

Saudi prince gets 7 years jail, fine of KD10,000 over ex-Kuwaiti wife's kids

140 people wanted in drug cases, non-payment of debts held

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KUWAIT CITY, April 16: The Court of Appeal chaired by Judge Hani Al-Hamdan has sentenced a Saudi prince to seven years in prison and fine of KD 10,000 over the

allegation of abducting his children from their mother (a Kuwaiti woman).

Lawyer Emad Al-Seif, representing the plaintiff, thanked the Kuwaiti judiciary for upholding justice. He said the judiciary treats everybody equal and promised the defendant will be apprehended in Saudi Arabia to rescue the children and return them to their mother.

He noted the Criminal Court had earlier acquitted the defendant of the allegation but her client filed another case citing personal status between the man and his Kuwaiti ex-wife, indicating the woman could not see her children again.

'Pay allowances': The Court of Appeal upheld the decision of the First Instance Court and ordered a scholarship holder from the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) to be paid allowances with retroactive effect, according to Decision No. 19/2012.

Attorney Raed Suhail stated his client filed the lawsuit asking the court to oblige the relevant administrative body to pay her the deserved allowance retroactively for 35 months, in addition to sums estimated at KD 11,385.

He added that his client worked as an associate professor at PAAET until she was sent to Australia on scholarship to earn her Master's and PhD in Methodology, which she accomplished in Feb 2015 after almost 7 years of study.

As per decision issued by Civil Service Commission (CSC) to equalize scholarship students from PAAET with those of Kuwait University in terms of financial allowances, PAAET issued Decision No. 2710/2010 to make PAAET scholarship students equal with their colleagues at Kuwait University.

140 people arrested: Officers from the Public Security Sector arrested 140 wanted individuals during security campaigns they launched in all governorates during the weekend based on instructions from Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs at Ministry of Interior Major General Ibrahim Al-Tarrah.

The arrested individuals included some who were wanted for drug-related cases, some others involved in cases for nonpayment of debts ranging from KD 100 to KD 100,000, and others who were issued verdicts in absentia that sentenced them to jail terms ranging from six months to 20 years.

Security sources affirmed that the aims of these security campaigns and nightly patrols are to control security, arrested wanted individuals and follow up reckless drivers.

Acquitted of 'assault': The Misdemeanor Court acquitted a Kuwaiti citizen who was accused of physically assaulting a police officer while the latter was on duty.

According to the testimony of the police officer, he was at a police station when he received a call concerning a fight. He rushed to the location and found that one of the individuals involved in the fight had sustained injuries. Upon asking him for his identification document as a procedural move, the individual decided to run away, forcing the officer to chase him. He climbed a fence and landed on a covered car park where the suspect jumped on him and attacked him, causing injuries which were indicated in a medical report that was obtained later.

Representing the citizen was Lawyer Zaid Al-Khabbaz who said the testimony by the officer is unrealistic and contradictory, due to which he requested the court to acquit his client from all charges.



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Firefighters battle one of the blazes.

100 firefighters battle blazes, 1 hurt

Up to 100 fire fighters scrambled into action on Monday dousing raging fires at a factory and two warehouses in Al-Sulaibiah district.

The fire department said they succeeded in extinguishing the fires that were raging at a tissues' factory, a furniture warehouse and another containing highly flammable materials.

The firefighters struggled to put out the blazes within a 3,000-square-meter location.

Vanguard group of firefighters managed to be at the scene only five minutes after the department was informed.

One firefighter was injured during the operation and was given treatment at the scene. (KUNA)

Other Voices

Failaka & migration of Persians

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

THE political and social movement in Kuwait has been active since the 1920s and the pace of this movement increased in the 1950s with the presence of literary, political and sports clubs and associations before a decision was taken later to shut them down.

One of the institutions was the Guidance Society, which later became the Reform Society, the Brotherhood's mouthpiece, and the National Cultural Club, which advocated progress and had Arab national aspirations.

The National Cultural Club then issued the Al-Iman (Faith) magazine edited by Ahmad Al-Saqqaq, Dr Ahmad Al-Khatib, Yousif Ibrahim Al-Ghanem and Youssef Al-Mashari, before they were joined by Abdul Razzaq Al-Busir and Abdullah Yousif Al-Ghanim.

The edition was sold for 6 Indian rupees then equivalent of 450 Kuwaiti fils, a high price for a modest publication.

The date of its arrival from Beirut was unknown, so the fourth issue was the date Nisan 1953 (Hebrew calendar), not April. In this issue, the following article is published under the title 'Failaka and the migration of the Persians'.

"The danger of migration of the Persians to Kuwait did not end easily, and the methods used by these intruders to infiltrate into the country were varied and many, including what we have heard recently, that they come in small boats which land on the Failaka Island. They live on the island for some time and then infiltrate into Kuwait with the help of fishermen who smuggle them into Kuwait and accommodate them in the shops or homes of their compatriots."

Officials must be cautious about the threat posed to this Arab country and the Coast Guard has a special role to play by adopting stringent measures to combat the infiltration because it threatens the security, health, morals, national identity and the very future of the country.

If we take a look at the names of editors of the publication we will discover they are nationalists who were hostile

to the Brotherhood and those who were concerned about the demographic danger coming from Iran at that time.

I do not think that a majority of them embraced the same ideas after decades after they saw the truth of the danger that threatens the nation and its full moral existence and civil nature, which still continues.

I can say that a majority of those who came to Kuwait from the desert of Persia in the 1950s were non-Iranian Shiites, who were merged within the society in a smooth way. The rest whose migration was warned of in the publication were other Shiites, but they were skilled people and originally came from the Iranian cities relatively far away from the desert.

They were skilled builders, carpenters, blacksmiths and others, and they, almost all of them, returned to their homeland after saving some money. There is no doubt that they entered Kuwait illegally at that time, and those who remained had entered legally and did not demand nationality or otherwise.

If we look at the demographic structure today, we will find it strange. The number of Kuwaitis (the original citizens, if we can say), who were registered by an official naturalization committee in 1962, was less than 170,000, and if we take the highest rate in the world for the increase of the population, we find that the number today should not exceed 700,000, but the reality is that the number is one-million-and-a-half.

This means the number of those who were naturalized for political and electoral reasons after the closure of naturalization in 1962 exceeds the logical number, and here is the real source of danger politically and culturally to the entity of the state and as a result came our warning of the danger of granting citizenship under the Naturalization Act of 4,000 on the basis of electoral or political interests.

On the other hand, late Yahya Al-Hadi was the first doctor to be granted the Kuwaiti nationality, his son Sabah became a doctor, his grandson also followed in the footsteps of Yahya.

The Al-Hadi family is the only one with three successive generations of doctors, with love and respect for all of them. Here is the difference in the quality of naturalization we demand.

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Kuwaiti official, Malaysian police chief discuss cooperation

The Kuwaiti Interior Ministry's Undersecretary Mahmoud Al-Dosari held talks on Monday with Malaysia's Inspector General of Police Mohammad Fuzi, focusing on strategies to establish closer bilateral ties.

The Kuwaiti official's encounter with the Malaysian police officer was part of festivities included in the 16th edition of the "Defense Services Asia" (DSA) conference, which kicked off in the Malaysian capital Monday and runs until April 19.

On his meeting with Fuzi, Al-Dosari said that

issues of mutual concern were the focal points of discussion, citing a "protocol on security cooperation" to be signed between Kuwait and the Southeast Asian monarchy soon. He pointed out that his country has long shared a special bond with Kuala Lumpur, hailing Malaysia as a nation with loads of untapped economic potential.

Deemed as the biggest defense show in Asia, Malaysia has hosted the biennial event since its inception in 1988, bringing together 400 senior officials from more than 60 nations. (KUNA)

Three masked men assault military man

Police officer 'booked' for smoking on duty

KUWAIT CITY, April 16: In adherence to the slogan 'No one is above the law' the Environment Protection Police (EPP) have issued a citation against a police officer for smoking while on duty and after a cigarette was found in his office, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, a report has been sent to the Environment Public Authority which will be later sent to the Public Prosecution.

The police officer will be punished if reconciliation is not reached with the EPA.

According to a security source, environmental police officers paid a surprise visit to one of the police stations and caught the police officer in the rank of a captain red-handed smoking.

The source said orders have been issued by senior officers in the Ministry of Interior to apply the law on all without discrimination.

The environment police will continue to pay surprise visits to all sectors and departments of the Ministry of Interior, just like other state institutions.

Meanwhile, in three months, the Environment Protection Police have issued 1,000 citations to members of the public for smoking in public areas where smoking is banned and throwing ash and cigarette butts inside commercial complexes in the Capital Governorate, reports Al-Rai daily.

A reliable source said this came after the environmental police officers were deployed in the commercial

complexes following complaints by people that some smokers were disregarding the decision issued by the authorities banning smoking in certain areas, particularly commercial complexes.

The source pointed out if two violations are committed simultaneously a violator can end up paying KD 600 fine in case of non-reconciliation, but if the violator checks with the Environment Public Authority and an amicable settlement is reached after signing a pledge, the fine can be reduced to KD 100.

However, the environmental source made it clear saying the fine for the first time violation for smoking in forbidden area is KD 50 and if reconciliation is not reached with the EPA the fine is KD 100.

Army man assaulted: Police are looking for three masked men for assaulting a Kuwaiti military man and stealing from him two cell phones and a portable Wi-Fi router, reports Al-Anba daily.

The victim has filed a complaint with the police and submitted a medical report showing bruised left eye and injury to the foot.

Drug overdose kills 1: A 31-year-old Kuwaiti citizen died after falling unconscious while he was with a friend inside a diwaniya in Mishref area, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to security sources, when the victim fell unconscious, his

friend tried to help him and he then took him to Mubarak Hospital but he had died.

When the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information from Mubarak Hospital about a deceased citizen and another citizen who is not in a normal state of mind at the hospital, securitymen rushed to the location.

They seized the victim's friend and checked his details to discover he is involved in a case which is still being investigated, and he is wanted by law for enforcement of a judicial verdict that sentenced him to two-month imprisonment.

When they questioned him, he said they were sitting inside the diwaniya when his friend fell unconscious.

The sources indicated about the possibility that the cause of the victim's death is drug overdose.

Teacher 'defamed': An Egyptian teacher working for a school in Jahra has filed a complaint with the e-Crimes Department of the Ministry of Interior, accusing an unidentified person of defaming him and two other colleagues, reports Al-Anba daily.

The suspect reportedly published the picture of the teacher and his colleagues and accused them of sodomy.

A top-level source at the Cyber-crimes Department at the Criminal Investigations Department carried out intensive investigations and came to the conclusion there was no such information.

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News in Brief

Deportee 'converts to Christianity': A video clip has gone viral of a Lebanese man, speaking in a Kuwaiti dialect and identified only as Samir, reports Al-Rai daily.

Samir who preferred to keep his family name anonymous, appears in a video clip with some Kuwaiti tourists in Lebanon speaking in the Kuwaiti dialect because he was with the Kuwaiti tourists, said he has converted to Christianity after returning from Kuwait.

Samir came to Kuwait when he was four years until he was deported in 2009 after serving several jail terms for crimes related to drug abuse.

Blogger fined KD 5,000: The Appeals Circle of the Court of Misdemeanors recently upheld the verdict of the lower court and fined a blogger KD 5,000 for insulting the well-known UAE female singer Ahlam, reports Al-Shahed daily.

Lawyers for the plaintiff said they will file a civil suit for material compensation for causing moral damage and soiling the reputation of their client.

Attempt to rob Asian foiled: An unidentified bedoun has been handed over to the police by some pedestrians after he attempted to rob an Asian at knifepoint, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the pedestrians overpowered the suspect in Mahboula and called the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry.

A security source said passersby heard shouts for help from the Asian and rushed to his rescue.

During interrogation the bedoun denied the charge and said he was only involved in an argument with the victim over some differences.

Then Asian and the bedoun have been referred to the authorities for investigation.

Bomb 'harmless': A clock shaped like dynamite bomb was discovered in a lot in Mangaf area.

When the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information from a Kuwaiti citizen about the discovery of a dynamite bomb, securitymen rushed to the location with paramedics and bomb squad. They closed the road and requested people to evacuate the area while the bomb squad handled the contraption, which turned out to be harmless.

They checked the area but did not find any explosives. Necessary action was taken.

Sources revealed that some websites on the Internet sell such items that are shaped as hand grenade or weapon.