said some sectors of the Interior Security or Traffic Department have been placed on full alert, says a press release issued by the Interior Ministry.

He said this comes in the context of the readiness of the Ministry of Interior for the inauguration of the Jaber International Sports Stadium on Friday, Dec 12, 2015.

He added, this requires coordination between the concerned Field Security Sectors according to the plans which have been prepared.

Al-Hashash pointed out such moves are normal for the Ministry of Interior given the nature of the occasions, events and activities which require security and organization of traffic movement.

Al-Hashash confirmed all security agencies through constant coordination, cooperation with each other will spare no efforts in the area of security and safety of citizens and residents.

Money-laundering probe: Police have handed over an unidentified Kuwaiti who is believed to be in his 50s to the Public Prosecution on suspicion of money laundering, reports Al-Shahed daily.

A security source said the man was arrested based on a tipoff that large sums of money had been transferred into the account of the suspect.

When the man was summoned for interrogation, he said the money belongs to him and proceeds of sales from his company based outside the country. However, he is said to have failed to authenticate his statement with documents.

Promoting sex deals: Personnel from the Cyber Crimes Department have arrested a young Syrian for promoting flesh pleasure services on the Internet website under the cover of offering massage, reports Al-Anba daily.

The arrest came after police managed to identify the owner of the site. During interrogation he confessed to the charge.

Sex boosting items: Customs officers at the air freight department of the Kuwait International Airport have confiscated a parcel containing sex boosting items sent to a diplomat in a GCC State, reports Al-Shahed daily.

Without going into details, the daily said legal action is being initiated.

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