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The Asian drug smuggler and the seized contraband.

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Asian drug smuggler arrested

Police have arrested an unidentified Bangladeshi for attempting to smuggle 10,000 Tramadol pills into the country, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the security sources the suspect, working for a mosque in Farwaniya as a cleaner, cleared the customs and was waiting for someone for about four hours outside the airport.

Plainclothes men watching the movements of the passenger suspected him and told the man that they want to check his baggage and to their surprise they found Tramadol pill hidden in baggage.

During interrogation he admitted to bringing the pills for sale. The man, who holds a valid visa, also admitted that it was the second time he smuggled drugs into the country.

He added, the first time he managed to hoodwink the customs authorities and the pills were sold with the help of a compatriot who shares the profit.

The security source said, according to the suspect the compatriot worked for the Anti-Narcotics Department and helped him to sell the drugs. The compatriot also has been arrested and put behind bars.



A huge quantity of counterfeit goods ready to flood the local market was seized by the vigilant Customs Department.

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Fake goods confiscated

Customs officers seized counterfeit goods, including perfumes, cosmetics, toys and sports bags carrying the names of well-known international brands which arrived at the Shuwaik port in five 40-foot containers from Gulf and Asian countries, reports Al-Rai daily.

The Director-General of the General Administration of Customs, Counselor Jamal Al-Jalawi, has issued instructions to prepare a record as a violation of in-

tellectual property rights and destroy the goods.

The daily said Deputy Director-General for Ports Affairs, Sheikh Faisal Al-Abdullah, received a notification from the Director of the Northern Ports Customs Saleh Al-Harbi, about the arrival of containers to the port of Shuwaik and after opening the containers found imitation goods which were to be sold in the market as original products.

Kuwaiti causing chaos, threatening to blow himself up near embassy arrested

Father blames mother ... girls caught with boyfriends

KUWAIT CITY, July 4: The Kuwaiti security authorities have taken into custody an unidentified Kuwaiti for causing chaos in front of the Egyptian consulate and threatening to blow himself up, reports Al-Rai daily.

The man, who was armed only with a knife, has been referred to the concerned authorities (State Security) to know the motives of his action. He was not carrying any identification papers but was later identified as a Kuwaiti.

The Egyptian ambassador to Kuwait said he contacted the Deputy Foreign Minister for Protocol Affairs, Ambassador Dhari Al-Ajran and stressed on the need of taking the necessary action on the incident and provide adequate protection to the consulate.

The security forces acting on information rushed to the consulate and took into custody the suspect, born in 1997, who tried to enter the consulate to complete a transaction and when he was not allowed to enter he created a scene in front of the consulate. He has been referred to the State Security.

However, according to a diplomatic source the suspect had no transaction but came to the consulate and attempted to enter, and when he was denied permission, he challenged the security guard and pulled out a knife in a vain attempt to stab him.

Father blames mom: A Kuwaiti has filed a case against his ex-wife accusing her of not taking care of their two teenage daughters, because the guardianship of the girls is given to the mother by a court order, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the man insisted on filing the case when he saw the daughters with two young men inside one of the compounds.

The citizen, who happened to see the girls (15 and 17 years old) with the two young men, he grabbed them and took them to the house and listened to what they had to say.

Seeing the father, the youths allegedly took to their heels.

Bribe offered: The Director-General of the General Administration of Residence Affairs has referred a Bangladeshi to the Public Prosecution for offering bribe to a detective to release a compatriot from detention, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the incident has been documented (audio-visual) and attached to the case file in the form of exhibit.

The suspect reportedly offered the detective 1,200 dinars to release the suspect and the former pretended to accept the offer and notified to the Director General, who gave his orders to notify the prosecution and arrest the suspect.

Dispute at work: A Kuwaiti doctor working in a government clinic in the Capital governorate has filed a case against a receptionist working with her because of disagreements between them during work, reports Al-Rai daily.

The doctor in her complaint said the receptionist insulted her after a dispute between them on the adoption of certain procedures in their work.

The receptionist has been summoned by the police to hear her testimony.

Drunk driving: A Kuwaiti in his 30s has been arrested and put behind bars at the Salwa Police Station for driving when he was abnormal and damaging his luxury car by colliding with five other cars, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to security sources the arrest happened when the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry was informed about the incident.

When traffic police went to check on the accident, they found the driver abnormal.



Participants of the campaign.

KFSD photo

'We Want You Safe' campaign by KFSD, EQUATE

The campaign titled "We Want You Safe" organized by Kuwait Fire Services Directorate (KFSD) with the cooperation of EQUATE Petrochemical Company was held recently at the 360 Mall in the presence of Director of Public Relations and media Department Brigadier

Khalil Al-Ameer.

According to a press release, the campaign included an exhibition held in participation of a number of sectors and departments in order to increase public awareness about the dangers of fire, its causes, and ways to prevent them.

Brigadier Al-Ameer affirmed that the campaign will continue, stressing that such activities can contribute to reduction in the number of fire incidents.

He thanked the management of 360 Mall for their help in holding the campaign.

MoE recovers more than 34m dinars over four years

KUWAIT CITY, July 4: Informed sources said the Ministry of Education (MoE) has recovered more than 34 million dinars during the past four years from employees who were paid salaries or social allowances and travel tickets and others although they did not deserve them, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The sources told the daily the ministry serious about recovering all the money that

was spent unjustly on employees, either through procedural and administrative errors or trickery and manipulation.

Sources pointed out that the total expenses recovered during 2015 was 7.22 million, in 2016 more than 8 million and 11.144 at the end of 2017.

Sources said that the revenues of the ministry in this section were 8.248 million dinars, an increase of 17 percent

over the estimated budget that is calculated from the average collection during the previous financial years.

In another context, the sources pointed out that the financial sector is in the process of developing a control of assets belonging to the MoE Finance Sector at the request of the Ministry of Finance, which addressed all state agencies to develop such monitoring.

Court Cases

Court frees Kuwaiti

Illegal clinic operators jailed

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KUWAIT CITY, July 4: The Court of Appeals presided over by Judge Nasr Salem Al-Heid nullified verdict of five-year imprisonment and fine of KD 20,000 issued against two Asians who were accused of medical waste disposal offense. The court instead sentenced them to one-year imprisonment with stay of execution and KD 3,000 for illegally opening a clinic, pharmacy and medical storage in the basement of a building. Other defendants were acquitted of all charges.

The defense counsel explained that his clients maintained the claim of innocence since the start of the investigations. There was no activity in the said clinic.

He insisted that the Capital Investigations Department was not competent to act on the case related to environmental crimes, affirming that medical wastes

were not found in the premises, and the case file did not contain any documented evidence to confirm the charges.

He stressed that his clients were only employees of a company, and acting based on that company's policy due to which they cannot be held responsible for their actions.

Kuwaiti freed: The Court of Appeals has overturned the verdict of the lower court and set free a Kuwaiti who had been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, reports Al-Anba daily.

The lower court had sentenced the man on charges of kidnapping, beating and extortion of money from a friend when the two met to settle old differences between them and the matter developed into a quarrel after the accused tried to kidnap him and later tried to blackmail him by fabricating abuse.

The defense attorney Hussein Al-Asfour told the daily his client was set free due to lack of supporting evidence.

News in Brief

'Unknown reasons': A "Colonel" officer of Ministry of Defense who worked at Al-Jiwan Camp died of unknown reasons, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to security sources, the officer felt extreme fatigue while he was on duty and lost consciousness. When the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the incident, paramedics rushed to the location and referred the victim to Sabah Hospital. However, he died in the hospital despite attempts to revive him.

The corpse has been referred to the Forensics Department for autopsy to determine the cause of his death.

Youth drowns: A 19-year-old youth drowned in front of the Sabah Al-Ahmad marine chalets on Wednesday, reports Al-Rai daily.

Acting on information fire-fighters, rescue teams and divers from the Salmiya center rushed to the scene and pulled the youth out of the water but failed to rescue him.

The daily did not give more details.

Doctors assaulted: Two doctors, an Egyptian and a Somali have filed a case with the police accusing a Kuwaiti of assaulting them inside a clinic in downtown Kuwait City, reports Al-Rai daily.

Efforts hailed

Congrats to MPs

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KUWAIT CITY, July 4: The National Assembly Workers Union congratulated Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim, the MPs, Secretary General Allam Al-Kandari and employees at the parliamentary Secretariat General on the conclusion of the third round of the 15th legislative term.

In a press statement, Head of the union Jamaal Al-Shalahi praised the efforts exerted by everyone concerned during this period; resulting in the ratification of vital laws that serve the public and the country.

He pointed out the parliamentary achievements are reflected in the approval of 22 draft laws, proposals and recommendations; made possible through the tremendous efforts exerted by the speaker and those working at the Secretariat General.

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