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## 'Conflict heading for new turn'

### 'War over oil brews in Libya'

"THE power struggle in Libya still persists. The attacks by troops loyal to General Khalifa Haftar on the Libya capital, Tripoli, are met with fierce resistance from the government forces to such an extent that turning over the tables on his troops is just a matter of time," columnist and attorney *Riyadh Al-Sane'a* wrote for *Annahar* daily.

"We say the above because the balance of power has changed. In the meantime, we have observed that in spite of international attempts to end the war there is no sign that the fight will end soon, rather the country continues to suffer since the downfall of Colonel Muammar Al-Gaddafi in 2011.

"To the contrary the struggle has aggravated since the beginning of the attack by the Gen Khalifa Haftar on the capital Tripoli on April 4, 2019.

"In this context, we cite what is attributed to the writer Jumah Al-Qamati who in his report that was published on the British Middle East A website said 'the divisions in Libya currently dominate all members of both the political and financial powers in a country where income mostly depends on oil revenues'.



Al-Sane'a

"However, he added, by persistent military attacks on Tripoli city, it is possible that these revenues will become part and parcel of the political struggle, particularly since we know that the Libyan oil reserves were estimated at about 48 billion barrels which represents the biggest of its kind in the African continent, and ninth at global level.

"Meanwhile, we say the rock oil restorable reserves, are estimated at 26 billion barrels, and that the oil and gas exports, represent as much as 90% of the Libyan revenues.

"In spite of the above, the impending oil output of that of export is likely to conduce to the reduction in the country's national income. In the meantime, we say Libya currently enjoys a standard yielding economy under which the government is the major employer. In other words, the government pays salaries of about 1.8 million employees, or one third of the country's population.

"Apart from the above, we have observed that the profitable oil and gas market used to attract a fierce global competition in general and among the international oil firms in particular. Moreover, the struggle among the concerned parties to dominate the tremendous natural resources is the major motive behind the current military attack on Tripoli where the attackers aim to obtaining a portion from these resources.

"For its part, the Libyan National Oil Corporation, which currently dominates the country's oil sector, had actually attempted to hold itself above the current political conflicts in the country and protect its neutrality.

"Likewise, we have observed how the establishing of an unrecognized government in the eastern part of Libya had woven a coalition with Gen Haftar, given the fact that this coalition has contributed to the founding of a parallel National Oil Company in Benghazi where this company has repeatedly attempted to sell the Libyan oil in foreign markets, and these attempts have played a dynamic role to complicate the conflict in Libya.

"However, it was reported that these attempts were foiled through a resolution that was issued by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) prohibiting the illegal crude oil exports.

"At last, the recent reports show that Gen Haftar is currently striving to militarize the Libyan oil installation situated in the Oil Crescent Zone by using the oil ports and fields in his war against the government in Tripoli.

"On the other hand, we have observed that in the wake of this development, the Libyan National Oil Corporation, had issued a statement condemning the usage of its utilities for military purposes, hinting in this context of the domination of Haftar troops on the airstrip situated near Al-Sidra Oil Port as well as to these troops dominating the Ras Lanouf based Warships Berth Station.

"Such being the case, it will be possible for Gen Haftar to exert attempts to directly export the Libyan oil to the international markets and in case of his failure to do so, he will attempt to stop the Libyan entire oil exports from areas currently under his domination, given the fact this prospective development shall mean a dangerous escalation in the Libyan war."

**Also:**

"The so-called 'The Deal of Century', actually represents 'the impudence of the century', because any deal will not be completed unless the concerned parties are confident that their rights and interests will be duly guaranteed through the relevant deal," columnist *Sultan Ibrahim Al-Khalaf* wrote for *Al-Anba* daily.

"Consequently, we have called the deal in question an 'impudence deal', because it appears impossible to see anything being proposed by the American President Donald Trump in favor of the Arabs, particularly if the proposal is not engineered to serve the settlement project which the Zionist state is based on.

"In this context, we say that it is Trump who recently ordered the shifting of the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and in an unprecedented manner with a daring attitude recognized this city as the capital of the Zionists. Following this measure, Trump recognized the sovereignty of the Zionists over the occupied Golan Heights of Syria (which had been occupied by Israel in 1967).

"Such being the case, it was impossible for the deal in question to bear the fruit of peace in the Arab region, because this deal trespassed all limits and brought down the Arab initiative which was based on the solution of establishing two states in Palestine – one for the Palestinians and the other for the Israelis.

"For his part, advisor to Trump – his Jewish son-in-law – Jared Kushner who sympathizes with the Zionist state in his inaugural speech at the Bahrain Economic Workshop – the workshop for the sake of peace and boom – that was held recently in Manama was aimed at collecting \$50 billion to support the Palestinian economy and of some Arab countries neighboring Palestine provided the political solution to the relevant problem is postponed ignoring the fact that the problem in the region is of political in nature.

"Given the above, we have observed that the workshop in question has seemingly placed the wagon in front of the horse as if the crisis in the region is just an economic problem that needs money only to con-

tain it.  
"However, the workshop was doomed to failure, because the concerned Palestinian party had rejected to be part of it and had vehemently attacked the workshop as a suspicious proposition aimed at violating the legal obligations that protected the rights of the Palestinians on their own territories."

"The visit of HH the Amir and International Humanitarian Leader Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was extraordinary or traditional. It was described as historic and the second visit to Baghdad," *Mishref Eqab* wrote for *Al-Shahed* daily.

"It is considered a message of peace and brotherhood to countries in the world. He held successful talks in Iraq and dealt with cooperation between the two countries. The talks aimed at boosting cooperation and supporting aspirations of the people of the two countries at all levels.

"The visit comes to advance the peace process and brotherhood between the people of the two countries and neighboring countries, while helping Iraq achieve security and stability of its people, resolve outstanding files and problems between the two countries. It reflects the concern of His Highness the Amir of Humanity to help many countries and alleviate suffering of the peoples of the world. Whoever followed his talk about helping other countries, developing their potentials and dealing with humanitarian issues, will appreciate his wisdom and kindness.

"The second historic visit of the Amir aimed to support brotherhood, development as well as stable and prosperous future between the two countries. One of the most important messages to the world is that Kuwait is a country of goodness, tenderness and humanity. The auspicious visit is a message of love and brotherhood to the whole world."

"The phenomenon of employing domestic workers and babysitters became strongly widespread in the Kuwaiti society since the beginning of 1970s, along with the phenomenon of the employment of a large number of Kuwaiti women", *Abdulmohsen Jumaa* wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.

"Even though developed societies that precede us in terms of receiving women in the labor market never needed such high number of domestic workers and babysitters, the case was not the same in Kuwait, as this phenomenon had spread widely in Kuwait, perhaps because of the wealth or the tradition of the wealthy.

"Japanese, German and American women work from 9 am to 5 pm but they do not need huge number of domestic workers like the women in Kuwait and most of the Gulf states. The phenomenon continues to grow in our societies, due to which most of our children who were born in this era grew up in the arms of domestic workers who came from different cultures and are greatly affected by how they were treated by them whether good and bad.

"Today, majority of the active politicians, officials, men and women in all walks of life are people of that generation who were raised in the arms of the domestic workers. Are the negative moral phenomena, the lies, betrayal of trust, poor performance, and quarrels in public places and under the Abdullah Al-Salem Chamber, the falsification of certificates and repression of people the consequences of parents' lack of interest in following up or raising their children?

"There have been odd phenomena in the Kuwaiti society especially from the politicians and public affairs. We have been seeing them in the recent years and they make us look for the cause of this fall in values and principles in general. I am not referring to a crime committed by a teenager in a commercial complex or the dumping of a corpse in the backyard of a government hospital; I am referring to what is happening in the National Assembly Hall. We see and hear officials shouting and exchanging accusations inside the hall instead of trying to work together to produce an ideal country or behave with dignity.

"Yes, people scream in all Parliaments for defending an idea or method of public performance, but in our Parliament, the MPs describe each other with lies, betrayal of promises, and perjury. It is terrible in a country that is not accustomed to this phenomenon.

"This indicates that there is a major imbalance in the way young generations are brought up by their families, the state system of education, and media. There is an absence of an ideal model to follow despite the growing number of people with beard."

"When the late President of Egypt Anwar Saddat adopted the movement of political Islam groups, the wave spread in other Arab countries especially the Arab Gulf. The purpose was not to build an awakening movement based on intellectual, social, scientific and humanitarian or social grounds, as these groups sought power under religious and emotional slogans," *Dr Ali Al-Zubi* wrote for *Al-Shahid* daily.

"Without ambiguity, the 'awakening' was a very dangerous instrument of repression used by the Arab rulers to control the internal political policy and this is a crime of manipulating the consciousness in order to create a social reality based on craps, illusions and ideas enveloped in religion while they are in fact far from it.

"The 'awakening' created a doctrinal reality that has nothing to do with our religion, which God has revealed, a religion that calls for peace, tolerance and love for others.

"The Arab socio-political reality in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s was more developed intellectually, culturally and scientifically than that of the subsequent periods. This was because of the flourishing cultural climate.

"The 'awakening' played a negative role when it took over the ministries of education and information which led to change in the 'mental structure' of Arab people by maximizing 'taboos' in exchange for curbing everything that is 'halal'.

"The pressing intellectual issue on how to evolve towards social progress no longer occupies a place in the 'awakening' at a time hundreds of books on human development, industrial development, democracy and Science were published.

"In fact, the rise in the rate of unemployment and decline in levels of education and culture were features of the so-called 'awakening'. Without the slightest doubt, it was a 'nap' phase and has never been a stage of 'awakening' – the bad reality of the Arab world, a reality of unconsciousness that we now know."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb



KUNA photo  
Minister of State for Economic Affairs Maryam Al-Aqeel and her team during a recent tour of the T2 project of the Kuwait National Airport.

## 'Kuwait keen to cooperate with IAEA in peaceful nuke controls'

KISR hosts workshop on nuclear technology

**VIENNA, July 13, (KUNA):** A Kuwaiti official affirmed on Friday his country's keenness on boosting cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in various spheres such as harnessing the nuclear power for peaceful applications and tasks.

Dr Usama Al-Sayegh, the executive director of the research center at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), was speaking to KUNA on sidelines of a workshop themed "boosting efficiency and competence of the technical cooperation program in peaceful nuclear technology in Asian and Pacific nations."

Dr Al-Sayegh, who doubles as the national liaison officer with the IAEA, said the Kuwaiti delegation during the workshop presented the country's successful experience with the international agency for managing underground water.

Participants in the seminar exam-

10,666 pilgrims to go for Hajj this year

KUWAIT CITY, July 13: Director General of Civil Aviation Engineer Yousif Al-Fawzan affirmed that 10,666 pilgrims will leave for the holy land this year via the main Kuwait International Airport and T4 to perform the rites of the pilgrimage aboard Kuwait Airways, Saudi Airlines, and NAS Airways, reports Al-Anba daily.

Speaking to the daily, Al-Fawzan pointed out that six Kuwait Airways vessels will transport 1,336 passengers and 15 Saudi Airways flights 6,030 passengers, while 3,300 passengers will travel aboard 11 NAS flights.

He indicated the first batch of pilgrims will travel to the holy land on Aug 4 aboard Saudi Airways, noting the pilgrims have been distributed according to the size of aircraft and number of seats.

He reiterated that Civil Aviation Authority has coordinated with the airlines, Interior Ministry, and Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs with regard to the mechanism of departure for pilgrims in terms of approvals, security licenses, and facilitation of the travel procedures in collaboration with the officials of Saudi Arabia.

ined plans to boost social and economic development in these countries.

Kuwait continues its fruitful cooperation with the IAEA at various levels, Dr Al-Sayegh confirmed.

He lauded the substantial efforts, exerted by the State of Kuwait Ambassador to Austria and its Permanent Representative to International Organizations, Sadeq Maarefi, and

the embassy staff for cementing the cooperation with the IAEA.

Kuwait and the IAEA participate in a number of projects for the 2018-2019 period – including a program for nuclear technology applications to improve water production, water usage for fodder crops, improve barley crops in the Kuwaiti hard weather conditions and assessing underground water reservoirs.

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