

Drones use eyed to track down 'seasonal' butchers

Bedoun held for storing foreign liquor in farm

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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: Anti-narcotics men arrested a Bedoun for peddling in imported alcohol after raiding a livestock pen in Kabad area where he had stocked up the contraband. They confiscated 220 bottles of imported liquor worth about 25 thousand dinars.

A security source said General Drug Control Department received a tip-off about the activities of the suspect who allegedly sold a bottle of imported gin for KD100-KD150, and a team of detectives was formed to bring him to book.

In the meantime, a secret agent sealed a deal to purchase 12 bottles of gin and agreed to make payment in Kabad area. He was arrested during delivery of the contraband, and he led detectives to the store where they found the items.

Drones to trap butchers: Head of an Emergency Team at the Kuwait Municipality (Capital Governorate) Tariq Al-Qattan said the team will use Phantom 3 drone to monitor the sheep market from the air, reports Al-Rai daily.

He pointed out this is the first time a plane will be used on occasions such as the Eid Al-Adha Al-Qattan said the team will work in coordination with personnel from the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor to prevent the phenomenon of

Husband beats man for harassing wife

Citizen fined for setting alight police station

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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: The Criminal Court, presided over by Judge Faisal Al-Askari, imposed KD 300 fine on a citizen who set fire to Salwa Police Station and caused material losses.

Case files indicate the citizen used a lighter to set fire to a blanket at the police station where he is detained as he was protesting against the police officers' lack of response to his request to contact his relatives.

Attorney Esmat Al-Kharbotli represented the citizen in court which he asked to show compassion to his client and requested for acquittal.

An unidentified individual was arrested at Nuwaiseeb border checkpoint in possession of tools

slaughtering sheep by butchers on streets and abandoned buildings.

Drugs in jack: With the help of surveillance camera and intensive investigation, detectives trailed the person who left a jack containing 5kg of hashish at Abdali border outlet.

A security source said customs men found the jack with the contraband and went ahead to check CCTV to determine the suspect.

Two held with pills: Two Syrians were apprehended by Hawalli patrolmen for possessing 18 narcotic pills in

used for black magic. According to security sources, customs officers at Nuwaiseeb border checkpoint were inspecting the luggage of the suspect who was leaving the country and found the illicit items in his possession.

He was arrested and referred with the items to the concerned authorities for investigations.

And, an Arab expatriate was arrested at Kuwait International Airport in possession of sex stimulant pills which he tried to smuggle into

the country. He was referred with the pills to the concerned authorities for nec-

essary legal action against him.

Thais nab Kuwaiti: The Kathu police in Thailand have arrested a 44-year-old Kuwaiti for possessing 2.85 grams of marijuana, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the man was seized outside the Iluzion nightclub on Bangla Road at 12:40 am.

Major Nawee Singsons of the Kathu police said the Kuwaiti was standing outside the nightclub and looked nerv-

ous when officers walked past him.

"We decided to search him and found a bag of marijuana inside his trouser pocket," said Major Nawee.

The citizen was taken to Kathu Police Station where he was charged with illegal possession of a Category 5 drug.

Drugs with B'deshi: The Farwaniya police have arrested a Bangladeshi water tanker driver for trafficking in drugs, reports Annahar daily.

The arrest came after the patrols stopped the Bangladeshi on the Sixth Ring Road because the truck did not carry the rear numbers plate.



Kharbotli



Wage reforms needed: poll

'Fuel subsidy cuts will harm low income, migrant workers'

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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: In this week's Arab Times online poll, readers weighed in on the issue of fuel subsidy reform in Kuwait with the majority of voters expressing concern that it would severely affect low income and migrant workers.

In 2014, close to KD 4 billion, that constitutes 18% of government expenditures, accounts for 15% of oil revenues and 7.5 — 8 % of GDP, was spent on subsidies. But 35% of voters were not in favour of a fuel subsidy reform as it would lay a heavy burden on low income and migrant workers and another 20% voiced concerns that the increase in fuel prices would have a big impact on inflation.

"The cost of living in Kuwait is high today even for expatriate families that have double incomes because rents have escalated, commodity prices have increased and expense for even essential services has soared. I can't imagine the effect raising the price of petrol would have on the disposable income of families here", a voter shared.

"I think the government should work towards wage reform if they want to remove fuel subsidy. Otherwise, how will low income workers cope with this?", another reader commented.

Another 15% felt that the removal of the fuel subsidy is not logical because government itself is a major producer and 10% of respondents felt that the government should explore alternative sources of energy that are more sustainable in the long run.

"I think the government should be exploring alternative energy sources now,

the air quality in Kuwait is really appalling. We need a energy solution with low carbon emissions", a respondent shared.

Only 8% were in favour of subsidy reform, pointing to the fall in oil prices. Several projections indicate that the price of oil will stay below \$70 for the next five years and there are fears that Kuwait's national budget, after accounting for transfers to the Fund for Future Generations, will move into a substantial deficit and the current account surplus will decline sharply.

5% hoped that it would curb overconsumption and increase efficiency. Petrol prices in Kuwait are 66% below US prices before taxes in 2015 and below the GCC average by 20%. The per capita consumption amounts to 10 tonnes of oil equivalent, while the world average is 4 tonnes. Kuwait is thus the 6th largest consumer on the per capita basis in a survey of 67 countries. Moreover, the growth of energy consumption is close to 1% per annum while in most developed countries, it is negative.

"If you look at Kuwaiti society at both individual and industrial levels, there is over consumption of resources, be it gas, electricity or water. We aren't driving cars that are fuel efficient, we are not using production processes that are efficient. There is a lot of waste and we need to change our attitude", a concerned individual shared.

Another 7% of voters were dismissive of fuel subsidy reform as there was no guarantee that the money will not be used inefficiently or exploited by corrupt leaders.

"I think removing the fuel subsidy will create a lot of resentment among the people in Kuwait because there is no assurance that the revenues gained from removing the subsidy would not be misused", a reader pointed out.



A fireman tackles the tanker fire.

KFSD photo

Expat dies in lift shaft fall

A European died when he fell down the elevator shaft —from the sixth to the first floor — inside a building in Maidan Hawally.

In a press statement, Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) revealed a rescue team from Salmiya Fire Center rushed to the location after receiving information on the incident.

It has been reported that the rescue operation lasted for two hours and the team had to use a special machine in getting the victim's remains from the elevator shaft.

A case was registered and investigations are ongoing to determine circumstances leading to the European's death.

Meanwhile, Mina Abdullah firefighters extinguished the fire that engulfed a water tanker in Mina Abdullah.

The firefighters rushed to the location after receiving a distress call and they were able to prevent the fire from spreading to other vehicles near the tanker.

No casualties or injuries were reported while investigations are underway to determine the actual cause of fire.

News in Brief

'Beware fire incidents': Public Relations and Media Department Director at Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) Colonel Khalil Al-Amir has warned about recurring incidents during Eid holidays like children playing with fireworks or using elevators alone, indicating such acts might endanger their lives.

He instructed all fire centers to be ready to deal with fire incidents and prevent fire not only during holidays but all the time. He also advised parents and owners of real estate properties to ensure that elevators are well maintained and functioning to prevent accidents. He pointed out there are standards and specifications that should be followed in the installation and maintenance of elevators.

Position misused: Personnel from the Residence Affairs Department are trying to identify a female employee working at one of the Citizen's Service Offices for granting residence permit to an Indian on the sponsorship of a citizen without his knowledge, reports Al-Rai daily.

The citizen was shocked when he found the Indian under his sponsorship since February 2015. Police are also looking for the Indian.

Couple in trouble: The patrolmen affiliated to the Nugra Police Station have arrested a Kuwaiti woman for driving against the flow of traffic and not possessing identification documents, reports Al-Rai daily.

The woman then called her husband who arrived with the marriage contract and her civil ID. However, when police checked the marriage contract, the names on the documents did not tally and also found out her husband also was wanted by law.

Jahra mishap

Two drivers dead

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: Two drivers, one of them Asian, died on the spot following a head-on collision reports Al-Anba daily.

The accident took place in Jahra. Both men were trapped inside the wreck of their trucks and police had to seek the firemen to cut through the metal and pull out the remains.

Meanwhile, the corpse of an unidentified Asian has been referred to Forensics to identify the cause of death, reports Al-Anba daily.

The victim was found dead on a street in Maidan Hawally. Police have not ruled out murder.

Initial reports show the suspect had died 15 hours before his corpse was found.

Barber in rape: Police have arrested a Pakistani barber for allegedly raping a 9-year-old Syrian boy, reports Al-Anba daily.


The arrest came after the father filed a complaint with the Taima Police Station accusing the barber of raping the boy inside his shop.

The boy has been referred to Forensics.

Meanwhile, a female prison supervisor was arrested in possession of three mobile phones, two chargers and other items, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to security sources, the woman was granted permission to visit her husband who is an inmate in the Central Prison.





Car items stolen: Police are looking for an unidentified burglar for breaking into the car of a Kuwaiti which was parked by the side of a cafe in Salmiya and stole KD 4,900 cash, personal IDs and a smart phone, reports Al-Anba daily.









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