

Other Voices

Nuri Pasha's 'washrooms'

By Ahmad alsarraf

Nuri Al-Said was born in 1888. He is the most famous Iraqi politician in the history of modern Iraq. He served 14 times as prime minister of Iraq from 1930 to May 1958. Nuri Al-Said was a subject of controversy, and opinions differed on him as some loved him others hated him. He had to flee twice from Iraq due to coups woven against him, but during the third military coup he could not escape and was killed in July 1958.



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Pasha was born in Baghdad and graduated from the Military School in Istanbul, where he served in the Ottoman army and contributed to the Arab revolution and joined Prince Faisal in Syria, and after the failure to establish the monarchy in Syria under the French Mandate, and the inauguration of Faisal as king, because the French rejected him, Nuri Al-Said returned to Iraq and contributed to the founding of the Iraqi kingdom and the Iraqi army.

Many stories and tales were told about him, as a man of rare personality, and he was jovial and had a sharp political intelligence.

Among the stories that are told about him that the President of the Reconstruction Council (was the first Arab fund to be established from oil revenues to spend on vital projects) complained to him about the members of the Council about his proposal related to building dozens of public baths, toilets, in various parts of the capital, not only because of their scarcity, but also to eliminate the uncivilized way in which men in particular were answering the calls of nature.

The Pasha was a title given to him

by the Ottoman Turks, and remained close to him, asked him to give him an opportunity to resolve the issue.

Days later, Pasha invited all the members of the Reconstruction Council to his house, and there he honored them with extravagance with all the pleasures and goodness, and that include binge drinking.

When the heads turned and nature began calling on men they rushed to find the nearest bathroom to meet the call, they found that all the bathrooms in the house were closed. Most of them had to urinate in the garden, and some of them went to him complaining that the bathrooms of the house remained closed, and here he told the complainants that he did this on purpose to make them feel what the ordinary person feels while on the way to market, and how important it is to have decent bathrooms, especially for women, and that they should speed up the implementation of the proposal to build bathrooms in various parts of the capital, and this is what was done, but the "blessed July coup" ended all of this.

It seems that we need the new and costly prime minister to host the members of the municipal council to his house and close the washrooms, after having saturated them with pleasure and delight, to make them feel the importance of having suitable places to eliminate the need.

It is indeed a shame that there is not enough of this service in a country that has not left a state except for its good, and those responsible for it in the capital did not think about paying attention to this vital matter despite our contacts with a number of senior officials and writing about this problem more than once, which suffers from unavailability of the citizen as the resident, the minor before the elder and the woman before the man.

This is in addition to the dusty squares and ruins in many parts of the capital, and the never-ending road works.

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A night view of Boulevard Park. (Muhammad Rasheed - KUNA)

Egyptian man, victim of human trafficking, jumps to his death during raid by CID men

Top oil official to prosecution for embezzling KD 5 million

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8: An unidentified Egyptian jumped to his death from the 10th floor of a residential building in Mahboula after personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department raided the accommodation of some Egyptian employees, reports Al-Qabas daily.**

The victim is part of the 74 employees who had been hired by a 'delivery company' to work in Kuwait nine months ago and were allegedly 'abandoned' without work and without completing their residence formalities.

According to the daily, the employees had filed a complaint with the Public Manpower Authority and the latter was in the process of investigating the issue and holding the guilty party responsible for the 'fiasco'.

Some of the workers had already complained and PAM was investigating the issue and the manner in which the security personnel accompanied by the Lebanese manager of the company raided their accommodation sent many of them running for their lives and there was chaos. Some of them went to the top floor, while others ran down the stairs for fear of being deported and one of them jumped from the 10th floor and lost his life.

The men claim they have paid the agent approximately 70,000 dinars to get the job in Kuwait, but they were not given what they were promised - no work, no support and no salaries.

The employees told the daily the man who jumped from the upper floor did not want to face the prospect of paying about 60,000 Egyptian pounds, equivalent to one thousand dinars, which he had borrowed back home to pay for his recruitment to Kuwait.

They added that, prior to the incident, they tried to reach out to the security men, but the way they were dealt with was harsh. They also claim some of them were beaten.

They said they were following up the case with PAM officials and were promised that their residence permit would be 'soon' stamped but "what happened was surprising, although the manager of the company had promised to correct their situation in front of Manpower officials. He broke his promise and came to the residence accompanied by security men," they said.

The sources told the daily that PAM received a notification about the security forces raiding the accommodation of the complaining workers, and accordingly the specialized staff was sent to the site, to find out the details, follow up on what is happening and take the necessary measures to preserve the rights of the employees according to the law.

The sources emphasized that labor rights are a duty and are implemented in accordance with laws and regulations, and that any infringement on employment is punishable by law.

**KD 5 million embezzled:** An unidentified oil company affiliated to the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation was forced to terminate the services of a prominent senior oil official and refer him to the Public Prosecution with a group of other officials for embezzling public money and using their positions for selfish benefits, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting reliable sources.

The daily added, the senior official in collusion with his subordinates is said to have embezzled more than five million dinars by siphoning the money into his private company.

The same sources added that the suspect signed a contract with a company he owned directly, and with the help of other officials to provide training courses for the oil sector employees that cost more than one million



The new batch of recruits after getting their joining papers.

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48th batch joins military authority

The National Military Service Authority has received the 48th batch of recruits after they completed all relevant procedures and medical tests necessary for their admission to join the military service.

According to a press release, the authority had prepared well

for the resumption of the newly recruited officers and men. These preparations included training programs to enable them to overcome the transition period from civilian to military life.

The recruits will spend one full year, which will be divided into

two parts. The first part of four months will be dedicated to training them on the rudiments of military and academic sciences as well as to enhance their military skills.

The second part of eight months is for field service in the recruit camps.

Jail cut in 'Shuwaikh brawl' lawsuit

Court set to deliver judgment on Dow case

By Jaber Al-Hamoud Al-Seyassah Staff

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8:** The Criminal Court presided over by Judge Muhammad Al-Mutairi is set to deliver judgment in a petition filed by the Fatwa and Legislation Department against the decision of the Public Prosecution Department to withhold investigation on the Dow Chemical case filed against some senior officials and employees of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

During the last court session, Lawyer Faisal Al-Qattan, the counsel to Fatwa and Legislation Department, insisted on reopening the investigation, and Lawyer Dr. Fayez Al-Thufairi stood in for the respondents.

The government counsel presented a huge number of documents concerning the agree-

ments, stating that the officials erred in sealing the "Dow" deal which cost the country \$2.2 billion, and demanded holding them accountable according to the law.

Meanwhile, the Criminal Court is preparing for the 17th sitting in the "Ministry of Interior Hospitality" case filed against 24 officials of Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Finance, who were accused of forgery, dereliction of duty, misappropriation of public fund, and money laundering.

The court, presided over by Judge Mut'eb Al-Ardhi, adjourned the case to Sunday, Dec 8 to invite some witnesses for cross examination by the defendants' counsel.

**Jail sentence cut:** The Court of Appeals presided over by

Judge Nasser Salem Al-Heed has overturned the verdict issued by the Court of First Instance in the case known as "Shuwaikh brawl" filed against a Kuwaiti citizen who was accused of attempting to murder an Egyptian expatriate in Shuwaikh Industrial Area.

The lower court had sentenced the citizen to 17-year imprisonment but the appellate court reduced the sentence to four-year imprisonment with hard labor, and acquitted the Egyptian expatriate "Waheed" of charges of insulting and attacking the defendant.

The incident, a video clip of which went viral at the time, showed the citizen assaulting the Egyptian. The latter later filed a case (No. 481/2017) against his assailant at Shuwaikh Industrial Police Station.



The citizen's vehicle after the accident.

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Man pulled from car wreck

By Munaif Nayef Al-Seyassah Staff

A Kuwaiti citizen sustained serious injuries when his vehicle crashed into a heavy vehicle on Seventh Ring Road.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the

accident, securitymen, firefighters and paramedics rushed to the location and discovered that the citizen was trapped inside his vehicle. After cutting open the vehicle, the citizen was pulled out and referred to Farwaniya Hospital where he was admitted in the Intensive Care Unit in critical condition.

Necessary action was taken thereafter.

News in Brief

**Less cold this winter:** Several weather experts have predicted the coming days will be mostly sunny with light to moderate north westerly wind, adding it'll be a cold winter but not extremely cold, reports Al-Rai daily.

In this context, Meteorologist Mohammad Karam said the Arab peninsula will experience cold waves from Europe and Siberia to usher in low temperature, expecting the temperature to hit 18-20 C by day and drop to 17C amid the cold waves during the week.

For his part, astronomer Adel Al-Saadoun said the winter season in Kuwait is not felt at the moment, because the cold wave from Europe has yet to hit the region.

**Machete attack:** An unidentified Egyptian has been admitted to the intensive care unit of the Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital, reports Al-Rai daily.

He was reportedly attacked by two unidentified young men with a machete after he was involved in a dispute with them while driving along a road in Salmiya.

According to a security source, the suspects reportedly forced the Egyptian to pull over and assaulted him mercilessly and one of them pulled out a cleaver from the car and attacked him causing him deep wounds on the head and body and escaped.

**Maid attempts suicide:** The Hawalli police have registered a suicide attempt case against an unidentified Liberian maid who allegedly attempted to end her life by jumping from the second floor of her Lebanese sponsor's apartment, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily quoting security sources said according to a statement given to the

Fake Kuwaiti Probe continues

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8:** The Farwaniya Investigation Department are continuing investigations with the Pakistani impersonating who speaks the Kuwaiti dialect fluently, and allegedly was working for two lawyers and his job was to contact the police stations to arrest Kuwaitis when verdicts are issued against them in absentia, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said according to the preliminary investigations the accused - who is married to a Kuwaiti woman - was difficult to discover that he was an expatriate because he wore the dishdasha and spoke Kuwaiti dialect fluently which helped him in his job undetected.

The source added the investigations will lead the security authorities to the lawyers who deal with him and who helped him mislead justice. Earlier the daily said, he was caught at the Farwaniya Police Station by the officer in charge on suspicion when he failed to produce his ID.

According to the statement, the impostor attempted to escape on the pretext of fetching the ID from his car which he had allegedly forgotten in the car.

police by the Lebanese woman, she saw the maid standing on the edge of the second floor apartment window and in a swift action grabbed the maid and pulled her down, calmed her down and called the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior.

8,071 violations; Farwaniya came in second with 6,861 violations, followed by the Capital 6,038, subsequently followed by Jahra 3,950 violations, Al-Ahmadi with 3,722, and finally the Mubarak Al-Kabeer with 1,577 violations.

**'Wild parties' tent razed:** A team in the Kuwait Municipality, with support from the securitymen, removed a camp in the Al-Subbiya area, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the camp was razed to the ground because the camp was allegedly put up without permission from the Kuwait Municipality.

The Municipality had reportedly not renewed the licence of the owner of the camp because he was allegedly involved in illegal activities the previous year.

The Municipality took action after an unidentified Kuwaiti complained to the Ministry of Interior that the camp which was set up weeks ago organized illegal parties involving women and played loud music on weekends.

After the Municipality confirmed that the camp was being used to host evening parties, it sought help from the Interior Ministry to remove the camp after the owner requested time to remove all electronic appliances.

**Traffic gets tough:** The Traffic Sector of the General Traffic Department (GTD) continues to organize traffic and security campaigns to reduce traffic violations and arrest the residence and labor laws violators, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to a security source, the traffic campaigns which were organized from Nov 30 to Dec 6 this year under the supervision of the Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Operations and Traffic Affairs Major-General Jamal Al Sayegh resulted in the issuance of 34,617 citations and the impoundment of 60 vehicles which have been towed to the police garage.

This is in addition to arresting 65 violators of the laws and 11 persons wanted by law for various reasons including possessing narcotics and drugs.

According to a security source, the Hawalli Governorate topped the number of violations which stood at

dinars annually without there being any justification, need or benefit for the sector from these courses.

The termination came after the oil sector formed two investigation committees, and discovered numerous violations and issues of conflicts of interest, monitored the commercial transactions sanctioned by the senior official since 2014 until now.

The sources said there are other senior officials in the oil sector who are involved in these transgressions, but they were moved to subsidiary companies and are currently holding senior positions in oil companies.

**Verdict withheld:** The Misdemeanor Court of Appeals recently refrained from issuing a verdict in the case of an elderly man who is believed to be in his 70s after the Court of First Instance had sentenced him to three months imprisonment for allegedly making advances at an unidentified maid inside the elevator of a health center in the Hawalli Governorate, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the daily the maid complained to the police that the man touched her neck and incited her to immorality, a charge denied by the man. However, when the police saw the CCTV footage, they