



The meeting in progress.

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Court Cases/Crime

Kuwaiti beaten, arrests ordered

Lebanese KTV presenter acquitted of 'blasphemy'

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KUWAIT CITY, July 18: The Court of Appeals presided over by Judge Nasr Al-Hayad overruled the verdict issued by the Criminal Court which sentenced a Lebanese presenter working for Kuwait TV to one-year imprisonment with hard labor on charges of committing blasphemy during a TV program. The court instead acquitted her as well as the director and crew of the TV program in question.

In its closing statement, the court explained that the defendant did not utter any words that can be deemed as blasphemous, and she did not harbor any intention to offend God. Instead, her words were based on the Christian perspective regarding the Creator, and she had since then expressed regret and apologized for what she had said during the program.

In another case, the court overruled the acquittal ruling issued to an officer of Ministry of Defense and a member of the Secretariat of the government council. The court instead refrained from issuing its verdict but ordered the accused to return KD 26,000, which is a value of the salary he received through falsification of academic certificate obtained from an Egyptian university.

Arrests ordered: The Ahmadi Attorney-General has ordered the arrest of the five suspects, including a police captain in the Ministry of Interior, who allegedly beat a Kuwaiti citizen mercilessly at a farmhouse in Kabad over some differences between the victim and another Kuwaiti, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said the victim

has been admitted to the Adan Hospital in serious condition. Police are waiting to record the testimony of the victim after his condition permits.

A medical report confirmed the victim was exposed to flagrant abuse and beating.

Mol denies rumours: The Ministry the Interior has denied what is being circulated in the social media about a crack in the bridge that connects the King Fahd Road with the Fifth Ring Road towards Surrah, reports Al-Rai daily.

The Directorate-General for Public Relations and Security Information at the Ministry of the Interior said the traffic on the bridge is smooth and that there is no traffic congestion.

The department called on the citizens and residents to investigate the accuracy of what is published or broadcast on social media from official sources.

Billboards give way: Billboards fell along Canada Dry Street in Shuwaikh without causing injuries, only damages to an old vehicle.

Securitymen, medical emergency workers and fire-fighters rushed to the location after the Operations Unit at the Interior Ministry received information on the incident. They dealt with the situation efficiently.

Meanwhile, Director of Kuwait Municipality branch in the Capital Governorate Abu Raqaba Al-Otaibi confirmed that they inspected the location in order to write a report about it in coordination with the Ministry of Interior and the Municipality.

He confirmed that the prevention authorities in the governorate are always ready to handle any emergency situation.

KFSD strict about applying rules against fire-safety violations

Director General of Kuwait Fire Service Directorate Lieutenant General Khaled Al-Mekrad affirmed that no leniency will be shown when applying rules and regulations against violations especially in residential buildings and commercial complexes.

According to a press release, he said this during a meeting with a number of high-ranking officers. The meeting focused on the fire incident that occurred in a building in Mahboula area which resulted in the death of three individuals and serious injuries to two others. They discussed the

measures taken to deal with the incident.

Lieutenant General Al-Mekrad stressed the need for inspection campaigns to be held regularly, and to demand owners of residential buildings and commercial complexes to declare their legal responsibility in writing.

Mother foils daring robbery attempt by Arab intruder demanding money, gold

Mixed gender party on yacht cancelled by host

KUWAIT CITY, July 18: In a strange incident, an Egyptian woman, born in 1989, has filed a complaint with the Farwaniya police accusing an unidentified masked man of breaking into her apartment and threatening to harm her minor daughter, reports Al-Anba daily.

The woman, whose husband has traveled abroad, told the Farwaniya police that she gathered courage and grabbed a knife from the kitchen and threatened to kill the man who spoke in fluent Arabic.

She said she was fast asleep and heard cries from her daughter who was watching television. She hurried out of the bedroom and saw the unknown man holding the daughter placing a knife to her neck and demanded money or gold and jewelry.

"I subconsciously went to the kitchen and brought a knife and rushed to the unknown thief to try to stab him and rescue my daughter and the suspect escaped.

The Deputy Attorney-General has ordered to classify the case as attempted robbery by force, and assigned personnel from the Criminal Evidence Department to lift the fingerprints.

Mixed party cancelled: A mixed ceremony was scheduled to take place on a yacht in Kuwait next Saturday between 10 pm and 2 am, reports Al-Rai daily.

After much controversy one of the organizers told the daily that it has been decided to cancel the event, the entrance fee for which was KD 10 each.

Meanwhile, the daily learned from a well-informed security source that the Department of anti-vice department in the Criminal Investigation Department after identifying organizer summoned him for interrogation and the event was cancelled and the man was made to sign necessary pledges with the Department.

Sponsor 'unaware': The concerned authorities are investigating how the Residence Affairs Department has issued work permits for two people – an Indian and a Bangladeshi – under the sponsorship of an unidentified Kuwaiti who claims the incident happened when he was out of the country for higher studies, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to a security source, after the Kuwaiti returned home after completing his higher studies in one of the European countries, he visited the Home Employment Department to complete some transaction and discovered the two persons under his sponsorship.

After he filed the complaint he discovered the transactions were completed when he was abroad.

Drug pills, cigarettes: The officials of the General Administration of Customs continue to fight the smuggling of drug pills and contraband into the country, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, after the failed attempt to smuggle 10 million



Ministry of Health and KFSD officials hold meeting.

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MoH, KFSD discuss safety measures

Deputy Director of Prevention Sector at the Directorate General of Fire Services General Khaled Fahad has emphasized the need to provide up to date fire prevention and safety requirements in hospitals and other health facilities in a

bid to achieve legal and humanitarian objectives.

He made the statement in his meeting with Assistant Undersecretary for Engineering Affairs in the Health Ministry Eng Ibrahim Al-Niham, during which he highlighted the importance of these

requirements in protecting health facilities, structures and those inside such establishments.

Governorate directors in the prevention sector and directors of the engineering affairs in the Health Ministry were also present at the meeting.

Attacks by Brotherhood, rights bodies rejected

Political experts laud Kuwait's brave stance

KUWAIT CITY, July 18: Egyptian political experts have rejected the attacks waged on Kuwait by international human rights organizations and the Muslim Brotherhood, after its courageous stance of handing over the eight terrorist cell members to Egypt, reports Al-Rai daily.

The experts in separate statements told the daily, the attack by the Human Rights Watch confirms that Kuwait's respect for the Egyptian judiciary and security agreements signed between countries and its determination to eradicate terrorism.

In this context, Vice-President of the Arab Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo, Dr Mukhtar Ghobashi, said attack by the Human Rights Watch on Kuwait is not new, pointing out that this or-

ganization is clear supporting the Brotherhood, whether in Egypt or elsewhere.

Dr Ghobashi stressed that this organization sympathizes with the so-called "political Islam" movement, noting that this was clear in its statement about the death of former president Mohamed Morsi, and it is not strange to attack Kuwait, although its position cannot be forgotten. Kuwait supports the law and the provisions of the judiciary, and confronting terrorism.

Former Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Cairo University Dr Mahmoud Kbeish said that Human Rights Watch supports the Brotherhood and incites violence against states. "What it does is unacceptable. Other Arab countries must take the

same courageous and unprecedented stance like Kuwait until the region gets rid of the forces of terrorism.

He pointed out that such organizations receive support from some countries in the region, in order to spread rumors against countries facing terrorism such as Kuwait, but a strong response to such organizations must be provided to protect Arab national security.

Egyptian political thinker Dr Abdul Ghaffar Shukur said that "Human Rights Watch attack on Kuwait does not affect its strength and influence in the region and the wisdom of its leadership." He said that the organization "is trying to spread rumors that are aimed at destroying countries."

Tramadol pills into the country a few days ago, they inspectors have foiled another similar attempt – this time to smuggle about six million packets of tobacco in two, 40 and 20 feet containers, which allegedly came from an unidentified Gulf state.

A member of the Customs Information Committee said: "The customs officers at the Shuwaikh port suspected the two containers which arrived months ago and remained at the customs warehouses.

The importing company tried to re-export the contents of the containers following which it was subjected

for inspection and the inspectors found 5.7 million packets registered as derivatives of tobacco inside the containers.

Pistol abandoned: A pistol and a pair of gloves were found abandoned near a mosque in Jahra area.

According to security sources, when securitymen received information about the discovery of the pistol, they rushed to the location and retrieved the pistol as well as the gloves found nearby. They believe the owner of the pistol had used the gloves to get rid of the pistol without

leaving any fingerprints behind. Securitymen have launched investigations to find the suspect.

Car stolen: An unknown individual stole a Kuwaiti citizen's Japanese-made vehicle in Jahra Industrial Area, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to security sources, the citizen reported in his complaint that his vehicle was parked in front of a garage when it was stolen.

A case was registered, and details of the vehicle have been distributed to all patrol teams.

News in Brief

Call to probe death: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Lt Gen Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah issued a decision to form a commission of inquiry into the death of a Pakistani who was arrested by the traffic police for committing a serious traffic violation and was rushed to the hospital after he complained he was feeling unwell, reports Al-Rai daily.

The Interior Ministry said the Pakistani developed a heart problem and was rushed to a hospital and allegedly died of heart failure.

No casualties: Fire broke out in a flat in Abu Halifa area. No casualties were registered but material losses had incurred, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

When firefighters received information about the flat on fire, they rushed to the location and discovered that the flat was located on the fifth floor of a residential buildings.

After evacuating all the tenants from the building, firefighters extinguished the fire before it spread to nearby flats.

Investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of the fire.

Cop insulted: Police have summoned

Woman hurt

Suicide attempted?

KUWAIT CITY, July 18: A Kuwaiti woman sustained serious injuries after falling from the second floor of her house in Bayan area, says Al-Seyassah.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the incident, securitymen, paramedics and fire-fighters rushed to the location and referred the victim to Mubarak Hospital where she was admitted in the Intensive Care Unit in serious condition. A case was registered for investigations.

Another version says, an unidentified woman, who wanted to end her life has been admitted to the intensive care of a hospital, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the woman, born in 1995, reportedly jumped from a high place in her home in Bayan.

for interrogation an unidentified Kuwaiti for insulting a traffic policeman on duty, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the incident happened in Hawalli when the traffic man issued a citation against the Kuwaiti for violating a traffic law and parking his vehicle in 'No Parking' zone.