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Left: KFSD and bank officials pose after the fire drill conducted at the Kuwait Credit Bank, and (right), after the fire drill at the Al-Kout Mall in Fahaheel.



KFSD photos

KFSD conducts drills to improve skills, readiness of firefighters

Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) conducted a drill inside the building of Kuwait Credit Bank opposite the KFSD building in the presence of high-ranking fire officials, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The drill was based on a simulated scenario of a fire incident on the third floor of the building with a number of people trapped inside

one of the offices on the fourth floor of that building.

All employees were evacuated and gathered at the assembly point by the concerned team from Kuwait Credit Bank, before firefighters arrived at the location.

The firefighters were divided into two teams – for rescuing the trapped employees and for con-

taining the fire. Both teams managed to carry out their assigned tasks properly within a short time.

Brigadier Mohammad Al-Shatti affirmed that the drill was aimed to improve the skills and readiness of the firefighters with the cooperation of governmental authorities.

Also, Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD), as part of its

training plan for the year 2017 for increasing the level of professionalism among firefighters, carried out a fire drill at Al-Kout Mall in Fahaheel area.

According to a press release issued by KFSD, the drill was based on a simulated scenario which began with a distress call about a fire that broke out in the mall. Fire-

fighters from Fahaheel Fire Station under the command of Major Abdullah Al-Sheshtari rushed to the location in record time. Immediately, teams were made for rescue and fire extinguishing operations.

The entire mall was evacuated with the help of mall guards. The fire was extinguished within a short

time and those injured in the incident were treated.

The drill was conducted by the Head of Fahaheel Fire Station Lieutenant Colonel Tariq Al-Wehaib. At the end of the drill, he thanked the participating bodies including the Medical Emergency teams and the management of Al-Kout Mall.

Court adjourns to May 24 to hear 'appeal' in Filipina DAESH case

Arguments in Assembly storming case to be heard May 31, June 7

By Jaber Al-Hamoud
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KUWAIT CITY, May 11: The Court of Appeals presided over by Judge Nasser Al Hayd has adjourned to May 24 the appeal filed by the Public Prosecution against the verdict issued by the Court of First Instance which sentenced a Filipina DAESH member to ten-year imprisonment with hard labor, followed by

deportation.

According to the case file, the suspect was arrested after detectives discovered her alleged membership of the outlawed DAESH group with her plan to perpetrate terrorist acts to destabilize the national security.

The woman had allegedly joined the group through her Somali husband who is fighting alongside other members of the DAESH organizations. This information was gathered from her social media interactions on her laptop.

Assembly storming case: The Court of Appeals presided over by Judge Ibrahim Al-Abeed adjourned to May 31 the hearing of the prosecution arguments, and to June 7 the hearing of the defense arguments in a case filed against 70 citizens including former MPs who were accused of storming the National Assembly building among other accusations.

According to the case file, the Public Prosecution accused them of trespassing into state property with intention to destruction, and assaulting members of the National Guard in charge of the security of the Parliament building. When the guards barred the suspects from entering the parliament building, they violently assaulted the guards, causing them injuries as described in the medical reports.

The Public Prosecution appealed against the verdict of the lower court, which had acquitted the suspects from all charges leveled against them in this regard. It instead pleaded for harsh sentencing of the defendants.

Housing welfare for women: The Constitutional Court set May 17, 2017 for hearing on a lawsuit filed by Attorney Mona Al-Arbash concerning housing welfare for Kuwaiti women.

According to the case file, the lawyer questioned loopholes in the Housing Welfare Law enacted in 2016. She complained the law gave Kuwaiti widows an option to maintain ownership of the house or remarry, adding remarrying nullifies right of the widow to ownership of the house.

The second petition is against a clause that allows children of a Kuwaiti woman married to a foreigner to live in their mother's house for one year only after her death. The law stipulates the government has right to seize the house after this period. She argued this decision contravenes the right of children to inheritance and ownership.

In the third petition, Al-Arbash expressed objection to gender discrimination among Kuwaitis. She complained the law disallows Kuwaiti women married to expatriates to apply for housing grant at the Public Authority for Housing Welfare in the form of land, house, apartment and loan. She regards this clause a violation of the principle of equality, noting it is tantamount to an affront on the right of choosing the husband as enshrined in Article 30 of the Constitution.



The completely burnt out car.

Photo by Iehab Qurtal

Fire engulfs 2017 model car

By Munaif Nayef
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Fire engulfs a new car of 2017 model while it was parked in front of a stable.

According to sources, when the Control Room of Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) received information about a car on fire, firefighters rushed to the location with securitymen and extinguished the fire within a short time.

The owner of the vehicle who is a GCC expatriate revealed that he had purchased the car just few days back. Investigations indicated the possibility that the car was intentionally set on fire. The owner did not suspect anyone of setting his car on fire.

A case has been registered and investigations are ongoing to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Other Voices

Arabs and conspiracy theory (Part 2)

By Ahmed Al-Sarraf

IN THE article written by Mohammad Al-Hashmi for the news website "Shafaf", he wondered about the role played by Arab leaders during the period that determined the destiny of the entire Arab world.

There is no doubt that such a role was nil, as their abilities are very low compared to that of the Jewish leaders. On one hand, the Jewish leaders possessed outstanding qualifications that paved their way for establishing good relations with the international powers. On the other hand, the then Arab leaders had limited abilities and short-sightedness. The weakness of their abilities led them to repeat their mistakes over and over again. Unfortunately, we are still paying costly prices for their stubborn stances and wastage of opportunities.

The recent stance of Hamas can be considered as an example in this regard. Hamas accepted the establishment of a state on part of the Palestinian land. It then changed its mind after witnessing massive sacrifices represented by massacre of thousands of victims and the financial costs incurred as well as spoiling the future of millions of Palestinian children.

The writer Mohammad Al-Hashmi continues by asking how countries like the United States of America, Britain and France sympathize with Arab countries while the then Mufti of Palestine had supported Hitler and even met him although Hitler was their top enemy who caused the death of about 50 million people due to his crazy dreams.

There are about 15 million Jews in the entire world while Arabs are 400 million and Muslims are more than one billion. The Jewish people have been

exposed to massacre and displacement throughout their history. Eventually they realized that they need to depend on their intelligence, scientific skills and knowledge to compensate for their low population. In less than 100 years, they managed to realize many achievements in all fields including physics, mathematics, chemistry, medicine, economy and philosophy.

Al-Hashmi revealed that the inception of this strategy was during a Zionist conference held at Basel in 1897 when Arabs had no voice and had zero achievements to its credit.

We talk too much about the so called "Crimes of the Jews" but no Jews, Christians, communists or any others have hurt Arabs as severely as Arabs hurt themselves.

In conclusion, let us imagine a situation whereby the land of Palestine has become empty after 100 years while the Arabs and Israel are still disputing over it. If the judge is the West, on whose favor will the decision be?

The answer is too obvious but painful at the same time. It is no longer a matter of rights. It has nothing to do with our sympathy for the right of the Palestinians in their own land. It is linked to the interests of countries and the method used by countries to deal with each other.

It is said that there is no eternal enmity but there are eternal interests. Considering this, we can see that the Balfour Declaration was issued in favor of the more powerful party.

If we want Palestine back, we must stop crying over spilled milk. It is not enough to just be right but we have to seek the power of science, cultural advancement and participation in human heritage. This is the only way the world will support us. I do not know when this will happen especially since many among us consider Ibn Rushed, Al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, Al-Khwarizmi and other scientists whom we are proud of as infidels and atheists.

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Airport Security officers talking to the passengers after the computer malfunction.

Computer glitch at airport causes confusion

The computer system at Kuwait International Airport malfunctioned, causing confusion among passengers especially when the Interior Ministry asked airline companies to postpone some of their flights.

Several passengers expressed disappointment over the glitch for fear of missing their connecting flights. Fortunately, everything went back to normal immediately after fixing the glitch.

The statistics issued by the Airport Passports Department

affiliated to the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation on the arrival and departure of passengers through the Kuwait International Airport in April 2017 show 23,984 passengers from GCC countries used the airport, 366,310 Kuwaitis and 643,546 passengers of other nationalities.

The statistics also pointed out the department issued 44,019 visas on arrival, 68 people who had been deported and arrived at the airport by forging travel documents were arrested and

also arrested nine forgers and three people were arrested for attempting to leave the country on passports not belonging to them.

Moreover, the travel ban on 1,341 persons was lifted; 175 persons were referred to relevant security authorities for involvement in various crimes; 186 people contacted the Airport Passport Department and 10 persons who were banned from traveling were allowed to enter the country. (Agencies)

Egyptian dies in accident; Indian escapes with KD 4,450

Landmine blast kills Sudanese shepherd

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KUWAIT CITY, May 11: A landmine exploded in Al-Abraq area in Salmi desert, resulting in the death of a 35-year old Sudanese camel herder and serious injuries to a Bangladeshi camel herder.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the accident, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the location to discover one of the camel-herders – a Sudanese national – died on the spot while the other – a Bangladeshi – sustained serious injuries.

The corpse of the deceased victim was referred to the Forensics Department while the injured victim was referred to Jahra Hospital for treatment.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the landmine was a remnant of the Iraqi invasion in Kuwait. A case was registered and further investigations are ongoing in this regard.

Meanwhile, a 28-year old Egyptian expatriate died and another sustained serious injuries in a traffic accident that took place on Abdali Road.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the accident, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the location to discover one of the victims had died on the spot while the other sustained serious injuries.

The corpse of the deceased was referred to the Foren-

sics Department while the injured victim was referred to Jahra Hospital for treatment.

A case was registered and securitymen took necessary action in this regard.

Meanwhile, an Asian expatriate miraculously escaped death when his vehicle split into two parts after colliding with another vehicle on Wafra Road.

Paramedics referred the victim to Adan Hospital for treatment of the minor injuries he sustained.

Rent money stolen: A Kuwaiti real estate owner has filed a complaint with the Jabriya Police Station accusing his Indian building guard of betrayal of trust, reports Al-Anba daily.

The man said the suspect collected KD 4,450 in rent money and left the country. In his complaint the man said the incident happened when he was abroad.

The Indian guard has been blacklisted.

Female relatives reported: A Kuwaiti citizen in his 30s filed a case against two of his female relatives, accusing them of beating him and damaging his vehicle which was parked in front of his house in Qairawan area.

According to security sources, securitymen, while checking the vehicle, noticed blood on it and questioned the citizen about it. He revealed that the blood was of one of the suspects.

which revealed his modus operandi – the contraband is hidden in postal parcels. He was arrested after the officers obtained a warrant.

During interrogation, the suspect admitted to selling drugs so he was referred to the relevant security unit along with the confiscated items.

Meanwhile, police have arrested an unidentified bedoun for trafficking in drugs and narcotic pills, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added the suspect was arrested in the Jahra Industrial Area after he made a desperate attempt to escape from the law.

The daily quoting security sources said police saw the suspect seated in a car in a suspicious manner near the Jahra Industrial Area late at night.

When he was asked what he was doing there at a late, hour, the man fumbled for an answer and to the contrary tried in vain to escape.

As he ran for his life, he threw something in the garbage bin and continued running. Police wrestled him to the ground and picked up what was dumped in the garbage bin – KD 1,500, proceeds from sale of drugs, one kilo of shabu, pieces of hashish and 122 narcotic pills.

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

KD 1,500, one kilo shabu, 122 narcotic pills seized from bedoun

Securitymen arrest citizen with 3.5-kg of hashish, cocaine

KUWAIT CITY, May 11: A Kuwaiti was arrested for drug trafficking with 3.5 kgms of hashish, cocaine, some chemical substances and materials used for manufacturing hashish in his possession, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Acting on information that the suspect receives drugs from other countries through air cargo companies, the Drug Control General Department put him under surveillance

Arab expat offers woman KD 50 for 'fun'

By Meshal Al-Sanousi
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KUWAIT CITY, May 11: A Filipina woman filed a case against an Arab expatriate who insisted she visit him in his flat in Fahaheel area for immoral activities and promised to pay her KD 50.

The woman, who works for a domestic labor office, explained to securitymen that the suspect visited the office and requested for a housemaid. He took her mobile number for discussing details of the transaction.

However, he called her at night and urged her to have a sexual affair with him. When she refused, he visited her the next day at the office and demanded she visit his flat in Fahaheel area, promising to pay her KD 50 for sex. She refused, requesting him to leave the office. When the suspect kept calling her mobile phone, she decided to go to the nearest police station and file a case against him.

Securitymen called the suspect on his mobile phone but it was switched off. They launched investigations to find and arrest him.