

# MoCI refers group of 6 real estate cases to prosecution after complaints of fraud

Millions involved in funds embezzlement

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 3:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry has referred a group of six real estate cases so far to the prosecution, against the backdrop of complaints about real estate fraud, indicating almost the same people involved in those cases specialize in exhibitions and real estate marketing, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily quoting sources pointed out that the six groups referred to prosecution include two famous companies whose files are being deliberated by the judiciary, as funds involved is estimated at KD 7 million, while complaints against the other companies are still being probed.

"After examining all real estate complaints submitted, the ministry sorted 1,150 complaints worth no more than KD 40 million, and referred about 700 of them to prosecution", sources said, pointing to various complaints related to embezzlement and fraud, contractual differences between companies and agents, violation of Anti Money Laundering and Combating Terrorist Financing (AML/CFT) regulations.

"Many of the real estate complaints revolve around non-compliance with contracts signed by the companies regarding real estate units sold inside and outside Kuwait and breaching their obligations either by not delivering the documents related to the sold units, non-payment of the agreed returns for those units or discrepancies in sold units description or location or delivery.

Regarding the aforementioned figures of complaints received by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, which exceed 1150, sources pointed out that



Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior Lieutenant General Essam Al-Naham has a look at the new systems. MoI photo

## Intensify presence on roads, traffic police told

Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior Lieutenant General Essam Al-Naham officially opened the Central Operations Control Room inside the General Administration of Traffic building after its renovation.

On an inspection tour, Lieutenant General Al-Naham was briefed on the mechanism of work in monitoring the road network and traffic flow on the main road and intersections, as well as the mechanism of recording traffic violations through monitoring of speed cameras.

Also, he inspected departments at the General Traffic Directorate, including the departments of traffic violations, vehicle and driving licenses sections. He urged the traffic police to intensify their presence on roads to combat any violation of traffic law and firmly stand against any action of motorists that would put other motorists and road users in danger, stressing the place of the traffic police is on the road to assist brothers and sisters during the peak hours, and to organize traffic flow, and most importantly, prevent reckless driving.

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by a citizen who had purchased a housing unit outside the country and later discovered that not many taxis will reach him at the location, which he interpreted as real estate fraud", explained the sources.

## Other Voices

### Women in developing nations

By Ahmad alsarraf

At an early stage in my life, I felt societal injustice and bias against women, especially the unmarried women. When I could not answer my questions, those around me turned to books, and I found the answer, and that was the most important turning point in my life.

It is difficult for a majority of men to understand the reality of the suffering of women in Muslim countries, and it is more difficult to explain that suffering and to capture all its aspects. Only a few women can understand the magnitude of that suffering, and we will try in this article to talk about this subject, as much as we can – some forms of that suffering.

I will not write here about the psychological suffering of women. I will not write about the injustices suffered by a spinster, a married or divorced woman or a widow, the society seems to be against them in all circumstances and cases, especially if her material status is not strong.

I will not touch on her 'underdeveloped' rights which we see in many countries with regard to marriage, forcing her to marry someone she hates or dislikes, she has no right to do what she wants with her dowry, and other than divorce issues, her share of the inheritance, if she gets it; her right to custody of her children, and the alimony of those who lived with him while she was young and abandoned by the helpless elderly. I will not write about her rights for a decent housing, nor equal pay, and other issues which will take volumes but I let you deal with them. Rather, we will address two issues that concern large segments of Kuwaiti society.

The first concerns the right of a

mother towards her minor children, specifically in hospitals. The government hospitals refuse to perform any operation on any minor except in the presence of a male member from the family of the minor to sign an undertaking. There are strict instructions that a mother cannot sign such papers, and the law insists only a male member of the family can do this because they believe a grandfather or brother or uncle knows the interest of the minor more than his mother.

Many have suffered from this unwarranted militancy, which is often applied on the weak, unlike the others who have the support and backing.

The second issue concerns the new instructions that a patient is experiencing in hospitals, especially the government, with regard to gynecological diseases. The process requires the presentation of a marriage certificate and if the patient is divorced or a widow should prove it, but if they are spinsters they have to resort to private hospitals as the government hospitals refuse to treat them or conduct laboratory tests on them, perhaps because of her 'behavior'.

Historically, logically and from a humanitarian point of view, a physician's job is to provide treatment to those who need it, regardless of the color, sex or religion of the patient.

What the Ministry of Health practices in Kuwait with divorced or single women is outrageous. This is a shameful and regrettable act.

The role of the Ministry is to treat those who are sick and give them medicine and not do research work on the social background of a patient, or act as guardian of the concerned citizens and residents.

Note that the Ministry, for example, does not ask the male patient, if infected with a sexual disease, to bring the marriage contract, it knows very well that the ministry will not escape from the inquiries from the MPs, so why the request was limited to females only?

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## Al-Naham honors corporal

Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior Major General Essam Al-Naham honored Corporal Athbi Al-Banai from the General Traffic Department for his

excellence and determination to implement the rule of law in promoting the security institute.

The ceremony was held inside Major General

Essam Al-Naham's office in the presence of Assistant Undersecretary for Traffic Affairs and Operations Lieutenant General Jamal Al Sayegh.

## News in Brief

**Dug his own grave:** The Sabah Al-Ahmad police have detained for interrogation an unidentified Kuwaiti for damaging state property (colliding with police vehicle), escaping from police and assaulting a lieutenant, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said the Kuwaiti justified his escape by saying he did not have the car registration document.

However, police are checking if he is wanted by law in connection with crimes and his blood sample will be sent to the lab to ensure he was not under the influence of drugs.

The security source said if the man had not escaped he would be given a citation for driving the vehicle without the registration instead now he is charged with escaping from police, assaulting an officer on duty and colliding with a police vehicle.

**Drugs with Kuwaiti:** After much resistance, the security officers were able to arrest an unidentified Kuwaiti and seized from him drugs, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the suspect was initially ordered to stop for violating the traffic law and seeing the man nervous police checked his car and found the drugs.

The arrest happened in Hawalli. The drugs and the suspect have been referred to the General Department for Drugs Control (GDDC).

Police have also impounded the man's vehicle.

**Compatriot cheated:** Police are looking for an unidentified Kuwaiti for cheating a compatriot, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the suspect bought the car from the victim and paid him 2,600 dinars with a cheque and when the latter went to cash the cheque he did not find the money in his account.

The victim said he tried to contact the suspect but the latter did not answer the phone.

**Indecent behaviour:** Two Asian expatriates were arrested for behaving in an

## Kuwaiti arrested

Friend's body dumped

By Munaif Nayef  
Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 3: Officers from the Criminal Evidence Department in the Interior Ministry arrested a citizen who allegedly dumped the corpse of his friend in the parking area behind Faiha Cooperative Society.

The Operations Unit of the ministry received information about the discovery of an unconscious person at the parking lot. Securitymen and medical emergency workers then rushed to the scene but the person was already dead when they arrived.

A security team was formed immediately to start the investigation, leading to the arrest of the citizen who dumped the corpse. He told investigators that he was with his friends in a 'diwaniya' when one of them fell unconscious. When he checked his friend, he found out that the latter was already dead. He then dumped the body in the parking area.

A case was registered and the suspect was referred to the Public Prosecution. The other friends who were in the 'diwaniya' with the suspect and the deceased will be summoned for questioning.

indecent manner at the site of Mutla Housing Project, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to security sources, the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the indecency of the laborers from their supervisor, securitymen rushed to the location and arrested the suspects. They have been referred to the concerned authorities for necessary legal action.