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Undersecretary of Ministry of Interior (MoI) Lieutenant General Mahmood Al-Dosari (right), discussed cooperation with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Wang Di on Monday. In a press release, Security Media of the (MOI) said the two sides discussed cooperation in security fields to benefit from Chinese techniques to fight terrorism, drugs and cybercrimes. Lieut Gen Al-Dosari praised the strong historical relations between both countries in all ways, including security, hoping for more cooperation between both. (KUNA)

World asked to do more for Syria kids

Stop killings: Kuwait

GENEVA, Sept 18: Kuwait on Monday urged the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to look more closely and effectively into the situation of the children of Syria, which is deteriorating day by day.

The remarks were made by the permanent representative at the UN and international organizations Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim at talks with



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Kuwait's permanent representative at the UN Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim.

Schooling mullied

New hope for 'Bedoun'

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 18: Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Mohammad Al-Fares confirmed the ministry will study the issue of registration of bedoun students in government schools, reports Al-Qabas daily.

He said a decision is expected to be taken within a week. Al-Fares added information is being collected to determine the possibility of accepting bedoun students who meet the requirements such as being the sons and daughters of military personnel and others.

Al-Fares disclosed the five-year scholarships plan for required disciplines (specializations) linked to the needs of the civil service.

As an example, he said, the scholarships for mechanical engineering will be stopped because the output of our universities meets the need of the local market.

members of the UN fact-finding mission in Syria.

Speaking of the mission's report, he said it generates "sorrow" due to the many continuing instances of breaches to the basic rights of Syrians.

Kuwait called on all sides involved in the conflict to stop these breaches, and the international community to work towards a settlement that ends the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria.

On this, Al-Ghunaim particularly lamented the indiscriminate killing of civilians, particularly children, the elderly and women.

Regarding children, he said that around 7.5 million within Syria have witnessed nothing but war, while another 2.4 million currently reside in refugee camps.

He also revealed that some 54 percent of the 179 people killed in the Khan Sheikhouh chemical attack were children.

Schools are not protected as they should be under international law, he warned, as they are continuously targeted by airstrikes representing a stark breach of

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

Ordinary Syrian remains at receiving end

'Global double-standards policy lingers'

"ALL the international efforts including those exerted by the United States of America, Russia and some countries from Europe, have actually failed to settle the issues in Syria and this has significantly contributed to the aggravation of human rights and violation of the international human law in Damascus. The violation of the above represents the most distinguished aspect of the conflict," columnist and the chairman of the Kuwaiti Civil Concord, attorney Riyadh Al-Sanea wrote for *Al-Kuwaitiah* daily.

"The people are accustomed to listening or reading every morning the news coming from Syria about death and people fleeing to safety. The world seems to be no longer concerned about the guarantees given from time to time to protect human rights, rather the people are currently concerned about the stock market prices and the fluctuation in the oil prices in addition to new markets more than their concern to the human rights issue.

"In other words, it looks like our contemporary world no longer cares about international charters or world conventions and moral values, because they are apparently substitute by political conspiracies and economic benefits where the humans in the framework of such an equation is the cheapest and unsalable commodity.

"Speaking of Syria, the situations there are basically subjected to international bargaining. In other words, they are at the mercy of the influential nations, evaluations and agreements, because Syria has been transformed into a crippled country no longer capable of taking decisions independently.

"Not just that, the president of Syria at the moment can do nothing except for the implementation of foreign agendas dictated by foreign parties from time to time and the same is applicable to the Syrian opposition which are affiliated to the countries which supply its members with necessary funds and weapons.

"Given the above, the ordinary Syrians at the moment are the sole victims who are forced to leave their country seeking refuge in different camps and many of them are currently spending time in Western cafés as refugees recollecting their painful memories.

"As a matter of fact, both the government troops and their supporters and the armed opposition representing various denominations and belongings still impose a siege on civilian areas throughout Syria. The two warring parties, the government and the opposition, are currently preventing humanitarian aid from reaching areas under siege.

"Not only that the Syrians continue to suffer from a series of prejudices in the form of arbitrary arrests, maltreatment, torture and abduction. These violations are practiced against the Syrians in a methodical manner under the atmosphere of blanket turmoil and the Islamic State (IS) or the so-called 'DAESH' and al-Nusra Front which have separated from the al-Qaeda network continue to shell the civilians, abduct, detain and execute them in addition to imposing an illegal siege on them. Not just that, the Syrian civilians are still the victims of booby-traps on a daily basis.

"However, under such a catastrophic situation, the Kurdish Democratic Union Party, has managed to dominate vast areas in North Syria and this has added fuel to the fire of nationalistic emotions of the Kurds who are striving to unify the vision of the various Kurdish faction in the context of their attempts to translate their dream of founding the grand Kurdish state although this dream is currently rejected by Iraq, Turkey and Iran.

"Meanwhile, we have observed that the progress that has been realized by the Kurdish troops in North Syria, has resulted in many Arabs in that part of Syria leaving their areas due to persistent air force bombings, methodical ground bombing which coincides with the maltreatment, torture and abduction. Moreover, the relevant crisis has been aggravated by the shortage in international humanitarian assistance.

"In this context, we say while Russia and Iran are still supporting the government in Syria, we found the US and France are still waging war on terrorist organizations in Syria and this means the situations in Damascus shall remain ambiguous and unobvious, but what is obvious amid such a struggle is 'death' of human values, the international human rights law because dictatorship has introduced itself as anti-terrorism in the framework of a difficult equation which is a tragedy against humanity."

Also:

"The Arab world over many years is a victim of the contemporary history deemed the first of its kind in the Arab region except for the events that followed the Grand Arab Revolution in 1916 and Sykes/Picot Agreement," columnist *Mohammad Saleh Al-Sabti* wrote for *Al-Rai* daily.

"In this context, we elucidate both the Grand Arab Revolution and the Sykes/Picot Agreement between Britain and France changed the geography of the political powers in the Arab world where a completely new geography appeared in the wake of the above events.

"But for the time being we say the Arab world suffers from mass destruction that shall befall the political map. Moreover, this destruction is likely to befall the geographical map in this part of the world in view of the accelerating events currently taking place in many Arab countries.

"In the face of the crises which currently engulf Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Libya we wonder if the Gulf countries were supposed to politically intervene in these countries. Or they should hold themselves above such intervention? And would such an intervention or shunning the same affect our security and stability in the Gulf region? And what we would have to do to deal with the relevant crises and wars for the sake of protecting our security and stability?"

"It is needless to say all the GCC countries are affected in some or the other way from the repercussions and associations of the crises in question. Now since these crises have yet to see the light of day, we wonder if our attitude in dealing with the same was intact. And have we taken measures that should have been taken to deal with the same?"

"However, without going through more details, I hereby suggest that the studies centers and the decision-making centers should deeply and carefully study and answer the above questions to enable us to evaluate our attitudes towards the crises and revise the same — if any — simply because the price of the revision that is likely to be incorporated at the moment, shall remain cheaper than any price that is likely to be paid in the future.

"As a matter of fact, what has happened and continues to happen in our Arab world have reflected in large parts on our Gulf communities and their components at internal and external levels which suggests that the review of our attitudes towards the events in question to look for defects and points of power, shall remain the most significant and the biggest guarantee to avoid the negative effects of these attitudes."

"According to a recent report in *Aljarida* newspaper, there are 3,608 disability claimers who are receiving KD 15 million per year", *Saud Al-Samaka* wrote for *Al-Seyassah* daily.

"Furthermore, as per stories circulating concerning Ministry of Education and higher education institutes, there are plenty of holders of fake master-degree certificates.

"In addition, some statistics claim that the number of dual-citizenship holders in Kuwait is about 250,000 along with the "army" of residency traders.

"Why is the law being violated in such a rude manner? What is the reason behind the spread of such a devastating phenomenon? Who is the beneficiary?"

"This phenomenon is not only devastating but it is devastation itself. What does it mean when KD 15 million is paid by the state to those who do not deserve? What can we say about those who allowed those who failed and forged to educate our children? Who can explain the mysterious silence concerning the tens of thou-

sands of dual-citizenship holders who are enjoying the advantages of Kuwaiti citizenship illegally while living abroad and showing no loyalty to Kuwait?"

"Why are the residency traffickers left scot-free when they are destroying the international reputation of Kuwait? What prevents the opening and handling of those files based on the law? Some might argue that each file has huge numbers due to which the state authorities do not have sufficient capacity to handle them. In response to that argument, we say the files can be scheduled to be dealt with even if it takes the state four or five years to complete each file. It is better late than never. It is better to deal with the files even if it takes a long time, rather in procrastinating in doing so due to the time factor.

"The basic cause for all evil in Kuwait is the greediness to obtain citizenship illegally. Those who obtain citizenship illegally will never hesitate to obtain fake educational certificates as well. It will also not hurt their conscience if they pretend to suffer from disabilities just to receive some money illegally.

"We have been waiting for the fruits of the enthusiasm shown by both the executive and legislative authorities during the session allocated for the reform of the Citizenship Law. What has happened to that enthusiasm? Has it evaporated?"

"The major sin of the Kuwaiti government is that it has opened the door to receiving foreign complaints against its citizens who do not have any official executive status under the pretext of abusing relations with other countries. This has resulted in the loss of a bright future for some of these citizens on the background of Twitter messages", *Ali Mahmoud Khaja* wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.

"In a special statement issued to a local newspaper, a senior source of Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed about the preparation of a memorandum to enumerate the Twitter users and bloggers who have offended the entity of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and the State of Kuwait so that legal action can be taken against them.

"He said the ministry informed its ambassadors in a number of countries to prepare an official memo with the list of names of those who offended Kuwait and her leadership through the media including social media in order to prosecute them. This was reported in one of our local newspapers on Tuesday, and was welcomed by the public opinion and some MPs, but I disagree with the ministry's move.

"I do not mean that I accept any abuse of Kuwait and her leadership by anyone. My disagreement and rejection of the ministry's procedures does not reflect my reaction to what is being said by citizens of neighboring countries against my country. However, it is a simple calculation that makes me reject the initiative taken by the ministry and I wish the ministry can rescind its move.

"Firstly, hatred or prejudice towards Kuwait by any individual who is not an executive in his country is not classified as an abuse of relations between the two countries, but it is a private matter that does not require judicial prosecution in his country, irrespective of the level of ill-treatment or villainy they pose, except in cases of incitement to commit violence or murder such as the fatwa, for example, to shed the blood of a Kuwaiti. In this case prosecution is required; other than that, offenders can be dealt with in a proper manner without the need for prosecution.

"Secondly and the most important of all is the intended step to prepare a list with the names of those who attack Kuwait through the media particularly social media and to pursue them legally. I say with certainty that this will open doors that will never close for Kuwait and its citizens. The concept of abuse can be adapted to the complainant country's mood. Kuwait can be very critical of a friend and ally, such as the United States of America or Britain but she cannot express even a quarter of such criticism to her neighboring sisterly countries because that will be interpreted as abuse."

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News in Brief

2,600 apply for 200 jobs: Director of Kuwait Air Force Major General Abdullah Al-Foudri disclosed that 2,600 Kuwaitis applied to join the second batch in the Aviation College, reports *Al-Rai* daily.

He revealed that the number of seats in the second batch is 200 to 250.

Al-Foudri explained that the process of interviewing the applicants has started. So far, 1,400 candidates have been interviewed, and another 1,200 candidates will be interviewed by the end of September.

Meanwhile, he affirmed that Kuwait will be one among the first countries to own Super Hornet fighter jets from the United States of America based on the military partnership and cooperation between the State of Kuwait and the United States of America.

Al-Foudri said the approval of USA to supply Kuwait with such kind of aircraft will enhance the strength of the Kuwait Army.

'Jackson' drunk nuisance: A disoriented GCC national was arrested for barging into Taima Police Station and verbally abusing the officers in the station, reports *Al-Seyassah* daily.

According to security sources, officers of the police station were surprised when the suspect suddenly entered the station and started insulting them.

He also insulted the head of the station before escaping, but securitymen chased him and managed to arrest him.

It was discovered that the suspect is a GCC national and he was in a disoriented state because he consumed "Jackson" perfume.

He was detained in police custody based on directives from the Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs Major General Ibrahim Al-Tarrah, and will be referred to the Public Prosecution.

'Death video clip fake': Ministry of Education says the video clip, which went viral on social media about the death of a student after being bitten by a snake in a kindergarten school, is fake and that such an incident did not occur, reports *Al-Rai* daily.

The ministry explained that the video shows a snake appearing in one of the classrooms and a number of people trying to hit it and get rid of it. However, such an incident did not occur in any of the schools in Kuwait.

It affirmed that the death of the student few days ago was due to natural causes, not as reported on social media.