



Saudi watched shooting videos before attack

Opinion

Iraq revolutionists, kill who kills your brother

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THERE is no doubt at all that the Iraqi Army and other security apparatus will not remain mere onlookers of all the bloodshed being perpetrated in Iraq by militants who are mercenaries of Iran while their leaders ignore the daily massacres ongoing in various cities of their country.

It is for this reason that the armed forces should sometimes revolt against the ruling political class in order to stop the bloodbath after being flogged beyond all human conventions and traditions.

If the ruling political powers had been under the cover of religious leaders at a particular period of time, here are the leaders calling for protection of protesters, listening to their voice and stopping violence against the innocent protesters.

We understand that the modern Iraqi history has witnessed series of revolutions and protests. With the exception of the 1958 revolution, the military has been the tool for coup d'état against the government with the knowledge of or in alliance with political forces who strive to snatch the power.

However, those coups used to end in massacres perpetrated by the very military that revolted. The masses were the ones who revolted in the first revolution, and imposed it on the armed forces to support them. The military did not delay in taking the decision that day. They went out of their barracks to take over the state facilities, and the revolutionists apprehended the king, prime minister and other leaders whom they killed. They dragged Nouri Al-Sa'eed out on the streets of Baghdad.

At that time, the living, economic and political conditions were not as bad as it is today. The corruption that sparked the 2019 revolution was not widespread in the government departments as it is today. This is in addition to absence of militants affiliated to leader of the so-called Iranian "Al-Quds Corps" Qasim Sulaimani, who is known for his cruelty in controlling prime ministers and appointing military chiefs in Al-Rashid's capital (Baghdad).

Iraq was an advanced country by the standards of that time. It had top scientists, not agents. The value of dinar was stronger than foreign

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MP push for small, medium-sized firms

Ten held on base

PENSACOLA, Florida, Dec 8, (AP) - The Saudi student who fatally shot three sailors at a US naval base in Florida hosted a dinner party earlier in the week where he and three others watched videos of mass shootings, a US official told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Officials investigating the deadly attack were working Saturday to determine whether it was motivated by terrorism, while President Donald Trump indicated he would review policies governing foreign military training in the United States.

The Navy on Saturday identified the three victims and hailed them as heroes for trying to stop the shooter and flagging down first responders after being shot.

"The Sailors that lost their lives in the line of duty and showed exceptional heroism and bravery in the face of evil," Capt. Tim Kinsella, the commanding officer of Naval Air Station Pensacola, said in a statement. "When confronted, they didn't run from danger; they ran towards it and saved lives."

The shooter opened fire inside a classroom at the naval base on Friday, killing three people and wounding two sheriff's deputies, one in the arm and one in the knee, before one of the deputies killed him. Eight others were also hurt. Both deputies were expected to survive.

The official who spoke Saturday said one of the three students who attended the dinner party hosted by the attacker recorded video outside the classroom building while the shooting was taking place. Two other Saudi students watched from a car, the official said.

Ten Saudi students were being held on the base Saturday while several others were unaccounted for, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity after being briefed by federal authorities.

Questions asked on Education hires

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KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8: MP Abdullah Al-Kandari has submitted a parliamentary proposal to establish a national strategy for supporting small and medium enterprises.

He stressed that the success of these business ventures relies on the availability of an encouraging financial environment that works towards implementing simplified processes in order to build and develop this sector.

Al-Kandari affirmed that training and acclimating the young generation in financial and business skills is vital to the matter at hand, as asserted during the fifth Arab conference for training and entrepreneurship last October.

Sanctions budget for Iran

DUBAI, Dec 8, (Agencies) - Iran's president presented a draft state budget of about \$39 billion to parliament on Sunday, saying it was designed to resist US sanctions by limiting dependence on oil exports.

Officials have not given figures for the oil price and export volumes used in the calculations, although the IMF has indicated Iran would need oil prices to be triple current levels to balance its budget as its crude exports have plunged.

The United States reimposed sanctions with the aim of driving down Iranian crude sales, the Islamic Republic's main source of revenues, after Washington withdrew last year from a nuclear pact between world powers and Iran.

"This is a budget to resist sanctions ... with the least possible dependence on oil," Iranian President Hassan Rouhani told parliament, according to state television.

"This budget announces to the world that despite sanctions we can manage the country," he said.

He gave the value of the nominally balanced draft budget at 4,845 trillion rials, equivalent to \$38.8 billion at the free market exchange rate, for the Iranian year starting on March 20.

NBK holds walkathon

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KUWAIT CITY: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable of condolences Sunday to Indian President Ram Nath Kovind, expressing his sorrow over the factory fire tragedy in the Indian capital, which resulted in killing and injuring many people.

His Highness the Amir also expressed hope for a speedy recovery to those injured.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables to the Indian leadership, marking the tragic incident.

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The MP's proposal stipulates the establishment of a national strategy for supporting and building up small and medium enterprises with clear goals and vision, while ensuring an elaborate directive in terms of collaboration with other Arab nations.

Meanwhile, Head of the Parliament's Committee for Budgets and Final Accounts Adnan Abdul-samad revealed that the committee held a meeting with the Bureau of Financial Controllers and Ministry of Oil to discuss the final accounts for the 2018/2019 fiscal year as well as the observations raised by the State Audit Bureau and the Bureau of Financial Controllers.

He explained that the committee discovered the Audit and Inspection Office in the headquarters of the Bureau of Financial Controllers is not active. It also discovered that the money allocated for the 2018/2019 fiscal

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