

Other Voices

Fend for yourselves

Bankruptcy of morals

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

The Parliament TV Channel interviewed a number of educationalists including a secondary stage teacher. I could not catch their names. However, the record is available with me.

However, the teacher addressing the audience said, "Frankly speaking, the certificates which your children have acquired in elementary school were a fake. The certificates acquired by preparatory school students are also a fake. The certificates they will receive at the end of secondary school will also be a fake and they do not deserve them. This applies to the university certificates."



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He added, "I have confirmed my opinion during National Conference for the Development of Education which was organized on the background of the national development of the teacher, where teachers of all faculties of education in Kuwait complained about the low level outputs of the university graduates and secondary schools."

He continued saying, "This means the (success rate) is very high, but they do not reflect the reality as they are (ballooned) or (inflated) just like money. The evidence is that when it is subjected to international indices and studies, we find that Kuwait is ranked the lowest."

He said, he teaches Grade 12 students yet sometimes he has to stop teaching the subject in order to explain the meaning and use of proper grammar just like beginners.

On the other hand, a newspaper reported that according to an Egyptian MP that there were about 500 Kuwaitis studying at the Beni Suez University in Egypt.

All of them had passed but none of them had attended the lectures. Most of them spent their time inside cafés and the professors ensured that they passed the exams.

In a petition submitted by a number of MPs, it was characterized by the rudeness of its language and its irrationality. It was sent urgently to the Speaker of the National Assembly demanding a special session as a matter of urgency to adopt a set of laws and serious proposals, such as preventing the Public Institute for Social Security from receiving profits on its loans to the insured individuals.

This means bankruptcy of the institution. The petition included a proposal concerning equivalence of the certificates issued by Dar Al-Quran (House of Quran) to other certificates.

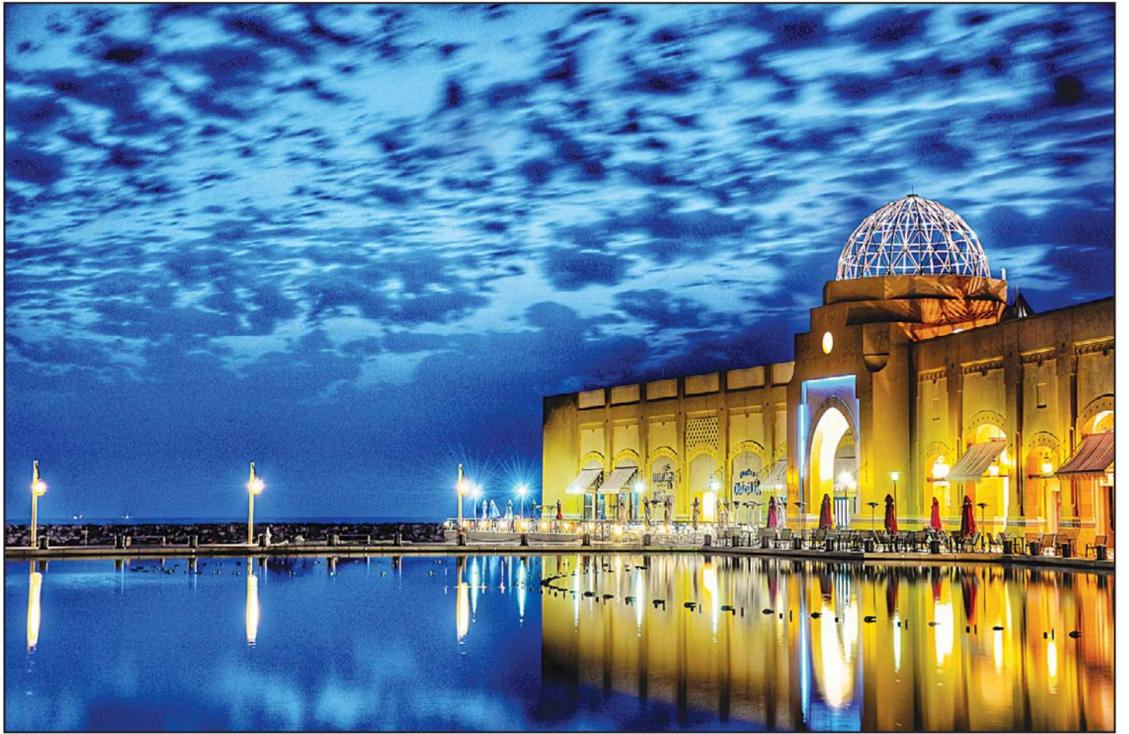
Needless to say, those who signed the request to hold the special session are almost the same MPs who asked the Minister of Education to abolish the mandatory IELTS requirement for students going to study abroad on government scholarship.

These are the same MPs who have opposed the punishment for students caught cheating in exams, who are almost the same MPs who believe that Kuwait is approaching its end and everyone has to manage his affairs before the state goes bankrupt and pack as much as he can!

They do not think about the future of the coming generations. It seems that they say, let education and health go to hell now and forever.



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Al Kout Mall during the early morning hours (Ibrahim Alhasawi. — KUNA)

Shift car from road in minor accident to avoid fine – Mol

'Bachelor homes, industrial areas to be raided in illegals hunt'

KUWAIT CITY, July 5: The Ministry of Interior held a press conference to explain Articles 41/2 and 41/5 of the Traffic Law and the amendments, which allow police stations to issue reconciliation order for minor traffic accidents effective July 1, 2018.

Speaking at the press conference, acting Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs in the Interior Ministry Major General Ibrahim Al-Tarrah affirmed that the activation of these two articles will have major and positive impact on the traffic situation.

Al-Tarrah disclosed that reconciliation orders for 929 minor traffic accidents have been issued since the implementation of the decision. He said this saves time and effort, eases the burden of traffic officers, and facilitates procedures for those involved in the accident.

He explained if a minor traffic accident occurs and the involved parties fail to agree on who should pay whom, both parties are obliged to move their vehicles to a safer side of the road and clear traffic before the arrival of traffic officers to assess the situation.

He added if the parties involved fail to do so and continue to obstruct traffic, a citation will be issued for obstruction of traffic as per Article 133 of the executive decree on the Traffic Law revised through ministerial decision number 2934/2016.

Also present at the press conference was Deputy Director General of Investigation Department at the General Directorate of Investigations Jamal Al-Reesh. He pointed out the person liable for the accident must pay KD20 to the Traffic Sector after admitting to have caused the accident, and then the reconciliation note will be referred to the insurance company by the other party who will receive compensation without the need to resort to the court. This is aimed at ensuring speedy processing of transactions as it does not require sending documents to the court.

The concerned personnel at the police stations have undergone training courses on handling minor traffic accidents and issuance of reconciliation order.

Other officials present at the press conference include acting Director General of Public Relations and Security Media Department Brigadier Tawheed Al-Kandari, Manager of Vehicles Division in Gulf Insurance Company and Deputy Chairperson of the Vehicles Committee in the Union of Insurance Companies Nawaf Al-Kout.

Bachelor homes... : Undersecretary of Ministry of Interior Lieutenant General Essam Al-Naham has been paying special consideration to the file of residency violators, as their numbers have reached 120,000, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to informed sources, Lieutenant General Al-Naham has made this issue top of the security priorities, with the aim of bringing an end to this phenomenon within a short period through a definite strategy.

The total number of residency violators had reached 120,000, as per recent statistics. About 57,000 of them took advantage of the amnesty which had ended in April 2018.

The sources affirmed that an extensive meeting will be held within a few days with commanders of all field security departments and other relevant officials in order to prepare a plan for raiding areas where residency violators



Top and above: Municipality bulldozers pull down the illegal structures on government property.

Encroachments on govt land razed

Emergency Team at Capital Branch of Kuwait Municipality (all three shifts) continued the weekly inspection campaigns to various shops and demolished encroachments on government property, reports Al-Rai daily.

Team leader Zaid Al-Enezi said the campaigns coincided with the media campaign in-

troducted by the administration under the slogan "Contact Us". The campaign led to the eviction of some bachelors from family residences and demolition of encroachments.

He indicated inspectors in those shifts issued 56 citations against advertisement violations and removed 490 billboards

from roadsides and open spaces. They issued 12 building violations and 12 warnings and evicted bachelors from family residences in Surra. Also, the inspectors demolished 27 violating tents, make-shift structures and diwanis, and fixed 75 stickers in some places.

PAM adheres to 'working in sun' rules

By Ahmed Al-Naqeeb Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, July 5: The Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) continues to exert efforts in ensuring strict compliance with the executive regulations of Labor Law number 6/2010, such that employers operate in accordance with the law and the National Agreement on Safety of Workers.

Official spokesperson and Public Relations Director at PAM Aseel Al-Mezyad disclosed the inspection team from the Labor Protection Department started working on June 1, 2018 and they will continue until Aug 31, 2018. She explained the team closely monitors open workplaces to ascertain that employers abide by Administrative Decision number 535/2015 which prohibits working in open spaces from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm during

summer (June 1 to Aug 31).

Mezyad said the inspection has resulted in the issuance of 73 warnings, adding the authority received five notices of violations through its hotline and social media channels.

She then stressed the need for the public to notify the authority about Labor Law violations through the following: Hot Line: 99444800, WhatsApp: 69009600, Fax: 25359232, E-Mail: pr@manpower.gov.kw.



Major General Ibrahim Al-Tarrah (center), with the officers.

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Officers honoured

Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs Major General Ibrahim Al-Tarrah Wednesday honored a number of officers of various security divisions in the presence of security directors.

They were honored as a gesture of appreciation for their efforts in dealing with various cases during the last few

days. Major General Al-Tarrah affirmed that the honor represents a consolidation and embodiment to reward sincere cadres in their duties, highlighting that this is deep-rooted in the higher leadership of Ministry of Interior so that securitymen will exert more efforts for the sake of the country and the safety of the people.

News in Brief

Anti-drugs plan: Drugs Control General Department has adopted a strategic security plan, with the support of Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah, to eliminate all sources of drugs and ban the entry of drugs into the country, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The steps taken by the department in this regard include strict monitoring of all land, air and sea entries into and exits from the country, tightening the inspection procedures with the cooperation of General Customs Administration, and activating foreign offices for foiling attempts of international gangs to smuggle drugs.

Reportedly, the plan has contributed to banning the entry of drugs by almost 90 percent.

Indian dies on duty: The remains of an unidentified Indian who died in Amghara while on duty have been referred to Forensics, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The daily added, the man was seriously injured after an iron piece fell that was being lifted by a winch fell on his head. Acting on information paramedics and police rushed to spot and found the man on the ground in a pool of blood. He was rushed to a hospital in the area, but doctors failed to save him.

A case of death has been registered at the Sulaibiya Police Station.

Women harassed: Police are on the lookout for an unknown individual in

Wife, kids lost

Dad dies too

KUWAIT CITY, July 5: Taha Amin, the Egyptian citizen who lost his wife and two children eight days ago in a blazing car after a collision on the Fifth Ring Road has died, reports Al-Rai daily.

The citizen who seemed to be in an abnormal state crashed into the car while Taha was traveling with his family, and the car went up in flames due to the impact. He sustained first degree burns all over the body as he tried in vain to rescue the wife and children who were trapped in the blaze. He was later admitted to Al-Babtain Center for Burns & Plastic Surgery.

A source disclosed the deceased man worked in a bakery and judging by the state of his lungs, it seems he had severe health issues and underwent surgery. The body will be repatriated to his home country upon completion of the legal procedure.

his 50s who has been harassing women shoppers in Farwaniya area and writing his mobile number on KD 10 currency notes to hand out to them, reports Al-Shahed daily.

A case was registered, and investigations have been launched.

Debt not paid: An unidentified Kuwaiti who had been sentenced in absentia for failing to pay KD 177,000 debt has been arrested and referred to the Sentences Enforcement Department, reports Al-Anba daily.