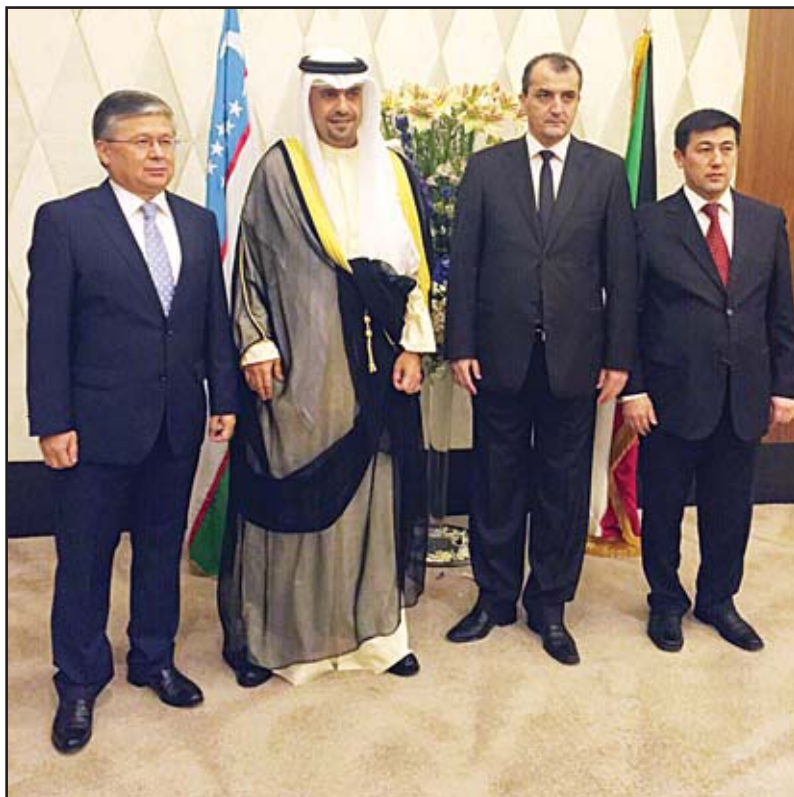




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The Arab League Secretary-General Dr Nabeel Al-Arabi recently honored the Dean of Arab and Foreign Diplomatic Corps, the Ambassador of Kuwait to the United Kingdom Khaled AbdulAziz Al-Duwaisan, on the sidelines of the monthly Arab Diplomats Council meeting at the League's UK office. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Al-Arabi said the leadership of Ambassador Al-Duwaisan in the Arab diplomatic arena has made several significant strides to address issues concerning the Arab world in addition to highlighting the voices of Arab ambassadors in the UK's political and public arena. For his part, Ambassador Al-Duwaisan expressed his appreciation and paid gratitude to the Arab League Secretary-General for his recognition. He added, his success would not have been made possible without his colleagues in the council, and hence, the honor goes to his colleagues, the Arab ambassadors to London. (KUNA)

'Prioritize national security in current political scene'

'Citizens, residents on tenterhooks'



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh attended a ceremony organized by the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Kuwait at Crowne Plaza Hotel to celebrate the Independence Day of Uzbekistan. The minister was received by Uzbekistan Embassy's Charge d'Affaires Alov Bakhrjonov Juraboevich. During the event, Al-Saleh praised the bilateral relations shared between the two countries, affirming Kuwait's keenness in improving the relations in various aspects.

Maids looked after: panel

More women convert to Islam

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: Head of Women Affairs in the Islamic Presentation Committee (IPC) Wadha Al-Bales says the committee endeavors to propagate Islam among non-Muslim expatriates and non-Arabic speakers in particular, reports Al-Rai daily.

Al-Bales added the committee is proud of its active and distinguished female preachers that contribute to a great extent in propagating Islam, although they are few.

Regarding the course of converting women to Islam rather than men, she said the number of female domestic workers is greater than the male coun-

terpart. She also said the committee visits Kuwaiti families regularly to see to the welfare of domestic workers.

In another development, the National Guard has finalized the list of officers and civilian employees who applied for conversion of their unused leave days to cash, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Sources confirmed submission of the list to the Finance Department to deposit the unused leave cash equivalent of the beneficiaries to their bank accounts after the Eid Al-Adha holidays.

News in Brief

'Listen to your child': Expert in youth affairs Dr Abdullahif Al-Senan has urged fathers to set the pace for their children and shun sectarianism, because the father's action could seal the child's fate, reports Al-Anba daily.

He also said the father should be able to understand the expressions of his child, particularly expiatory terms, and endeavor to learn about his education - the nature of his teacher, curricula, and teaching methods, he pointed out that the only way to save a teenager is to listen to his complaints and encourage him to invest his creative talent.

For the first time in Kuwait, the Ministry of Youth Affairs had been established upon unlimited interest and support of HH the Amir for youth development, Al-Senan noted.

He reiterated the values of DAESH are not Islamic-based.

'All directors posted': Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa has announced that all applicants for the educational district director post who passed interviews have been appointed to various districts, reports Al-Rai daily.

Sources disclosed Jassem Bu Hamad was appointed Director of Farwaniya Educational District, Waleed Al-Gaith for Jahra, Mansoor

Al-Daihani for Mubarak Al-Kabeer, Mansoor Al-Zafiri for Hawalli and Waleed Al-Awmi for Ahmadi, while Badriya Al-Khalidi will be transferred to the Capital as per her request.

Bid to rescue firms: Reliable sources affirmed that serious steps have been taken to rescue 12 companies affiliated to some major banks with a total of 1.3 million dinars, reports Al-Shahid daily.

The same sources added the decision has been taken because the companies suffer losses continuously, coupled with waning revenues, high operation costs and accumulated debts.

They also said more companies are threatened with bankruptcy and have taken the initiative to review their operations and to study the possibility of going into a merger.

Troopers express feelings: US forces stationed in Kuwait have reportedly taken to art to spell their feelings and sentiments while serving with the US Army in Kuwait. An increasing number of them have been writing graffiti on the fences of their barracks and/or expressing their achievements before leaving for home after completing their assignment in the region, says Al-Rai daily.

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: MP Saleh Ashour says the country is witnessing changes in the political arena due to which it is time for the government and the Parliament to prioritize the security development of the country in order to deal with the current situation of the region, reports Al-Qabas daily.

He explained that the citizens are worried about the terrorist activities and incidents in the region as well as the recent security cases witnessed in the country particularly the terrorist attack on Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque, the Abdali cell case and the daily reports of traffic accidents and quarrels among youths; some of which result in murders over trivial reasons.

Ashour insisted that the government must work seriously in this regard in the coming phase by organizing awareness campaigns and applying law strictly on any security authority that fails to comply with the regulations and laws of Ministry of Interior.

He stressed that the ministry officials must be efficient in meeting their responsibilities and implementing necessary measures strictly on those who violate the law, adding that Kuwait's security is the limit that no one should cross.

Also:

KUWAIT CITY: MP Khalil Al-Saleh says the number of buses that will transport visitors to **Karbala** will be increased to 10, as affirmed to him by Major General **Faisal Al-Senin** during a telephonic conversation, reports Al-Anba daily.

He commended the quick and positive coordination for facilitating the traffic for visitors leaving to and returning from **Karbala** through **Abdali** border.

Devil worshippers compound raided

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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: Farwaniya securitymen, in cooperation with officers from Kuwait Municipality, raided a location allegedly used by devil worshippers in **Khaitan** area. No arrests were made and nothing suspicious was found but securitymen shut down the place.

According to security sources, when Farwaniya Security Directorate received information about a place where people allegedly go to worship devil, a team was formed for investigations.

However, the team did not notice anyone visit the place during weeks of surveillance and investigations.

In other development, **Hawalli** Traffic Department launched intensive traffic campaigns in different parts of the governorate in the last 48 hours, which resulted in the issuance of 2,765 citations. They also impounded 55 vehicles and referred two expatriates to deportation center for driving without license.

Public Relations and Security Media Department of the Interior Ministry calls upon motorists to adhere to the traffic rules and regulations for their own safety and the safety of others, noting the traffic department will continue its awareness campaign to ensure traffic safety.

And, fire engulfed a vehicle near a traffic light in **Ardiya Industrial Area**. Securitymen, firefighters and paramedics rushed to the location after receiving information on the incident. Preliminary investigations revealed the fire was caused by an electrical fault. No injuries or casualties were reported.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'Give time to rebuild Syria'

'World not serious to oust Assad'

"DURING the first months of the so-called 'Arab Spring' I had written an article in which I had warned that the Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad will not face the same fate of the former Tunisian president Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali, nor that of the former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak or that of the former Libyan leader Muammar Al-Gaddafi," columnist, former Minister of Information and former Chairman of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) **Sami Abdullahif Al-Nisf** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily Wednesday.

"In other words, I had said President Al-Assad will not escape from the country as Ben Ali had done, nor find himself behind bars like Mubarak or will not face the same fate as Gaddafi who was killed by some of those who had revolted against his regime.

"Rather, I said Al-Assad shall either rule entire Syria or some parts of the country. I said that during a time when the US president and his Turkish counterpart **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** were threatening to overthrow the regime of Al-Assad to such an extent the two presidents were even 'marketing' the idea that there will be no place for Bashar in Syria.

"However, the repeated statements of the US and Turkish presidents encouraged more Syrian provinces to join the revolution against Al-Assad, because the peoples of these provinces were under the impression that the US and Turkish presidents will send their troops to topple the Assad regime.

"However, in July 2012, I penned another article on the same subject suggesting the 'Stinger missiles' would be the sole solution to bring down Bashar Al-Assad's regime. The purport of this article was based on the fact that these US-made missiles had defeated the Russians in Afghanistan.

"Hence, we suggest by not providing the moderate Syrian opposition with such missiles show there is no serious desire either at the regional or the international level to topple the regime of Bashar Al-Assad and this is the reality on the ground.

"The above has also coincided with another fact that President Al-Assad has seemingly no desire to rule entire Syria and this was observed since the very beginning of events in his country in March 2011.

"This was also evident by the barrel bombs dumped by his regime on several cities, towns and villages in Syria and this means that Al-Assad knows that he will not rule these areas and will not be responsible for their reconstruction and rehabilitation.

"In this context, we say these events were seen in **Dara'a**, **South Syria**, but nobody knows until now who was responsible for these events — the people of **Dara'a** or the secret service of Al-Assad and his ruling regime.

"In other words, it looks like Al-Assad with support from some regional and international powers, was seemingly planning since the very beginning of the revolution against his regime to rule only some selected provinces of Syria.

"Such being the case, we suggest the repeated requests of the Syrian opposition to get rid of Al-Assad is likely to unintentionally serve the latter's plan, particularly since we know Syria since the beginning of the war has indulged in civil war, death and stamped.

"Consequently, we suggest that the most smart solution but not the most ideal for dealing with the Syrian crisis, particularly following the surfacing of certain fact on the ground and an agreement among both the international friends and foes to keep Al-Assad in power, means the Syrian opposition and its supporters must hasten to put their demand on the back burner — demand for calling the immediate ouster of Bashar Al-Assad.

"In other words, the Syrian opposition must revoke this demand because this opposition at the moment is in a strong position to make more gains at the table of negotiations.

"In the meantime, this opposition must also keep in mind that at the moment the tide is not in its favor, because the balance of power will change and this means this opposition must not go ahead in sticking to its extremist conditions calling for the ouster of Al-Assad.

"In this connection, we would like to point out that coming to a blanket political solution to the Syrian crisis without any preconditions, shall be better, because this solution shall mean all Syrian refugees throughout the world will be able to return safely to their homeland, provided an amnesty to this effect is issued by President Al-Assad regime.

"In the meantime, Al-Assad should be given a grace period agreed upon by the relevant parties for the Syrian government to rebuild the destroyed areas with support from its international and regional allies."

Also:

"The statements addressed to the Yemeni people by the Al-Houthi Movement indeed call for derision,"

columnist **Waleed Ibrahim Al-Ahmad** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily Wednesday.

"On Sept 21, 2015 this movement issued a statement to mark the first anniversary of the occupation of capital **Sana'a** by its militias in collaboration with the troops who are loyal to the deposed president **Ali Abdullah Al-Saleh**, all they have devastated and looted, all State institutions in addition to looting the military barracks of the regular Yemeni army.

"However, this move by the Houthi Ali Abdullah Saleh collaboration by all means represent, a coup against the legitimate President **Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi** and the then prime minister **Khaled Al-Bahah** and this was evident through a statement issued recently by the so-called Houthi Revolutionary Committee in which it declared that the Yemeni National Day will henceforth be observed on September 21 of every year and not on September 26 which is the anniversary of the Yemeni revolution of 1962.

"Anyway, this development bears only a single construal indicating that the Houthi Movement would like to persuade the public opinion that it is still dominating entire Yemen, particularly since we know that the statement in question has been issued following the arrival of Yemen's vice-president and Prime Minister **Khaled Al-Bahah** from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to **Aden** following its liberation from the Houthi and Saleh troops to rectify the situations which currently prevail in that part of Yemen due to the Iranian interventions in the internal affairs of **Sana'a**.

"It is needless to say, however, that this poor decision to change the date of the National Day of Yemen will produce nothing on the ground but create a state of historical contradictions between the two occasions.

"Moreover, this ignores the US Security Resolution No. 2216 which has been adopted pursuant to Chapter VII of the UN Charter calling for support for the Yemeni legitimate government and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) initiative to solve the Yemeni crisis."

"It was the greatest sermon ever heard, and it should be the constitution for Muslims every time and everywhere; the sermon given by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) during his last Hajj (Farewell Hajj) on **Arafat Day** on the Mount of Mercy, and in that day he received the revelation telling him 'This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion' (Surat Al-Ma'ida, Verse 3)," columnist **Abdurrahman Al-Awwad** wrote for **Al-Sabah** daily.

"Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has traced through this sermon the milestones of the right path for his nation, showing them that following this path is the guarantee for their success and their road to prosperity, and at the same time he warned them of the devil's lethal methods, leading to destruction and loss.

"One of the greatest Hadiths the Prophet (PBUH) has said in that sermon was when he advised them to protect themselves from any harmful thing and whoever had a consignment (Amana) has to give it back to its owner.

"He also recommended to his nation to have friendly relations, and they should also not take one's property without his consent. One of the last words he also said was his nation will never lose its way as long as they take these two important things as references: **Qur'an** and the **Sunna**."

"In this country we need some 'storm of resolve' and other storms to restore hope in some government agencies, especially the Kuwait Municipality which needs a complete overhaul to bring in efficient officials who will take to the streets to stop the several irregularities which have been committed by the cleaning companies and violations committed by markets because some people continue to encroach on government property," columnist **Mohammad Ahmad Al-Mullah** wrote for **Al-Shahed** daily.

"It has become necessary to open the files of tourism projects to review the failures of the Municipality and its inability to develop touristic facilities. Why do we lack in the development of islands and the development of tourist facilities, and the same can be said of Kuwait's shores. For example, the Entertainment City has become a waste city.

"Therefore, we must open the file of tourism projects and find out the reasons that have led to its failure to achieve the vision to make Kuwait a tourist state.

"Apart from the above, we must close the overseas treatment file which has become a kind of tourism department because we see most of the people who go for overseas treatment from government expense do not suffer from any serious illnesses but the one who really suffers from such illnesses does not get the approval from the concerned authorities."

"Former MP **Mohammad Hayef** told the **Al-Rai** daily that boycott was

a mistake and that once bitten is twice shy. He said he was giving this opinion to the majority away from the public and public opinion," columnist **Dr Ahmad Bin Fahd** wrote for **Al-Sabah** daily.

"First, with regard to the majority, the decision was taken by this so-called majority to boycott and they are solely responsible for their actions as a result of which they now feel abandoned and regret their decision. All this happened because they abused the respect of the green chair.

"Secondly, the so-called majority that made the decision which is responsible for this decision, must regret and it is a good thing, but there are those who still stick to their decision because they are stubborn.

"Third: Unfortunately, some still try to convince themselves that all or nothing ... and that the one vote will not help them control an area which they did when each citizen had the opportunity to cast four votes.

"Fourth, especially in the current situation repentance is the only way out when it comes to political interest, not the principles and values — although the latter cannot be those who claimed to take part in any elections under the existing system or mechanism.

"Fifth: the biggest loser is the one who fails to contest the elections for a seat in the **Abdullah Al-Salem Hall** which is the most powerful medium for change and reform."

"When we criticized the opposition and pointed their position regarding the participation in the elections as well of giving them advice to fix what has to be fixed in the country, some people thought that we were vindictive the government from any mistake, and this was a big mistake itself since if we had good opinion of the government, we would say that it is lack of good management for reform," columnist, Dean of Technological Studies College at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) and the Deputy Chairman of the Islamic Heritage Revival Society (IHRS) **Dr Wael Al-Hassawi** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"The corrupt traders are aware of the weaknesses of the government and its lenience to confront them and for that reason they have grabbed the country's wealth without mercy and this is very clear when companies get the benefit and individuals win tenders even if everyone is aware that they have led the country down the drain under the pretext they are the only ones who can implement the projects.

"The problem is why they are held responsible or why they are not punished for failing to implement the projects which they were given. We saw how Saudi Arabia was firm in the decisions it made after the recent incident which occurred in Holy city of **Makkah** by forming an inquiry commission to investigate the incident.

"I wonder if such a thing happens in Kuwait, the same procedures would be applied. I don't think so because the seniors are the ones who own the country and no one should settle account for their acts.

"We need a comprehensive change regarding the method adopted by the government if it really wants to change the situation in the country, since that anesthetic needle used by the government to combat corruption in this country has become useless.

"I think the call for the opposition to abandon their boycott and contest the elections and fix what can be fixed is considered as an obligation to prevent the boat from sinking."

"What is seen at the **Al-Aqsa Mosque** these days concerning the malpractices of the Zionists is a dangerous beginning and warning that the destruction of the mosque is in the offing and the end of Palestine. This is in addition to provoking the feelings of Muslims around the world," columnist **Adel Al-Qina'ei** wrote for **Annahar** daily.

"The biggest disaster about this crime is the ignorance and silence of the Arab League. It has not even come up with an initiative or a work plan to face this destruction and atrocities committed against this mosque.

"Unfortunately, the League is becoming useless and meaningless, because since its establishment 50 years ago, it has never been seen supporting seriously the issues of Arab countries instead it has been an obstacle which has led to divisions.

"If we look at the League's charter, we will find that all members have the right to object and veto the decisions. However, the decisions that are taken are not implemented because of the lack of working mechanism for the implementation of these decisions.

"And because of the weakness of this League the Arab world is passing through several crises starting with Palestine. The league needs a real reform because of its incapability to achieve the most important goal which is defending the common interests and coordinate between the Arab countries. For this reason, we can say that the Arab League is devoid of eligibility and a failed organization."

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