

Court Cases

Marriage dissolved

Arrest orders, travel ban on 900,000 Kuwaitis and expats

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KUWAIT CITY, Jan 29: General Department of Execution at Ministry of Justice issued 900,000 orders for arrest, detention and travel ban against some Kuwaiti and expatriate debtors against whom several financial-related cases running into millions of dinars were registered.

According to a source, the department issued 89,854 travel ban orders, as well as arrest and detention orders against 90,178 debtors. This is in addition to execution of detention of 605,241 people who were indebted to individuals. Cars belonging to 110,948 people were impounded over similar cases.

The source said the department received 112,812 travel ban requests out of which 89,854 were approved. It declined similar requests against 22,958 debtors because they either started or completed the procedures for payment of debts before any action could be taken on the cases.

He indicated that 59,890 out of the total 110,948 seized cars were released after the owners settled the debts.

**Marriage dissolved:** The Family Court dissolved the marriage of a couple and obliged the wife to return the dowry amounting to KD 6,000 while revoking all her legal rights associated to the marriage.

Attorney Mubarak Al-Khashab, who represented the husband in court, presented evidence of damages suffered by his client due to the actions of the wife such as having photos with other men, threats and kidnapping of their son.

The court granted the divorce after a thorough analysis of evidence and arguments presented by both sides, along with the report of the Family Consultation which proved the wife was at fault.

**'Gravel' case won:** In a unique judicial verdict in Kuwait, the Court of First Instance has ordered Ministry of Public Works to pay KD 5001 temporary compensation to a Kuwaiti woman after she filed a lawsuit against the ministry holding it respon-

sible for the damage to her car because of the flying gravel, reports Al-Rai daily.

The court has also ordered the ministry to pay the court expenses and KD 100 attorney fees.

The Kuwaiti woman in her complaint said the gravel caused serious damage to her car when she drove from her house in Mubarak Al-Kabir to Hawalli.

**Verdict overturned:** The Misdemeanor Court of Appeals overturned the verdict issued by the Court of First Instance which fined three expatriates who were accused of defamation, and instead acquitted them.

According to the case file, the plaintiff accused a man and two women of using bad words and insulting her telephonically.

The defense counsel Lawyer Abdulrahman Al-Watari explained that the plaintiff is the owner of a hair saloon. One of his clients went to the saloon for some hair treatment but she was shocked when her hair fell completely after the treatment. Her husband and friend tried to contact the owner of the saloon in order to find a solution to the problem but in vain. When they informed the owner about their intention to refer the issue to the customer protection department, she immediately filed this malicious case against the three in order to have an upper hand over the situation.

Lawyer Al-Watari said the case files lack any serious evidences against his clients, urging the court to acquit his clients.

**Woman acquitted:** The Misdemeanor Court acquitted a Kuwaiti woman who was accused of allegedly issuing two dud cheques worth KD 11,000 by using irregular signatures that would make it impossible for the supposed beneficiaries to be paid in the bank.

The defense counsel Lawyer Nawaf Al-Mahanadi explained the situation culminating into the case and urged the court to acquit his client. He explained that his client had lost her cheque book and reported the loss.



KFSD photos Acting Director General of the Fire Management Department at Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) Major General Khaled Yousef Al-Tarkeet inaugurated the Communication and Control System Training Hall at the Firefighting Center in Kabad. This will pave way for the implementation of the unified communications system to ensure public safety through its capacity to establish contact and control links between the Central Operations Unit and fire stations. The hall will serve as a venue for training programs designed to enhance the skills of those in charge of operating the system.

Two Indians dead, six hurt in bus, car crash on Kabad Road

Situation worsens in health insurance crisis

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 29: Two Indians died and six others were seriously injured following a dual collision between a bus and a car in Kabad, reports Al-Anba daily.

As soon as the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry received information, personnel from the Criminal Evidences Department rushed to the site of the crash and referred the injured to the Jahra Hospital.

The remains of the two men have been referred to Forensics.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian, Abdulbasit Omar, on whom a missing persons report was filed by his brother at the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh Police Station, has died, reports Al-Rai daily.

He was reportedly run over by an unidentified runaway motorist in Amghara.

Without going into details the daily said the victim was rushed to the intensive care unit of the Jahra Hospital and he reportedly succumbed to his injuries after 10 days.

In the complainant, the Egyptian said his 53-year-old relative living in Hassawi left for work on Jan 14, and was not heard of since then.

**Crisis continues:** For the 10th day consecutive day since the termination of the health insurance contract with Public Services Company, the crisis continues with the queue in insurance centers getting longer and the situation has turned from worse to worst, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The company is allegedly taking advantage of the situation to put pressure on the Ministry of Health to regret its decision to terminate the contract but informed health sector sources stressed that Minister of Health Dr Jamal Al-Harbi will not regret his decision.



Photo by Mahmoud Jadeed The health insurance crisis continues as long queues of expatriates can be seen waiting for their turn despite coming early in the morning.

Sources presented some suggestions to address the problem such as temporary de-linking of health assurance from residency-related procedures until the problem is resolved, issuing stamps for the corresponding medical insurance fee and distribution of these stamps in designated areas.

On the legal aspect of the issue, sources pointed out the ministry has the right to sue the concerned company for committing violations.

People who were in line at Al-Jabriya Health Insurance Center talked about their dilemma as they have been visiting the center in the morning and afternoon daily for one week now but their transactions have yet to be completed.

Others accused the employees of closing the doors during regular hours and opening doors after these hours. One of the visitors revealed his resi-

dency permit has expired and it has not been renewed although he is at the center every day.

It has been reported that the worsening situation in the center resulted in wrangles between visitors and employees, up to the point of calling police to handle the situation.

**Forgers under probe:** Personnel from General Department for Residency Affairs Investigation have referred an Asian and two Egyptians to the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh Police Station for forging official documents, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The arrest came after the concerned authorities received information about the involvement of the Egyptian in forging documents submitted to the General Department for Residency Affairs. Personnel from the Search and Investigations department then

discovered the main suspect was working in collusion with two others - an Egyptian and an Asian.

Police then searched the suspects and seized from them forged seals.

**Two held with drugs:** Personnel from the Hawally Security Department have arrested two Kuwaitis for possessing and consuming drugs, reports Al-Rai daily.

Police have seized from the two men sachets of some kind of chemical and cigarettes filled with the drugs.

The arrest came during routine check in Salmiya. The man behind the wheel was ordered to pull over for reckless driving and while checking the licence, police discovered he was abnormal.

The two suspects and the contraband have been referred to the General Department for Drugs Control.



A dragonfly sitting on the stem of a plant.

KUNA photo

KD 11,000 stolen from car

Asian expat dead in bathroom

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KUWAIT CITY, Jan 29: An Asian expatriate was found dead inside a bathroom near a mosque in Al-Sadiq area.

According to sources, when the Control Room of Kuwait Fire Service Directorate received information about a man staying inside a bathroom near the mosque for a long time, firefighters, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the location. They forced open the door to find an Asian expatriate dead inside the bathroom.

The corpse was referred to the Forensics Department to determine the cause of death.

**KD 11,000 stolen:** An unknown individual broke into a Bangladeshi expatriate's vehicle and stole KD 11,000 in Fahaheel area.

According to security sources, the victim explained to securitymen that he went to a bank in Fahaheel area to cash in a cheque of KD 11,000. He then placed the money under the seat in his vehicle and went to a nearby market for shopping. When he returned, he was shocked to notice the glass of his vehicle was broken. He checked for the money but it was missing. He immediately notified securitymen about the theft.

Securitymen lifted fingerprints to identify the suspect. A criminal case was filed against the unknown suspect.

News in Brief

**Garages fined:** During a surprise inspection campaign organized by the General Security Sector of the Ministry of Interior, inspectors are said to have issued citations to several garages in the Sulabiya Industrial Area for repairing damaged cars without obtaining a permit from the Interior Ministry investigator, reports Al-Anba daily.

The campaign was organized after the security authorities received a report from several people that the garages were repairing cars involved in accidents without permission from the Ministry of Interior.

The source said the punishment will be meted out to both the owner of the garage and the owner of the car.

**Factories in breach:** Personnel from the Public Authority for Industry have issued citations for 13 factories in the

Shuwaikh Industrial Area for violating industrial law, reports Al-Shahed daily.

According to reports the factories were engaging in unlicensed professions such as blacksmith and turnery.

The source indicated the owners of the factories have been warned of serious consequences if they do not abide by the laws.

**Drugs confiscated:** Custom officers at the Kuwait International Airport recently foiled the attempt of an Egyptian man to smuggle drugs into the country hidden in his baggage, reports Al-Qabas daily.

During interrogation the suspect is said to have admitted to the charge of smuggling and consuming drugs.

The contraband and the suspect have been referred to the General Department for Drugs Control.

'Risk to her, and her baby high on Nauru'

'Take 'Kuwaiti' woman to Brisbane for delivery'

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 29: Doctors have pleaded for a heavily pregnant refugee on Nauru island facing a complex and possibly life-threatening birth to be moved to an Australian hospital, reports Al-Rai daily quoting BuzzFeed website.

The woman is a 37-year-old Kuwaiti and more than 35 weeks pregnant. Her baby is in breech and she has a large fibroid or benign tumor on the wall of her uterus. She has previously had a miscarriage on Nauru. However, the website is unsure whether the woman is a Kuwaiti or a resident in Kuwait. But the Australian government says she must deliver her baby on Nauru, saying there are 'comprehensive' medical services available on the island. The woman,

whom the Guardian has chosen not to name, has been prescribed the antidepressant drug Citalopram, a pregnancy class C medication that, Australian guidelines state, has "caused or may be suspected of causing, harmful effects on the human fetus".

According to the drug's manufacturer, possible effects on the newborn include persistent pulmonary hypertension, respiratory distress, cyanosis, apnea, seizures, temperature instability, feeding difficulty, vomiting and hypoglycemia among others.

The Guardian has confirmed the woman remains on Nauru, despite medical transfer flights leaving the island this week.

"Meanwhile, it has been reported the Department of Immigration and

Border Protection does not comment on individuals' medical situations.

The department's chief medical officer, Dr John Brayley, was made aware of the woman's impending complex delivery a month ago.

In subsequent correspondence sent last week, the president of Doctors for Refugees, Dr Barri Phatarfod, told Brayley: "We have discussed this case with Australian obstetric specialists who all agree that she should definitely come to Australia for the delivery, cautioning that elective breech vaginal deliveries have recently had some quite adverse outcomes in Australia and that any external cephalic version (manually turning a breech baby) attempt should only be done by experienced

obstetricians in the presence of an operating theatre and team ready to proceed to immediate caesarean section and with appropriate neonatal expertise and facilities on hand.

The risks to her life, and to her baby's life, are very significant. Phatarfod told the Guardian that the woman faced a "very complex delivery".

"The risks to her life, and to her baby's life, are very significant," she said. "In pregnancy, and in the delivery of babies, when things go wrong, they can go dreadfully wrong.

But she can be given the best possible care very simply by being brought to Australia. Fly her to Brisbane and allow her to deliver at the Mater (hospital in Sydney) or the RBH (in Brisbane)."