

Other Voices

Application elusive

'Jedea' and expatriates

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

Anyone who attacks and criticizes the expatriates in the belief they are taking the jobs away from citizens is disdainful and incapable of doing anything worthy.

This person may be seeking fame and might have got the votes of the ignorant people and the mobs, while he is undoubtedly aware that these expatriates did not force their way into our country.

They did not oblige us to accept them or stormed into our land and air or violated our borders and forced us to undergo medical tests or examine their security and criminal records and then placed residence stickers on their passports.

We are the ones who did all of this and accepted them because of our inability, unwillingness or failure to do the tasks that sometimes need hands and minds more often than not and between these and those we cannot do such tasks.

The state-owned Industrial Institute of Shuwaikh which opened its doors in the 1950s, trained hundreds of Kuwaiti technicians, they graduated from this institute but failed to provide anything worthwhile to any of our facilities even to one of them after millions of dinars were spent to train them. The whole country has been hit by this failure and perhaps the education and the oil sectors were hardest hit.

Ahmad Al-Arbeed wrote an article in Al-Qabas on August 27 under the title 'Jedea al-Mutairi', a man equal to a thousand men. He stated that he met Jedea, the Kuwaiti working in the Kuwait Oil Company and the latter took Arbeed on a tour of the oil facilities. He learned from this semi-literate worker a lot which he did not even learn even from a graduate of the American University and at the end of the article Al-Arbeed praised Jedea and described him as 'thousand men'. But what is next?

Mr Al-Arbeed was promoted and became Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kuwait Oil Company, as Chairman and Managing Director of

other oil companies, but he did not do anything either to Jedea or to hundreds of men like him who worked with dedication and sincerity in the company.

Perhaps it is not the fault of Jedea but it is still the fault of the government and policies of dispensing with the services of the citizen, replacing him with a thousand expatriates to satisfy the MPs and the influential people who employ those who they want.

The story of Jedea is impressive but it did nothing to urge Arbeed or other heads of companies and ministers to put in place the proper and practical programs to train national cadres within long-term programs.

We show no urgency in applying the policy of replacing without proper qualification and training as was the case in the program of Khalid Al-Masoud, which is related to the Kuwaitization of the education sector. The result was disastrous, and we continue to pay for it, and we hope that the same mistake will not be repeated in the draft of Minister Azab concerning shortening the term of prosecutors and the urgency of promoting them to become judges.

Yes, Jedea was a man equal to a thousand men, so he had to go so that they could put a thousand men in his place.

The funny, but sad thing is that Mr Al-Arbeed was behind the idea of making Kuwait the oil capital of the world and said this depends primarily on the national human element to be the cornerstone of development in the coming years, but he may have forgotten that he had already sacrificed Jedea and others and replaced them with expatriates, perhaps for his own ambitions, or perhaps in response to the pressures of his religious political party, or the government and MPs.

Conclusion: Setting up ideas is beautiful, writing articles easy, demonstrating administrative muscles is the easiest, but the lesson to be learnt is in the application.

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Kuwait City during the blue hour, which refers to the period of twilight, in the morning and evening, when the sun is at a significant depth below the horizon, which takes on a predominantly blue shade. (Abdulrazzaq Saleh — KUNA)

Indians stealing, providing public sat channels caught

Bachelors target as robberies see steep rise

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: Personnel from the Criminal Investigations Department headed by Acting Director-General Major-General Mohammad Al-Sharhan have arrested a gang of Indians for trespassing into the basic broadcasting offices of a company and gave channels connection to a number of buildings in Salmiya illegally and earning KD 70,000 monthly, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the Criminal Investigations Department had received a report on the gang last Ramadan about the illegal activity in Salmiya. The gang had allegedly connected 55 satellite channels owned by a local company to residential buildings illegally, a crime which falls under the category of piracy of intellectual property.

The sources said intensive investigations revealed the identity of three Indians who were active for the past 8 months and had allegedly made their headquarters in one of the residential buildings in Salmiya complete with broadcasting and decryption devices to penetrate the basic transmission of the authorized company.

The source added that tracking cables showed the Indians used the infrastructure of the Ministry of Communications to connect the services to the buildings and the gang paid some money every month to the caretaker of the building to keep their secret.

Robbery on rise: A total of 250 robberies in 'broad daylight' have been recorded at various police stations in Kuwait during the first eight months of 2017, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to sources some areas are fertile ground for such crimes due to the lack of security presence -- areas such as Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh, Taima, Khaitan and others.

The source explained most of the suspects are jobless persons and others who are already noted criminals.

Most of the crimes are committed after impersonating police targeting the homes of 'bachelors'.

In most cases, the suspects steal money and cell phones and other valuables after threatening to cause them harm.

To put an end to this phenomenon, more security measures and the development of an integrated plan are needed by the Interior Ministry in cooperation with the other competent authorities.

Bid to counter radicals: The director of the Moderation Center at



The T-90 MS tank during a manoeuvre.

Kuwait-Russia deal for tanks by year-end

The contract with Kuwait for the delivery of the T-90MS/MSK tanks can be signed before the end of this year, Russian presidential aide for military and technical cooperation Vladimir Kozhin told TASS on Tuesday.

"The contract has not been signed yet, but I reckon it will materialize by the end of this year, bearing in mind the partners great interest and the active negotiating process," Kozhin said.

He added that the contract for providing T-90S tanks to Vietnam was signed last March and it is being implemented. "The dates

will depend mostly on the manufacturers," he explained.

Meanwhile, the United States and Kuwait governments signed a Customs Mutual Assistance Agreement (CMAA) on Sept 7, taking steps to collaborate on security and trade facilitation.

US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Acting Commissioner Kevin McAleenan and Director General of Kuwait General Administration of Customs Jamal Al Jalawi signed the agreement.

"We value our partnership with Kuwait in pursuing our mutual goals of stronger law enforce-

ment and a more resilient and secure supply chain," McAleenan said in a statement. "These agreements form sound legal frameworks on a wide range of issues, including securing our borders against terrorists and combatting drug traffickers. This collaboration and cooperation will enable us -- and generations after us to work more effectively to prevent, detect, and investigate customs offenses.

The United States has now signed 80 CMAAs with other customs administrations worldwide. (KUNA)

they were running a factory for manufacturing liquor, reports Al-Nahar daily.

According to security sources, when Ahmadi Security Directorate received information about a factory of locally manufactured liquor in Al-Zour area, a team was formed for investigations.

After verifying the tip-off and taking necessary measures, the house was raided after which securitymen arrested three Asian expatriates and confiscated huge quantity of liquor along with barrels and brewery equipment.

Man doing drugs: A Kuwaiti citizen was arrested in Hawally area for consuming and possessing drugs, reports Al-Shahed daily.

He was driving down a road in Hawally when he attracted the attention of a patrol team, as he was in a disoriented state. When securitymen searched him, they found hashish in his possession.

Court Cases

Court acquits singer

'Terror' hearing on Oct 17

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: The Criminal Court adjourned to Oct 17 the case filed against a young Kuwaiti woman who was accused of joining an illegal organization in Sinai Governorate in Egypt. The case was adjourned for presentation of the defense documents, reports Al-Anba daily.

The Public Prosecution had charged the young woman of belonging to an illegal organization with the aim of destroying the country's basic systems and jeopardizing the country's political relations with a friendly country.

The suspect revealed details about her departure from the country, explaining that the members of the organization had tricked her. After discovering their false slogans, she had refused to carry out any of the operations they demanded. They then detained her until her father paid KD 5,000 for her release.

Singer acquitted: The Misdemeanor Court of Appeals cancelled the verdict issued by a lower court which sentenced a Kuwaiti singer to three-month imprisonment for allegedly insulting and threatening a police officer in a popular commercial complex. The court instead acquitted him due to lack of evidences, reports Al-Anba daily.

The police officer had filed a complaint

against the singer, explaining that he tried to intervene in a quarrel, which broke out in a commercial complex, with the intention of resolving it. However, the singer insulted and threatened him using words and gestures.

The singer denied the allegations, accusing the officer of verbally abusing him.

The court also acquitted the officer.

Penalty withheld: The Criminal Court refrained from penalizing two citizens who were accused of assaulting a Syrian citizen which resulted in 15 percent permanent disability. The court ordered the two defendants to pay a warrant of KD 300 and maintain good conduct for a period of one year, says Al-Seyassah.

The court said the ruling was influenced by lack of proper investigations by the detectives, which was highlighted by the defense lawyer Mohammad Al-Husseini.

He also highlighted the existence of five medical reports and several contradicting statements, stressing that the Public Prosecution depended only on plaintiff's statements without any witnesses or any other presumptions.

Lawyer Al-Husseini also stressed the lack of substantial evidences and criminal intent for the defendants to commit similar crime, revealing about reconciliation between his clients and the plaintiff.

News in Brief

Lawyer sues firm: Lawyer Bushra Al-Hindal has filed a lawsuit on behalf of a number of citizens against a contracting company, accusing the latter of deceiving her clients, as the company did not fulfill its pledges and kept on procrastinating, says Al-Seyassah.

Lawyer Al-Hindal explained that the company, which was assigned to complete some construction and renovation projects, used to complete part of the work on time after receiving the agreed amounts, and then suspended the works. This practice of the company caused much trouble for her clients. Even if the company finished a project, it was not in par with the agreed technical quality.

She said she sought to refer the issue to the court after friendly discussions with the company had failed in fixing the issue.

3 Kuwaitis held: A Kuwaiti citizen, who is wanted by law for a financial case worth KD 70,000, was arrested in Jahra area, says Al-Seyassah. He was referred to the Sentences

Enforcement Department where necessary legal action will be taken.

In addition, two Kuwaiti citizens were arrested in Farwaniya area in possession of heroin, hashish, narcotic pills and drug paraphernalia.

At the time of the arrest, they were under narcotic influence.

They were referred to the Drugs Control General Department for necessary legal action.

Woman swindled: Personnel from the Criminal Investigations Department have arrested a young Kuwaiti who is well-known in social media circles for cheating a young Iranian woman, reports Annahar daily.

The suspect reportedly lured the victim to invest KD 10,000 in a project and disappeared after receiving the money.

The suspect was arrested after the woman filed a complaint against him.

Cross-dressers brawl: A quarrel broke out between a Syrian expatriate and two cross-dressers in front of a popular restaurant, resulting in injuries to one of the latter, says Al-Seyassah.

According to a security source, the two cross-dressers reported at Hawally Police Station that they were having their lunch in a restaurant when the suspect came there and started harassing and insulting them.

Citations issued in cafes raids

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: The Public Relations Department of Kuwait Municipality disclosed that the Emergency Team of Farwaniya Municipality conducted a three-hour inspection tour of shops and cafés in Ardiya area, reports Al-Anba daily.

The tour, which included inspection of 15 restaurants and cafés,

resulted in the issuance of eight citations against erecting and installing advertisements without obtaining municipal license.

A citation was issued against a shop for not placing an identification advertisement on the front of the shop. The team also issued six citations for advertisements with expired licenses.

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