

Court Cases

Court acquits lawyer

Death penalty of Shamlan in cop murder case upheld

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KUWAIT CITY, May 3: The Court of Appeals presided over by Justice Nasser Al Heid upheld the lower court's verdict that acquitted Attorney Zeyd Al-Khabbaz and others of forging official documents and embezzling legal charges worth KD 2 million.



Al-Khabbaz

The same court also overturned a verdict that sentenced him to four years in prison alongside other attorneys, and instead, abstained from pronouncing punishment against him.

The Criminal Court had slapped four years imprisonment sentence with hard labor on one of the attorneys and demanded KD 1,000 to suspend execution, while acquitting others of the charges of forging official documents.

After reading of the verdict, Attorney Zeyd Al-Khabbaz expressed profound appreciation to the justice arm of the country, which proved his innocence from the charges leveled against him.

Death ruling upheld: The death penalty issued by the lower court against Abdul-Aziz Al-Shamlan who is accused of running over, stabbing and

murdering Turki Al-Enezi — a police officer, was upheld by the Court of Appeal presided by Justice Nasser Al-Heyd.

The Public Prosecution had earlier charged Al-Shamlan with first degree murder as he intended to kill by running over several police officers manning a security checkpoint.

The prosecution also charged him for publicly transgressing the authority of HH the Amir, inciting people to join a group whose main agenda was to spread ideologies that will shatter the prevailing system in the country. He was also accused of destroying property and resisting arrest.

KD 5.5m embezzled: The Criminal Court presided over by Judge Ahmad Al-Yassin adjourned to May 30 the case related to misappropriation of public funds to the tune of KD 5.5 million in the Jaber Stadium tender filed against 31 governmental officials from Ministry of Public Works and Public Authority for Youth and Sports as well as the project contractor.

The case has been adjourned to pave way for questioning of other witnesses after the court heard the testimony of the Director of Public Authority for Sports Dr Hamoud Fleiteh and the Director of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) Dr Hassan Kamal.

The total number of government officials implicated in the case was initially 37 but six of the defendants have already been exonerated.



A group of men getting ready to go fishing. (Musaed Alosaimy — KUNA)

Jail, fine for hiring workers not on sponsorship of firm

'Metaphage 500' declared safe for diabetics

KUWAIT CITY, May 3: The Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) has called on employers not to hire any worker who is not under the company sponsorship to avoid being subjected to legal action, reports Al-Anba daily quoting reliable sources.

PAM has warned that the law stipulates that the violating employer shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three years or a fine not less than 2,000 dinars and not more than 10,000 dinars for each unregistered worker or both penalties if there is no more severe punishment.

The Authority has launched awareness campaigns for the benefit of employers and workers on the importance of adhering to the law so as not to be subjected to any legal accountability.

'Metaphage 500' safe: Assistant Undersecretary for Drug and Food Control at the Ministry of Health Dr Abdullah Al-Bader said 'Metaphage 500 mg' which is given for diabetes patients is safe, reports Al-Jarida daily.

Al-Bader explained the ministry had requested the manufacturer of this product to analyze test the pill and at the same time the pill was tested at the Kuwait Laboratory and the test are believed to be identical which renders it safe for use.

He said the file of Metaphage 500 mg is now closed after the safety of the drug is confirmed.

He noted the ministry has not requested the withdrawal of the medicine from the market but had requested to examine the samples, as per the recommendations of the Gulf Central Committee within the agreed framework which are consistent with the aspirations of the World Health Organization.

General auction: Next Wednesday the General Administration of Customs will sell seized goods and unclaimed parcels through a public auction, reports Al-Anba daily.

The items to be sold include 3,120 cartons of various types of cigarettes and 1,300 unclaimed parcels containing varieties of goods and electrical equipment.

The items to be auctioned also include a 40-foot container, in addition to laundry detergents.

The auction will be held at the Treasury Monitoring Office of General Administration of Customs off the Sixth Ring Road in Sulaiyba.

Cross-dressers held: Police have arrested two cross-dressers, a Kuwaiti, and a Jordanian, and referred them to the authorities, reports Al-Rai daily.

The suspects were arrested after the person behind the wheel was ordered to pull over for driving a vehicle with tinted glass in violation of a traffic law.

Police discovered the two persons were wearing full make-up and had done plastic surgery to enlarge their lips.

During interrogation the suspects said they were returning from a fun party.

'Valuables stolen': A GCC woman has lodged a complaint with the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh Police Station accusing an unidentified person of stealing her valuables, reports Al-



Top and above: Pictures taken during the Bangladeshi military team's visit to Kuwait.

Bangladesh military team visits Kuwait

A 7-member Bangladesh military delegation headed by Major General S.M. Matur Rahman, AFWC, PSC, Adjutant General of Bangladesh Army is visiting Kuwait on an official visit from April 30, 2018 to May 6, 2018.

During the visit, the delegation met Chief of Staff, Kuwait Armed Forces, Lieutenant General Mo-

hammad Khaled Al Khadher, PSC and Lieutenant General Mahmoud Mohammad Al-Dosari, Undersecretary, Ministry of Interior.

The team also took part in the 2nd Joint Committee Meeting on military cooperation between Bangladesh and the Kuwait Armed Forces on May 2-3, 2018.

The delegation was briefed at Bangladesh Military Command (BMC) Headquarters on May 1, 2018 by Commander BMC, Brigadier General Abul Mansur Md Ashraf Khan, NDC, PSC about activities of BMC in Kuwait. Besides, the delegation also visited some historic and iconic places of the State of Kuwait.



Other Voices

Where color, faith don't matter

By Ahmad Al Sarraf

British Prime Minister Theresa May chose Sajid Javed for the post of Home Secretary (interior minister), the third most important ministry, Britain's top security and immigration official and the first Muslim minister, from one of the minorities. This is the first in British history.

He is responsible for dealing with the crisis left by the former minister related to the Windrush (Windrush may refer to: HMT Empire Windrush, a ship synonymous with post-war immigration of West Indian people to the UK, originally MV Monte Rosa, a passenger liner and cruise ship launched in Germany in 1930. During the 1930s, she operated as a German cruise ship under the name Monte Rosa) scandal which forced her to resign on grounds she misled the House of Commons on lists linked to the deportation of illegal immigrants, as well as the scandal of dealing with British residents as illegal immigrants.



Al-Sarraf

The former minister has been criticized for days after it emerged that her ministry had specific goals of expelling illegal immigrants.

It is important here to know how Javed will deal with what has become known as 'Windrush immigrants', immigrants from Africa, Asia and the Caribbean who have helped to rebuild Britain after the war.

Today, they face a threat of deportation, especially since the Prime Minister May herself set that policy when she was the Home Secretary (between 2010 and 2016),

a policy which was followed by former interior ministry Rudd.

Javed also criticized his government's handling with immigrants when he said, "It may be my mother, my father, my uncle, or me. This criticism came from him while he was a minister in the same government and he was not afraid that Theresa May would expel him.

Javed is a 48-year-old Muslim whose family came from Pakistan to Britain half a century ago. His father worked as a bus driver. He served several ministerial posts during the David Cameron government between 2010 and 2016, including the Minister of State for Business and Creativity.

This is in addition to the Minister of State for Culture and Information and Sports. If Winston Churchill had come back to life and saw the Pakistani Muslim Javed taking up the post of Home Secretary, he would have had a fatal heart attack.

This is what happened in Great Britain, the head of arrogance and racism, and one of the few superpowers that have remained on the throne of grandeur for more than 200 years.

However, like other developed Western countries, it did not hesitate to hand over its most powerful ministry to the sons of immigrants who differ in color and religion and shape.

As for us, we have nothing except boasting that we are one Arab Nation with an Eternal Message, and we want to keep pace with the developed countries, and call for the elimination of Israel after we have finished eradicating poverty in our countries, diseases in our bodies, and backwardness in our minds.

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News in Brief

Wrong parking?: The Misdemeanor Court of First Instance acquitted a minor Kuwaiti of allegedly damaging the car of a Kuwaiti woman at the parking lot of a residential building at Shaab seaside area, says Al-Seyassah.

The plaintiff told the court that she parked her car for only few hours and went into the building. Upon her return, security guard of the building told her that the car was parked at a space allotted to a family who were annoyed upon arriving home. She observed some damage on the car and the security guard confirmed that owner of the parking space had caused it.

Lawyer Khawlah Al-Hasawi, in defense of her client, countered testimonies of the prosecution officer, which she called "mere statements without concrete evidences".

She challenged the prosecution to provide concrete proof linking her client to the damage. She regarded damage on the car as one of the actions taken by unknown persons, which is difficult to prove.

Structures razed: Department of Removal of Encroachments on State Properties at Mubarak Al-Kabeer carried out a field campaign to bring down several illegal structures in the governorate, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to the head of the department Eng Majed Al-Mutairi, garden of a total area of 4,400 square meters was demolished based on a request by Ministry of Public Works in order to give way for the construction of parking area for cars.

The campaign also resulted in issuance of 18 warnings in the form of stickers placed on structures illegally erected on state properties, most of which are parking shades and tents.

2 held with drugs: Officers from Jahra Security Directorate arrested a Jordanian national and a Bedouin in possession of illicit drugs and related equipment, says Al-Seyassah.

A security source said the duo resisted arrest but the officers took them down after they were seen inside a vehicle parked at a suspicious location in Amghara scrap yard. The suspects tried to escape when the officers approached them for checking, and resisted arrest after illicit drugs and paraphernalia were found in their keep. They were referred to Drug Prosecution.

4 hurt in mishap: Four individuals sustained serious injuries when two vehicles collided on King Fahad Expressway and one of them toppled, says Al-Seyassah.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the accident, securitymen, paramedics and firefighters rushed to the location. They pulled out the victims from the vehicles and referred them to Adan Hospital where they were admitted in the Intensive Care Unit.

The two vehicles were removed from the road and the traffic was organized. Investigations have been launched to determine the cause of the accident.

Hearing set in biggest money fraud case

KUWAIT CITY, May 3: The Criminal Court has set June 6, 2018, to look into the case of the biggest currency fraud (US dollars and Kuwaiti dinars), reports Al-Rai daily.

The Public Prosecutor's Office has charged five persons in the case, including 4 men and a woman for circulating millions of counterfeit dollars and dinars

(dollar in the 100 bill denomination and KD 20 notes).

Case papers indicate the first suspect, a senior customs officer was arrested after a trap was set for him following intensive investigations. He was caught selling fake money to a police agent.

Following the arrest of the first suspect, two others were taken into custody and a search of the

house of the first suspect ended in the seizure of large sums of fake bank notes and two high resolution printers.

During interrogation he admitted to the charge and gave police the name of the fourth suspect and the lone woman.

However, the woman is said to have destroyed evidence using a paper shredder.

Anba daily. She added, she discovered the theft after she arrived from a trip abroad.

She listed the stolen items as 2 gold sets, 2 bracelets and a pair of earrings.

Kuwaiti swindled: Police are looking for an Egyptian for swindling a Kuwaiti to the tune of KD 5,500, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the suspect lured his victim to join a business venture and after receiving the money switched off his mobile.

The arrest came after the victim filed a complaint with Abu Halifa Police Station. The suspect had apparently moved out of his apartment to evade arrest.

Wanted in 13 cases: The Hawally police have arrested an Egyptian who had been sentenced in absentia to five years six months, reports Al-Rai daily.

The man who is believed to be in his 40s was wanted by law in 13 cases. He was seized while driving along a road.

Arsonist arrested: Personnel from the Criminal Investigations Department have arrested a Kuwaiti in the case of arson, reports Al-Anba daily.

The suspect who is believed to be in his 50s is said to have set fire to the cooperative society in the suburb of Sabah Al-Ahmad.

The arsonist was arrested on the strength of the CCTV footage of a camera which is installed at the co-

operative society. He was arrested in Mangaf.

The arsonist has admitted to the charge, but refused justify his action.

No respect for law: The Ahmadi Interrogation Department has sent three people to the Central Prison for assaulting police in Sabahiya last Thursday, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The trio reportedly intervened, attacked police and helped a reckless motorist to escape the law, an incident which was denounced by the security authorities following which the Interior Minister met with the undersecretaries and demanded application of the law on all without discrimination and without exception.