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Vigilant customs at Shuwaikh Port seizes around 10 mln drug pills from container

26,000 Captagon pills found dumped at Abdali customs area

KUWAIT CITY, July 13: The Director-General of the General Administration of Customs, Counselor Jamal Al-Jalawi, Thursday evening visited the customs warehouse in the Shuwaikh Port where an inventory of the contents of the 40-foot container was being carried out, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to sources, the container arrived at the port carrying a cargo of about 10 million narcotic pills which are classified as forbidden mental effects although the bill of lading showed the contents of the container are electrical and medical tools and electric fans.

The container was seized when the alleged importer failed in his bid to re-export the contents after failing to get the clearance but the sense of professionalism of the customs officers led to the discovery of the drugs thus thwarting the attempts to pump in this large quantity of drugs into the country.

"This seizure confirms the vigilance of Kuwaiti customs officials and that they are responsible for protecting the security and safety of the homeland, especially since the importer of this shipment tried to pass it into the country," said Jalawi.

On the other hand, the Deputy Director-General for the Customs, Sheikh Faisal Al-Abdullah, who followed all the stages, related to the case, warned all those who are trying to smuggle banned materials, whatever their quality, stressing that the customs officers are always keeping a vigil on those who are weak and prone to accept bribe.

Director of the Northern Ports



The huge quantity of drug pills seized by the customs

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Customs Department, Saleh Al-Harbi has praised the vigilant customs officers working at the Shuwaikh customs who they said are keen to perform their duty with all sincerity and honesty.

Drug pills dumped: Personnel from the General Department of Drugs Control are looking for an unknown person who is likely to have been a truck driver who has dumped about 26,000 Captagon pills inside Abdali customs area, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said securitymen are checking the CCTV footage to identify the suspect and refer him to the judiciary.

The daily added, the pills were found inside 13 bags which have been referred to the Criminal Evidence Department.

The customs department said that the smuggler must have chickened out at the last moment for fear of

being caught and 'disposed off' the contraband.

Smuggling citizens: Customs officers at Al-Nuwaiseeb border post foiled an attempt of a Saudi passenger to smuggle a quantity of cigarettes into the Kingdom, reports Annahar daily. The cigarettes were hidden under the car seat. The Saudi has been referred to authorities and the cigarettes have been confiscated.

Fight at fun party: Police have detained three citizens for involving in a fight during a fun party inside an apartment, reports Al-Rai daily.

It has been reported the three Kuwaitis - who were high on alcohol - had a fight over a girl during the party.

The fight developed when one of them hit the other with a glass ash tray and caused deep cut on his head.

Then girls ran away to avoid problems and the arrests came when a neighbor called the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry because the fight caused them inconvenience.

Police and paramedics rushed to the spot and took the injured to the hospital and detained the others for interrogation.

Kidnap bid foiled: The Farwaniya police are looking for four Asians for attempting to kidnap an Indian, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the suspects pounced on the victim and tried to gag his mouth to prevent him from screaming but took to their heels when the victim cried for help.

A security source told the daily the Indian has submitted a medical report which shows injuries on his body caused by the suspect in a failed bid to kidnap him.

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to the world that they did not recognize any power over their will and stood ready to sacrifice their lives to protect their State and the democratic system.

In the past three years, the fight against FETO both inside and outside Turkey has constituted one of the main priorities of our State. Within Turkey, our efforts are being conducted under three pillars:

Firstly, on the basis of the rule of law, the perpetrators of the 15th of July coup attempt have been brought to justice.

Secondly, FETO's organizational structure within governmental institutions has been unveiled; administrative and judicial procedures have been initiated against its members, and hence the "parallel state structure" has been brought down.

Thirdly, apart from those within the governmental institutions, FETO's attempts to spread across all areas of the economy via its shell entities, particularly in the education, media and banking sectors, have been thwarted.

Despite facing extraordinary security challenges, we have been able to successfully conduct our fight at home in compliance with the principles of the rule of law and fundamental rights and freedoms. We have also expended efforts to avoid grievances and established new mechanisms to examine and settle alleged grievances.

As these developments took place, FETO has undergone a significant transformation. The organization, which lost its backbone in Turkey, is now trying to survive by making use of its structure abroad. Thus, fighting against the structures of FETO abroad has gained significance.

The fight against FETO structures abroad has been among the top priorities of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The main objective of our efforts is to demonstrate and prove the fact that FETO also poses a threat to the security of other countries where it remains active. In this regard, the concrete examples gathered indicate that FETO does not hesitate to violate laws by acting almost like a secretive intelligence service and points out to the fact that it aims to establish political and economic zones of influence that permits the creation of structures similar to those in Turkey in other countries that it has spread to since the 1990s.

Moreover, we have taken administrative measures and initiated legal proceedings to limit the maneuvering space of the FETO terrorist organization abroad and to prevent its members from transferring money and escaping justice. Within the scope of investigations conducted in Turkey, we have requested the extradition of the main ringleaders of the structures of FETO abroad from the countries where these persons are located.

The Turkish Maarif Foundation (TMF) maintains its activities all around the world to prevent any shortfalls resulting

from the steps taken against FETO, especially in the field of education.

With the contribution of our missions abroad that implement intensive efforts within the framework summarized above, we are gaining traction and getting concrete results.

Most importantly, the international community is gradually understanding that FETO is not a social movement that engages with education and charity, contrary to the way it tries to portray itself, but rather a dark and insidious organization with political and economic ambitions. A clear awareness regarding the characteristics of the organization has developed among public opinions abroad.

Various countries and international organizations have declared FETO as a terrorist organization. In this context, FETO was declared as a terrorist organization in the 43rd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held on Oct 19, 2016; a similar resolution was written at the Asian Parliamentary Assembly on Dec 1, 2016 and ratified at the 12th Conference of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC on Jan 27, 2017. In addition to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, the Supreme Court of Pakistan declared FETO a terrorist organization with the verdict rendered on Dec 28, 2018.

The awareness raised regarding FETO in third countries has also stimulated closer monitoring and investigation of the activities related to these elements by the officials of the aforementioned countries. Unlawful acts carried out by FETO-affiliated organizations have thus been revealed in various countries. The members of the organization have been deported accordingly. In addition to those deported to third countries, more than one hundred and ten FETO members from over twenty countries have been extradited to Turkey. TMF has taken over FETO affiliated schools in eighteen countries. The activities of FETO affiliated schools and language courses have been terminated in thirty-six countries.

Our efforts have increased the pressure on the members of the organization living abroad and there has been a serious constriction within the structuring of the organization abroad along with its capabilities. The number of FETO members attempting to escape the countries in which they are active has been on the rise, particularly in Africa, as well as Turkey.

While experiencing a visible disruption in its global network, the organization still strives to make up victimization stories by resorting to unfounded news through the use of their existing media outlets. It also attempts to strengthen cooperation with circles hostile to Turkey by using PR and lobbying methods.

Our efforts for fully eliminating the structures of FETO abroad constitutes a long-term fight. The Turkish Government will resolutely maintain its efforts in that regard.

We appreciate the solidarity and cooperation that Kuwait demonstrated from the first moment of the failed coup.



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Vehicles damaged after the collision.

Police probe traffic accident

Police are investigating the cause of an accident which severely damaged both vehicles especially since the accident happened in a residential area where the speed limit should have not caused an accident of such a magnitude, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the Jahra security personnel went to the scene to investigate

the condition of the two vehicle drivers and open an investigation into the causes of the accident and to move the two vehicles to the area police station.

On the other hand, King Fahd Road witnessed a three-vehicle collision between which caused injury to two people and damage to the vehicles.

News in Brief

Ruling overruled: The Court of Appeals overruled the verdict of the lower court which ordered eviction of the heirs of a citizen from a shop in Mubarakia Market in a case filed against them by the company that manages the market. Instead, the higher court dismissed the case, says Al-Seyassah.

The defendants (heirs) had earlier challenged the eviction order issued by the market's management, followed by the lower court's ruling to evict them and pay rent arrears.

Lawyer for the heirs, Attorney Muhammad Al-Sayegh, argued that the lower court failed to determine facts prior to the issuance of its ruling, pointing out his clients are holding documents proving the eviction order has no legal merit.

Workers hurt: The Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC), Abdullah Fahad Al Ajmi, said two workers suffered minor burns while conducting periodic maintenance of one of the units of the Mina Abdullah refinery, reports Annahar daily.

Al-Ajmi said in a press statement that the incident took place at 10:50 am yesterday. Al-Ajmi added the condition of the workers is reassuring. The company has taken the necessary measures to deal with the causes of this accident, while the maintenance process for the unit continued according to schedule.

Rules violated

Officers in fight

KUWAIT CITY, July 13: A fight broke out between a policeman and two officers at Terminal 4 of the Kuwait International Airport, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the security sources this happened when the policeman entered through the passengers gate because of the traffic jam and the officer manning the passenger gate informed the concerned authorities.

When the two officers went to the work place of the policeman and told him to show his permit and accompany them for violating the law, the former refused saying he needed to assist his colleagues in their work because of overcrowding at the arrival lounge.

However, the officers stood their ground and dragged the man in full view of everyone. A report on the incident has been sent to the concerned authority for legal action against the guilty. It has been reported the concerned department will check the CCTV film of what happened and punish those found guilty.

Bedoun arrested: In a statement published Friday, the Interior Ministry has stated the arrest of a bedoun who appeared in a video clip abusing and inciting officials concerned with the file of bedoun, reports Al-Rai daily. The video clip showed the bedoun at the Erada Square.

The daily added, the suspect has been referred to the Public Prosecution.



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