



Al-Shatti with his parents at the airport.

Home sweet home!

Kuwaiti citizen Abdullah Al-Shatti, who was detained in Turkey on charges of smuggling ancient coins, returned to the country earlier this week, reports Al-Anba daily.

Upon arrival, he thanked everyone who contributed to his release and his return to the homeland. He expressed gratitude to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber

Al-Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid and Minister of Commerce and Industry Khalid Al-Rawadhan, who showed special interest in his case. Al-Shatti also thanked the Kuwaiti Embassy in Turkey represented by Ambassador Ghassan Al-Zawawi and the entire Kuwaiti society that supported him when he was detained by the Turkish authorities.

Other Voices

A fact nobody admits

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

A few days ago I celebrated my 72nd birthday and the occasion did not mean anything to me, so what about others?

Old age is inevitable. It is like being at a height of 36,000 feet flying in a metal body so you cannot do anything other than to continue to live your life, within your surroundings, reach your destination, and return from where you started, or fall off.

There are no guarantees, but just the actions that we may take to help improve the chances of prolonging our lives, but we are predestined to leave that life. This is a fact that everyone knows, but almost nobody would like to admit. That denial is the cause of many of our problems and this is another story.

An elderly optimist says that when he takes time to answer a question, it is not because he has become slow in thinking, but because his memory 'chip' is filled with so much information that it takes time to search for what he is looking for unlike a small boy who knows nothing about life, new restaurants and sedatives.

The millions of other information details searching in the memory of the elderly is like searching for a person's name in the New York City phone directory, compared to searching for the same person's name in a small city guide, for example.



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Another old man, defending himself and people of his category, says that when he goes to another room to look for something, he forgets what he came for, returns back empty handed. This has nothing to do with the memory weakness but a person of his age needs to do a lot of exercise, such as walking.

Yet another one says the air travel, especially during the peak season has become a burden for everyone, even for passengers of distinctive class, especially on airlines which do not do well. They pack passengers on buses like sardines and the lucky one only finds a seat. It is fortunate that a lot of people offer seats to the elderly and this makes them lucky.

A friend told me he has been suffering from prostate cancer and has been suffering a lot from a very young age every time he wanted to empty his bladder but now he does not hesitate to resort to any place to urinate because it can be overlooked due to his old age.

Another friend told me that when he was a young man, he saw the tears in his (skeptical) wife's eyes, every time he came home late from his Diwaniya. Now he has become old and still he returns from the Diwaniya at the same time, but finds his wife sound asleep, reassured of his 'inability'.

I have many ideas to write about, but remembering all of them takes time, and the newspaper is waiting for the article, and the editor cannot wait.

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News in Brief

Maid in suicide bid: An Ethiopian woman tried to commit suicide by drinking large quantity of disinfectants used for cleaning toilets, reports Al-Rai daily. Reportedly, the woman, who works as a housemaid, had filmed her suicide attempt. She was seen drinking the poisonous liquid while crying.

According to a security source, the suicide attempt was discovered when her sponsor saw her condition and immediately took her to Farwaniya Hospital where she was admitted in the Intensive Care Unit. Doctors carried out examinations and discovered her body contained the poisonous liquid.

They exerted efforts in washing her stomach and rescuing her life. A case was filed and referred to the concerned authorities for necessary legal measures. Investigations have been launched to determine her reasons for attempting to end her life.

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TV scribe insulted: Salmiya detectives are on the lookout for a motorist who escaped after insulting the Al-Rai TV presenter Abdullah Al-Jasser and threatening to run over him during a traffic dispute between them, reports Al-Rai daily.

The dispute happened in front of a juice shop owned by Al-Jasser after the suspect parked his vehicle in a wrong place, disrupting the flow of traffic.

Al-Jasser had requested the suspect to move his car so that other customers were able to receive their orders, but the suspect refused which led to the eruption of a dispute between them.

Al-Jasser reported the incident at Salmiya Police Station, providing securitymen with the number of the suspect's vehicle.

Investigations to identify and arrest the suspect are underway.

Lawyer's case adjourned

Minister sued in health fees rise

By Jaber Al-Hamoud
Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 18: Attorney Hashem Al-Refai'e filed a lawsuit against Minister of Health Dr Jamal Al-Harbi concerning the decision to increase fees for medical services offered to expatriates.

The Administrative Court scheduled a session for Oct 4, 2017 to decide on the lawsuit.

Al-Refai'e argued that imposing medical fees on expatriate patients covered by health insurance has dangerous consequences for both the citizens and expatriates.

He pointed out the decision tar-

nishes the reputation of Kuwait in the international community, especially since it is regarded as a country of peace and humanity under the rule of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah who holds the title of 'International Humanitarian Leader'.

He said the country's donations cover the entire globe including millions of people who suffered from natural catastrophes and wars regardless of religion, origin or language.

He cited Law No. 1/1999 which prohibits imposing new fees on those covered by health insurance or increasing such fees, indicating a

ministerial decision should not contravene the existing laws. He added the decision violates the International Declaration of Human Rights.

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Case adjourned: The Criminal Court has adjourned to Oct 8 the case filed against Lawyer Hani Hussein for spreading false news about the presence of a Bangladeshi doctor in Sabah Hospital who pretended to be a Kuwaiti.

The Public Prosecution had ordered the detention of Lawyer Hani Hussein for 21 days and referred him to Central Prison before referring the case to the

court. It charged him of posting false news on his Twitter account.

Reportedly, the lawyer stated that a Kuwaiti official working in Ministry of Health had migrated to Sweden with his family. His Bangladeshi worker, in the absence of his sponsor, had forged his identity and claimed to be a Kuwaiti. He then worked in medical warehouses in Sabhan area before being appointed as the head of Supply Department in Sabah Hospital.

Lawyer Hussein revealed that the matter was brought to light when the Kuwaiti died in Sweden and his family returned to Kuwait.

Police chase leads to liquor factory, arrest of two Asians

Suicide bid by Indian nurse foiled

By Mishal Al-Sanousi

Al-Seyassah Staff and Agencies

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 18: A person trying to avoid checking led security operatives to a liquor factory inside a flat in Mahboula area, and two Asian residency violators were arrested.

A security source said the officers discovered the liquor factory while chasing a person who started running upon sighting them on the road. He is said to have entered the flat and left the door open, and the officers called for backup when they realized the place was serving as a liquor factory. They went ahead to search the flat, confiscated barrels full of local brew and arrested the two suspects. They were referred to concerned authorities.

Meanwhile, a Filipino expatriate was arrested near a grocery in Fahaheel area under the influence of liquor.

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Trio in prostitution: Three expatriate women were arrested for offering flesh pleasure, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

In a press statement, the General Department for Public Relations and Security Media explained that the General Department for Residency Affairs received information about three foreign women who entered the country with airport visas and were carrying out immoral activities along with some other individuals of the same nationality.

After confirming the information and taking necessary legal measures, the three women were arrested and referred to the concerned authorities.

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Nurse attempts suicide: A 32-year old Indian nurse was stopped from jumping from the window of her apartment on the fourth floor of a building in Khaitan area in an attempt to end her life.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the suicide attempt, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the location and stopped her from killing herself.

After discovering that she suffers from mental problems, she was referred to the Psychiatric Medicine Hospital for treatment. A case was registered.

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33 persons held: In a recent campaign covering Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh and Ardiya Industrial Area, officers from the Farwaniya Security Directorate nabbed 33 people at various checkpoints for various offenses.



KUWAIT CITY, Sept 18: Kuwait's Army chief of staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Khoder in talks with Indian Minister of Defense Nirmala Sitharaman.

Kuwait, India eye closer military ties

The Kuwaiti army's chief of staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Khoder held talks on Monday with Indian Minister of Defense Nirmala Sitharaman, focusing on plans to boost cooperation

between both nations. Al-Khoder, who is on a visit to the world's second most populous country, discussed with the Indian official issues of common concern, read a statement by the Kuwaiti

ministry of defense. The encounter, which brought together a number of Kuwaiti and Indian military officials, also tackled issues germane to joint military drills between the two allies. (KUNA)

Company violates rules

Cleaning staff protest late salaries

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 18: Scores of cleaning workers from a company that manages cleaning activities at buildings and edifices of the Municipal branches in various governorates gathered in front of the main Kuwait Municipality building to protest against late salary payment, reports Al-Rai daily.

The laborers threatened to embark on a strike if their demand for salary payment and transfer of residencies are not

met immediately. The company representative (mandoub) managed to convince the laborers to disperse after giving them surety that their salaries will be paid soon.

A Kuwait Municipality source said the company has not paid the salaries of its cleaning workers ever since Kuwait Municipality awarded the contract, so management of the company must be questioned. He pointed out that Kuwait Municipality signed new

contracts so as to put an end to violations of the previous cleaning company.

According to the new contract signed with Kuwait Municipality, the company in question must register 1,600 laborers under its sponsorship, the source explained. However, the company has violated both terms of the contract and declined to provide the required number of laborers, while a large number of the workers are not under its sponsorship.

The suspects included 19 people involved in civil cases, 10 people having no form of identification, and 4 residency violators.

A security source said the campaign was launched upon directives from Farwaniya Security Chief Major General Saleh Matar, and it will continue over an indeterminate period.

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Jobs on offer: Of the 14,000 applicants who are seeking government jobs, 9,000 (male and female) hold just intermediate certificates, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, this is one of the

reasons why the statistics show the accumulation of applications.

The Civil Service Commission has formed an 'operations room' to create 5,000 jobs for those who hold intermediate school certificates.

High level sources revealed the discussions revolve around the appointment of those who hold intermediate certificates or the creation of 3,000 jobs for them or to provide a budget to train them in technical jobs.

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'Corrupt still at work': Some senior officials who were involved in committing irregularities in the over-

seas health offices are still in their jobs, according to a report that has been submitted by the committee which was formed to look into the issue, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The officials said the committee will recommend the appointment of Kuwaitis only in all health offices abroad.

The sources added, two expatriate employees working in the overseas offices in the UK and Germany have been suspended and referred to the Public Prosecution after the committee found their personal accounts inflated although their monthly salary was not more than an equivalent of £2,000.



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