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Irregularities found in company records as Awqaf opens file after workers strike

32 makeshift market hawkers, not customers to be deported

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 21: The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs is said to have opened the file of a cleaning company which has a contract with the mosques sector whose Bangladeshi employees went on strike and refused to work at the mosques and the Holy Quran and Islamic Studies site, as was disclosed by the Al-Rai daily on Jan 22, 2019, because they were not paid their salaries for two months, reports Al-Rai daily.

The official sources told the daily the ministry recently held a meeting with three of the company's officials, one of whom did not have an official status, in which it decided not to pay the company's bill for the months of November and December last but only after its commitment to what

is required to modify its position towards its employees.

The Bangladeshi workers demonstrated in front of their embassy on Jan 21 of last month, in protest against non-payment of their salaries, since they landed in Kuwait six months ago. They claimed their very livelihood was cut and their most basic rights were violated.

They were hired to work on a 3-year contract of the Mosques Sector of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs – the contract believed to be worth about two and a half million dinars.

The sources pointed out during the meeting it was stressed that the company must take into account the importance of the rights of the laborers and not tarnish the image of Kuwait, by delaying the salary payment.

The meeting reviewed the subject of the contract with the company, the comments submitted by the supervising committee on cleaning and security contracts, as well as the validity of the fines imposed on the company for more than one reason.

It was reported that the com-

pany officials did not commit to improving its position. The company is still failing to comply with the provisions stipulated in the contract and did not pay attention to what was mentioned in these communications in the form of indifference.

The sources pointed out that the observations noted by the committee included 6 points: the company's failure to pay the salaries of workers covered by the contract, the delay in the supply of cleaning materials in October and not to supply them in November, and the unavailability of labor stipulated in the contract regularly, and the lack of commitment of labor to attend the sites and the number of strikes due to late payment of salaries.

The sources pointed out that it was found through reviewing the company's labor records that more than half of the statements were not signed by the workers, and the salary specified in the statements was 55 dinars, not 60 as agreed.

Company officials said the payroll number was wrong, and promised to amend it, stating that the workers had collected

60 dinars, not as indicated in the statements, and promised to complete the rest of the signatures in the lists for November and December.

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32 for deportation: Lt Colonel Abdullah Al-Harbi and Captain Dabbous Al-Dabbous have submitted a report to the Assistant Undersecretary for Criminal Security Affairs at the Ministry of Interior Major-General Khalid Al-Dayen, with a request to deport 32 Arabs and Asians from the country for violating the labor law, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily quoting the officials said the expatriates were caught during surprise inspection checks at markets selling foodstuffs.

Most of the arrests were made in Fintas and the security authorities confirmed the arrests were genuine and that those arrested were people selling foodstuffs and not customers.

The Fintas Campaign comes within the framework of the Ministry's keenness to pursue random markets and flush out hawkers and others who do illegal business.

'KD100mIn needed for road repairs'

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 21: The Ministry of Public Works needs at least KD100 million for the maintenance of roads – twice the amount earmarked by the Engineering Sector in previous years, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting sources.

Sources said the deterioration of roads and highways necessitates the concerted efforts of all concerned authorities, especially in terms of allocating the budget since a huge amount is needed to complete the work in a timely manner. The ministries of Social Affairs, Labor and

Finance had earlier agreed on KD150 million for a period three years, starting from the current fiscal year.

However, the contracts have yet to be implemented despite the fact that only one month is left in the current fiscal year.

Sources also pointed out that the signing of maintenance contracts usually takes several months, unless there is an emergency. This rings the alarm bell for citizens daily considering the deteriorating condition of roads which got worse due to the heavy rainfall crisis.

1- The role of digital and social in our lives: the world wide web has opened up a world of opportunities and information for us every-day. But with this democratic influx of information for us to benefit from; there are also negative consequences impacting us and our most prized possessions, our children and loved ones.

2- Kids and online dangers: The Internet translates itself as wonderful world for our kids and child digital freedom is a great idea in essence. They use it every day for research, playing interactive games, education and connecting with their friends. But online access also comes with risks, like inappropriate content, cyberbullying and opening a window for online predators to disturb and violate.

3- Educating and Supporting Parental control: Zain is an advocate for internet safety and is putting more importance in 2019 behind the education and awareness of cyberbullying for Kids. More so reaching out to Parents and the wider society to understand the dangers inappropriate content and how we can better keep our families and children safe.



Cigarettes for auction.

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Cigarettes auctioned

General Customs Department announced that KD24,150 was generated in its Feb 13 auction. In a press release, head of the customs sale committee Ali Al Enezi revealed that cigarettes and other items confiscated were auctioned in line with Law No.10/2003.

Denial of paternity

Court rejects lawsuit

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 21: The Family Court dismissed an oath-of-condemnation lawsuit filed by a Kuwaiti man against his estranged wife, citing insufficient evidences that the denial of paternity was issued within the first seven days of the child's birth, says Al-Seyassah.

According to the wife's counsel Lawyer Abdulmohsen Al-Qattan, the plaintiff filed the lawsuit seeking divorce with an oath and denied paternity of the baby she delivered.

He explained that the estranged couple married according to Sharia and their marriage was consummated, which was confirmed by their statements at the Public Prosecution. The marriage dated back to over nine months from the date of childbirth. The man did not take any legal procedures to deny paternity of the baby within the said period or even apply for a change in the child's name through the official channel before filing the lawsuit. He also failed to provide any evidence that he denied the paternity within the stipulated first seven days of the child's birth.

News in Brief

Kuwaiti killed in accident: A Kuwaiti died when his car overturned on the Abdali Road, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, this happened when the victim accompanied by his driver was on his way coming from his farm in Abdali and saw a woman in her car stranded on the road because she had run out of fuel near the Abdali farms. He drove her to the nearest gas station and while returning to her car, the driver lost control of the vehicle, the vehicle overturned and the man behind the wheel died on the spot. Passersby who saw the mishap informed the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior and paramedics and police who rushed to the spot referred the woman who was injured to the intensive care unit of the Jahra Hospital. The remains of the citizen have been referred to Forensics.

Meanwhile, the remains of an unidentified 42-year-old woman who died in her room in Waha have been referred to Forensics, reports Al-Anba daily. According to a security source, the deceased was staying alone in the house. Initial reports show the death was natural.

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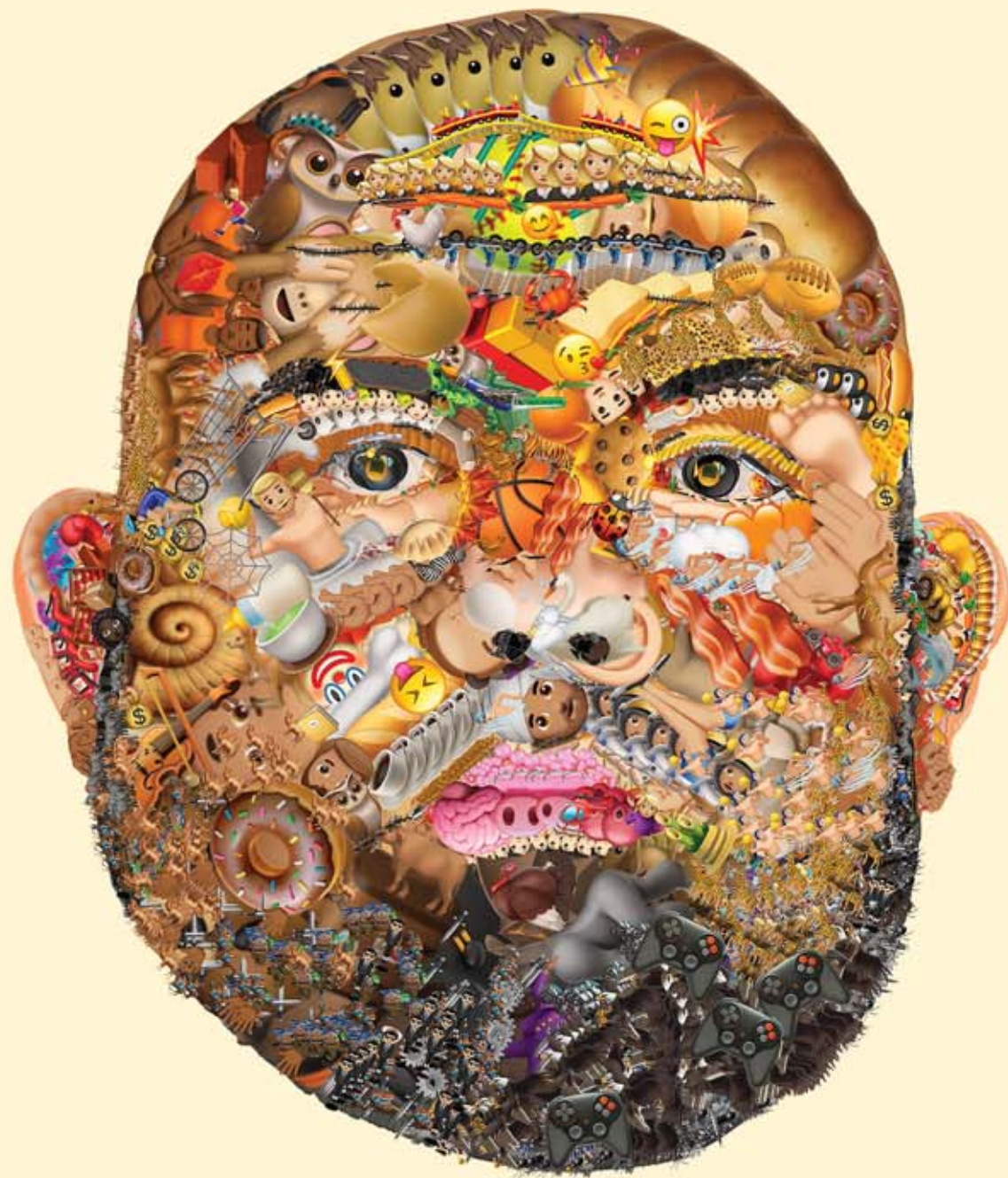
'Campaigns to continue': The Public Relations Department at Kuwait Municipality has affirmed the continuation of inspection campaigns carried out by supervisory bodies at the Farwaniya branch of the Municipality in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh to track down those who violated laws, reports Al-Anba daily.

These campaigns include inspection of real estates, commercial shops and markets, as well as removing encroachments on State properties. Director of the branch Eng Ahmad Al-Hazeem disclosed the Public Sanitation and Roads Works Department recorded 20 violations – 10 related to public sanitation, seven encroachments and three road works. This is in addition to removal of 115 cubic meters of debris, he concluded.

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Egyptian tutor molests girl: The mother of a female student filed a case against an Egyptian tutor who allegedly molested her daughter during a tutorial session in Farwaniya.

A security source revealed the mother contacted the suspect to teach her daughter at home. However, she was surprised when she heard her daughter screaming while the tutorial session was ongoing. The daughter then informed her mother that the tutor touched the private parts of her body. The mother immediately invited securitymen who arrested the tutor and referred him to the concerned security department.



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