

Egyptian's bid to smuggle narcotic pills into Kuwait foiled

'Cannabis seeds' possibly being sold in Al-Rai markets



Drugs, mobiles and cash seized from the accused.

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Citizens, Bedoun held with drugs

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A Kuwaiti citizen was arrested in Abu Futeira area in possession of drugs and drugs paraphernalia.

According to security sources, Mubarak Al-Kabeer securitymen were patrolling Abu Futeira area when they suspected a man and stopped him to check his details. They discovered he is a Kuwaiti citizen who is wanted by law for his involvement in several drug cases.

He was referred with the confiscated items to the concerned authorities for necessary legal action.

Meanwhile, Farwaniya securitymen

arrested three Kuwaiti citizens in possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia in Farwaniya area. One among them was wanted by law for payment of KD 600.

They were referred with the confiscated items to the Drugs Control General Department for investigations. Furthermore, Jahra securitymen arrested a Bedoun man in possession of narcotic pills.

Securitymen found him driving his vehicle above the speed limit and ordered him to pull over. When he ignored them and sped off, securitymen chased him and eventually forced him to stop.

After discovering the narcotic pills in his possession, they arrested him and referred him to the concerned authorities.

KUWAIT CITY, April 2: The Ministry of Interior has expressed concern that 'cannabis seeds' may be available inside the 'feeder' shops in Al-Rai markets because these seeds are classified as drugs and a decision was issued two years ago to ban the entry of this product into Kuwait, Kuwait, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to one official in the

Kuwait Municipality the Interior Ministry undersecretary has informed the Municipality about the possible sale of these imported seeds in Al-Rai markets, which can be planted to extract drugs.

The same source said the Municipality is not competent to identify the quality of these seeds or examining them and pointed out a team com-

prising members from the Kuwait Municipality, the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, the General Department for Drugs Control will organize inspection campaigns and appropriate measures will be taken against the shops in accordance with the laws and regulations.

Meanwhile, security forces at the

Cairo International Airport recently foiled the attempt of an Egyptian passenger to smuggle narcotic pills into Kuwait, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the suspect had hidden Tramadol pills in one of his bags.

The pills and the suspect have been referred to the Public Prosecution.

Six accused of money laundering given 10 yrs jail ... 7th gets 3 yrs

Court orders Co to reimburse KD 59,000 to plaintiff

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KUWAIT CITY, April 2: The Criminal Court presided over by Judge Nayef Al-Dahoum sentenced six suspects, who are accused of money laundering, to ten-year imprisonment, and the seventh suspect to three-year imprisonment for swindling people through fake real estate projects.

The court obligated the suspects to pay compensation worth KD 5 million.

The Public Prosecution charged seven individuals including a Kuwaiti citizen (the owner of real estate companies), a Kuwaiti woman (the owner of a real estate company), a Bahraini citizen, two Lebanese citizens and one Jordanian citizen of swindling people of KD 43 million during a period of four years. They deceived the victims into buying properties in foreign countries under the claim that these properties can be rented out at a high value.

Charged

The Public Prosecution charged them with money laundering involving KD 71 million of the victims' money.

Lawyer Ali Al-Attar from the Lawyer Meshari Al-Osaimi law firm filed the lawsuit on behalf of the victims.

He said the bank transactions involving the suspects' bank accounts and the dates of these transactions affirm that the suspects have been committing the crime for four years, which prove that their actions were preplanned and their crimes were committed deliberately.

Lawyer Al-Attar explained that the suspects announced the availability of real estate in foreign countries for sale by publishing advertisements in media and social media. They supported their deception by submitting real documents issued from the countries where the real estate properties are located. The documents were authorized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait as well as the Kuwaiti embassies in those countries.

They then deceived the victims by claiming that the properties can ensure huge revenues in the form of rents.

They provided the victims with documents stamped by the relevant authorities in the foreign countries and authorized by Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry to prove they are authorized to sell the properties.

They also claimed that they deal with a major international audit company "Ernst & Young", and invited the victims to sign the contracts in six law firms in Kuwait.

Breach of agreement: The Administrative Court has revoked an agreement signed between a female citizen and a company which sells chalets by the seaside.

The court then ordered the company to reimburse KD 59,000 to the plaintiff for breach of agreement.

Attorney Khola Mubarak Al-Hasawi, who represented the plaintiff in court, said her client signed the agreement to purchase a chalet for KD 60,000 which will be paid in installments, on condition that the chalet will be handed over to her in April.

However, after paying the full amount, the plaintiff discovered that the chalet is still under construction and the company was unable to deliver it as per the agreement. This is considered breach of the agreement which invokes the revocation right.



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The Director General of Residence Affairs in the Interior Ministry Major General Talal Marafi tackled on Monday with a delegation from Philippines problems facing Filipinos in Kuwait, to ease import of domestic helpers from the Philippines. In

a press statement, Marafi said that the meeting also delved into obstacles facing Filipino community in Kuwait, including labor rights and legal obligations from both ends. (KUNA)

Other Voices

The 'abusive' sermon

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

THE eminent Egyptian thinker Zaki Najib asks: What is extremism in thought? And in response says it is to choose an intellectual and ideological dwelling and be satisfied with yourself, but at the same time you do not want anyone else to choose what is good for him from the thought and faith, but to bind him with iron and fire, sometimes, engage the person with you under one intellectual roof!

This is exactly what the Ministry of Awqaf is doing to us, and what most of its officials, who have made the ministry building their intellectual home take this opportunity to attack their opponents.



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It may be said that what these people are doing is one of their core tasks. This is true, but the lesson is the result. What has the Muslims done over the centuries when religious forces tried to impose one color of ideological thinking on them? Why do we find that the most advanced countries are the most colorful and pluralistic in the beliefs and ideas of their members, and therefore the most powerful?

The time when any communist, religious, capitalist system could impose its entire will and its sole ideology on the peoples has gone away forever.

This was possible to a certain extent when ignorance was prevalent and most of the peoples did not know the way of life or other peoples and their potentials, but with all this global openness, the spread of communication and all this integration and the cultural, political, commercial and industrial mixing of societies, this task has become almost impossible in the short term, and in the long term.

We feel all this is just excitement and waste of efforts, while we know that neither the Ministry of Awqaf nor dozens of others, with all the strength, brutality, money, media and laws, can impose their visions on people without consequences more serious than what they sought to apply?

How can a sane, or even half-crazy

person, think that the freedom of women means disassociation from customs, chastity, modesty, disintegration and forgiveness?

And how can the hundreds of thousands of people listen to the unified sermon of 'Awqaf' on its website and then the undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf declares that the Friday sermon (March 23) did not include any accusation against the non-veiled women as people of degeneration?

How can a senior official, who is a member of a larger religious political party, openly deny what was said in the sermon, which linked atheism, infidelity, and disintegration to the veil of women, and what is his comment to hundreds of tweets who directly repudiated his statement?

We reiterate that it is not for officials of the Ministry of Awqaf to recognize the right of women to wear what they want or make as they please. These are personal issues in the whole world, not morally disassociated because ethics cannot be judged by appearance.

Those who believe that indecency is inherent to the moral disintegration are undoubtedly calling for the spread of lies, and the social hypocrisy that takes into account the aspects and omits what true ethics mean.

And what about the other manifestations of disintegration in the state such as financial corruption and thefts in cooperative societies and charity organizations, benefitting from real estate deals and money laundering, and dozens of corruption cases which have been referred to the Prosecution, including senior officials in the Ministry of Awqaf itself, and the Quran Department?

It is indeed, regrettable to note after all these accusations and all this unfair and correct denial, the undersecretary of the ministry should remain in office even for one day.

Note: MP Ahmad Al-Fadhel said to the Minister of Awqaf: "Your ministry's undersecretary says that the Friday sermon did not accuse the non-veiled women as being disintegrated, so who is lying to us? It is ugly to justify what is wrong, but what is even worse is not holding the responsible person accountable."

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'Kuwait to witness significant rise in temperature, relative humidity in Aug'

KUWAIT CITY, April 2: Meteorologist Issa Ramadan said the country will witness a significant rise in temperature and relative humidity in the second half of August, reports Annahar daily.

Ramadan told the daily there is no solution to dust except to work on soil cohesion and fight desertification which is caused by lack of rain. He stressed that the continuation of drought will lead to desertification and may lead to migration from some rural areas.

He pointed out the disintegration of the soil will cause dust, especially with wind power with speed exceed of 36 km/h. It will lead to dust and make our summer dusty due to lack of winter rain and summer temperatures.

He stressed the lack of rain leads to dust but the dust reduces the temperature levels, which reached its highest levels in 2016, 2017, the highest for 132 years.

He pointed out, over the next 50 years Kuwait can expect high temperatures because of the lack of rain as a result of climatic changes, stressing that if the world does not reduce the amount of emissions to combat global warming climatic changes will lead to rising sea levels and oceans and change in the paths of air depressions and air masses.

In another context, Ramadan stressed the need to adhere to building standards to meet the threat of earthquakes, noting that the oil reservoirs may be the source of some earthquakes.

Several customs officials honored

Director General of the Customs General Department Jamal Al-Jelawi, together with Assistant Director of Border Entry Affairs Adnan Al-Qudheibi, received a delegation from the national initiative campaign entitled, "We appreciate your trouble."

Consulate affairs expert and Rapporteur of the Grievances Committee in Kuwait's Human Rights Association Abdul-Aziz Al-Dhufeiiri headed the delegation. Al-Dhufeiiri honored several customs officials on the sideline of the meeting, in appreciation of

the tremendous efforts they are exerting in protecting the nation from various forms of danger.

The two sides discussed the importance of cooperation between the Customs General Department and national initiative team.

Couple face deportation for kissing in public

Drug-addict son threatens to kill his family after his father refused to give him KD 1,000

KUWAIT CITY, April 2: Police have taken into custody a young Kuwaiti for threatening to kill his family, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the arrest came after the young man told his mother that he will kill her and his two sisters because the father refused to give him KD 1,000 to buy drugs.

The father told the police his son is a drug addict and was threatening to stab his mother and two sisters.

The son has been handed over to the police.

KD 1,800 stolen: An unidentified media man has filed a complaint with the Nugra Police Station accusing an Egyptian employee of a travel office in Hawalli of

betrayal of trust, reports Al-Rai daily.

The complainant said the employee received KD 1,800 to make hotel reservations for him and his family in Europe and cancelled the reservations and disappeared.

It is reported that the employee had already left for his home country.

Couple to be deported: Police have arrested an Indian man and his Filipino girlfriend for indecent behavior in public, reports Al-Anba daily.

The suspects were caught in Jabriya after someone saw the couple kissing and informed the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry.

The couple has been referred to the authorities to prepare their deportation from the country.

Drunk-driver held: Police have arrested a Kuwait for driving under the influence of alcohol, reports Al-Rai daily.

The Kuwaiti reportedly swerved at a police car forcing the man in uniform behind the wheel to mount the pavement in an attempt to avoid a collision as a result of which the police car stopped working.

Another police patrol car which saw the incident chased and arrested the Kuwaiti and referred him to the authorities.

Police seized from his car a bottle of whisky. At the time of arrest the man was drunk.

Court delivers judgement in fast-track hearing

KJA ordered to accept annual membership due from Al-Qena'e

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KUWAIT CITY, April 2: The Administrative Court delivered judgment, in a case that was handled on the basis of fast-track hearing, ordering Kuwait Journalists Association to accept annual mem-

bership due from the former secretary general of the association Faisal Al-Qena'e and to register him on Al-Jamaheer newspaper.

After the judgment, Al-Qena'e declared his determination to end suppression in the association, saying members will witness unpleasant surprises and he

will stand firm against corruption.

He regretted being forced to take a legal action against an association he had established 25 years ago, but he had no choice since payment of his annual due was rejected.

Al-Qena'e explained that the association acted that way

regardless of a letter he sent informing the officials that he has been appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of Al-Jamaheer newspaper. He took the step to meet the March 31 deadline for annual due, because his membership would have been canceled if he failed to meet up.