

Court Cases/Crime

From 'good' to 'excellent'

Court revokes decision to reduce disability severity

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KUWAIT CITY, March 21: The Court of Cassation has revoked the decision issued by a medical committee to downgrade the severity of a disability. It also revoked the decision of Public Authority for Disabled Affairs cancel the file of a citizen, and instead ordered its re-instatement and the re-issuance of his disability card.



Al-Khashab

Representing the citizen was Lawyer Mubarak Al-Khashab who petitioned the Court of Appeal's verdict which agreed on downgrading the severity of his client's disability and cancelled his file after the concerned authority reevaluated the severity of his disability as per the relevant law No. 8/2010.

Lawyer Al-Khashab said his client's condition was qualified by the previous law No. 49/1996 on disability, adding that the new law No. 8/2010 barred the concerned authority from requalifying severity of disability; hence his client, who was considered as disabled in 2007, still qualifies to be awarded rights allocated for the disabled as per law No. 8/2010.

Evaluation increased: The Court of Appeals upheld the verdict issued by the Court of First Instance which canceled the decision of Undersecretary of Ministry of Education to mark a teacher's performance evaluation as "Good", and instead ordered for the evaluation to be increased to "Excellent".

Lawyer Ina'am Haidar, the counsel to the teacher, explained her client's evaluation has been recorded as "Excellent" throughout the many years of her service. However, she was shocked when the last performance evaluation was downgraded to "Good".

Since the reasons behind the downgrade of the evaluation result was personal and not in line with the relevant regulations and objective classification, her client lodged a complaint with the Legal Affairs Department of Ministry of Education, which conducted investigations and concluded that her client deserved an "excellent" report.

However, even though the result of the investigations was referred to the relevant educational zone, it was not enforced, because of which her client was obligated to resort to the court.

Ruling overturned: The Criminal Court of Appeals overturned the ruling of the Court of First Instance, which sentenced a government employee and his friend to one year in prison for allegedly scamming a female colleague with fictitious government projects to the tune of KD 30,000. The appellate court thereby acquitted the employee and upheld the prison term of his friend.

The employee and his friend were charged for luring the woman and her husband to purchase vehicles from a company where the second accused was working. They purportedly sold the vehicles again after the second accused had collected the money and disappeared into a thin air.

Lawyer Abdul-Mohsen Al-Qattan representing the employee argued there was no sufficient proof that his client was part of the fraud.

Petition dismissed: The Criminal Court dismissed a petition filed by a Kuwaiti woman against the decision of the Public Prosecution Department to withhold a complaint she submitted against her grown up children whom she accused of abducting her disabled daughter and a younger one, because they were not interested in living with her.

She claimed that her underage daughters, who were legally under her custody, were abducted from the office of a judge, alleging the secretary of the judge had connived with her children (eldest son and daughter) to perpetrate the act. She pointed out that the connivance was easy because the secretary is an in-law to the family, so she exploited her position to facilitate the abduction.

Lawyer Abdullah Matar representing the defendants disagreed with the petitioner. He said the petitioner could not prove her case beyond reasonable doubt, because there was no document to back up the claim. He noted the children only refused to be separated by the mother and they tried their best to keep the family tie intact.

Drugs with Asian: An Asian expatriate was arrested at Abdali border checkpoint for attempting to smuggle two kilograms of hashish into the country.

According to sources, Abdali customs officers checked the heavy vehicle that arrived at the border checkpoint and found the hashish hidden discreetly inside the heavy vehicle. The Asian driver was arrested and referred with the confiscated hashish to the concerned authorities for necessary legal action.



Deputy Kuwait National Guard Lieutenant General Engineer Hashim Al-Rifai, Major General Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Saud and the Kuwaiti Military Attaché Brigadier General Nasser Al-Samhan and participants of the military exercise 'Cooperation 4' pose for a picture at the event.

Traffic accidents claim 70 young citizens and expats dead in three months period

Serial rapist assaults Asian teen in new incident

KUWAIT CITY, March 21: Statistics issued by the Department of Information and Statistics of the Traffic General Department show 70 people died (citizens and expatriates), the majority of them young men in traffic accidents since the beginning of this year until March 20, 2019, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to statistics most of the accidents were caused due to the man behind the steering wheel using cell phones and non-compliance with traffic rules.

Rapist's new victim: A policeman who earlier abducted and raped three children is said to have allegedly raped his new victim, reports Al-Rai daily.

Intensive investigations conducted by detectives from the Criminal Investigations Department revealed that the rapist played the same game with a 13-year-old Pakistani boy.

A police source said the boy recognized the policeman during a legal lineup.

Indian dies in fall: An Indian worker died after he fell from a crane from a building under construction at the Ministries Complex, reports Al-Rai daily.

When the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior received a report on the incident, police patrols and paramedics rushed to the spot, but could do nothing because the victim had succumbed to the injuries.

A security source said, "The preliminary investigation indicated that there was no criminal suspicion and that the worker was doing construction work and he fell."

The corpse of the victim has been referred to Forensics.

However, an official source demanded that the circumstances of

'Nod for new decisions related to labor market soon'

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KUWAIT CITY, March 21: Director General of the Manpower Authority Ahmad Al-Musa disclosed that series of decisions related to the labor market will be approved soon after completing upgrading of the electronic system of the sector to enable application of those decisions without facing problems in the labor system.

Al-Musa declared there will be major regulations to govern transfer within private sector while other regulations will be placed on the recruitment of expatriate workers such that the required age will be speci-

fied. He said some rare specialties and highly qualified people needed in the country will be exempted. He informed the age hasn't been fixed officially to 60 or 65, indicating it will be done in coordination with other relevant government agencies.

As regards the gathering of some employers in front of the authority's premises demanding for some rights, Al-Musa declared that the doors of the authority is open to all whether the youth or employers who wish to present suggestions or demands. He stressed that the work permit they are demanding its cancellation was

cancelled since December last year, and the authority has since limited it to automatic registration only if there's no change in job or personal data, so that the disbursement of national manpower support can continue.

It will be recalled that a group of employers last Thursday demonstrated at the headquarters of the manpower authority threatening to repeat the demonstration every Thursday of the week if concerned officials continue to be adamant and refuse to engage them in a round-table talk or dialogue to look into their proposals.

the worker's death be investigated from the safety and security point of view and the guilty should be held accountable.

The Al-Anba daily said the Indian was working for a cleaning company and he fell from the scaffolding while cleaning.

Foul play suspected: The remains of an unidentified Egyptian man who allegedly fell to his death from a building under construction in Jabriya, have been referred to Forensics, reports the Al-Rai electronic media.

When the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry was informed about the incident, police patrols and paramedics rushed to the spot and saw the victim lying on the ground.

It has been reported the death came to light after people nearby heard loud screams. Some people have been detained for interrogation since police have not ruled out foul play.

The corpse has been referred to Forensics.

Manipulation of files: The com-

mittee formed by Ministry of Electricity and Water has discovered suspicions of fraud and manipulation in the files of electricity supply to residential blocks in a marine area, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting informed sources.

They explained that the ministry formed the committee to follow up the suspicions. Initial results revealed indications of electricity supply to these residential blocs without providing files on transactions related to electricity supply in the Distribution Network Department to the concerned department. The ministry discovered that a number of meters can be professionally accessed in the ministry's systems.

Malicious complaint: When a Bangladeshi woman failed to implicate an Egyptian in the case of beating after a case was filed against him and it became clear to the police that the complaint was malicious, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, police are in the process of determining the circum-

stances of the incident and the reasons for indictment.

According to a security source, the woman accused the Egyptian of touching her private parts. When the detectives arrested the suspect from his workplace, he denied the accusation. Police investigations are continuing, since the suspect and the victim allegedly were in a kind of relationship.

Jail for writer: The Criminal Court has sentenced writer Abdullah Al-Hudlaq to three years imprisonment with hard labor and for insulting Imam Ali bin Abi Taleb (peace be upon him), reports Al-Rai daily.

The case was filed against him by lawyer Jalil Al-Tabbakh and claimed 5,001 dinars as temporary civil compensation.

The Prosecution had charged the accused with stirring sectarian strife between Sunnis and Shites in society by publishing two tweets, which included insults and ridicule to Imam Ali Ibn Abi Taleb, the cousin and companion of the Prophet (PBUH).



A man is seen throwing himself in front of a car in the rear.

New way to extort money

Social media users have circulated a video footage showing an Asian expatriate throwing himself in front of luxurious cars in an industrial area in an attempt to extort money from motorists,

reports Al-Anba daily. A security source said the clip was published on March 16 and investigations are underway to identify the expatriate.

News in Brief

Way to provide jobs: CEO of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) Hashim Hashim has addressed the issue of employing Kuwaiti petroleum engineering graduates, reports Al-Rai daily.

Hashim contacted a number of senior contractors in the oil sector, calling for increasing the Kuwaitization percentage in contracts – more than the approved percentage – in order to provide jobs for Kuwaiti petroleum engineering graduates this year in addition to those who passed KPC's tests.

Sources told the daily that Hashim has instructed the Administrative Affairs Sector to accept all those who passed the tests this year, although their number is more than the 26 vacancies. Sources revealed around 130 applicants who passed the tests will be hired in a bid to provide jobs for this year's graduates.

Sources pointed out Hashim's initiative has contributed to solving the problem of employing petroleum engineering graduates by taking tangible steps; thereby, confirming that hiring Kuwaiti youths is the priority of the oil sector. They also stressed the significance of coordination between Kuwait University and the sector regarding the educational output and required technical specializations from the beginning of the year.

Hunt for motorist: The Ministry of Interior is in search for a motorist who was reported to have driven his "GT" car recklessly between houses in a residential area.

According to security sources, a video of his act went viral on social media, in which he can be seen driving recklessly and endangering his life and the lives of other people in the area.

Kuwaiti's car stolen: An unknown individual stole a vehicle that was parked in front of a Kuwaiti citizen's house in Saad Al-Abdullah area.

According to security sources, the citizen went to Saad Al-Abdullah Police Station and reported the theft of his US-made vehicle. He provided details of his vehicle, using which securitymen launched investigations to find the vehicle and arrest the thief. A case has been registered.

Drug pills seized: Customs officers at the Abdali border post, in collaboration with the Customs Research and Investigation Department, have foiled an attempt by an unidentified traveler coming from Iraq to smuggle narcotic pills into the country, reports Al-Rai daily. Officers found 2,600 narcotic pills (Captagon) hidden in a secret place in the car.

'Egg rates same'

'Leave hospitals after care'

KUWAIT CITY, March 21: Ministry of Health has adopted a mechanism to tackle the problem of expatriates who continue to stay in hospitals even after doctors give them permission to leave, reports Al-Anba daily.

This method includes preparing reports concerning these patients and referred them to the department of social service and public relations in the hospital where the patients stay. After that, their embassies will be contacted to expedite the removal of these patients from the hospital, and necessary legal action will be taken in coordination with Ministry of Interior.

This move came after an increased number of complaints and reports were received recently concerning non-Kuwaiti patients who refuse to leave hospitals after completing necessary treatment. This phenomenon has contributed to the shortage of beds in hospitals for patients suffering from serious medical conditions.

No rise in egg rates: Local egg production companies have pledged to provide adequate quantities of eggs in the local market without increasing the prices, reports Al-Rai daily quoting informed sources.

They revealed that these companies asked the Union of Consumer Cooperative Societies for a grace period of 20 days to increase the production of eggs and retain stability of the market.

The sources indicated that there will be increase in the release of eggs in the local market within a few days at reasonable rates.

They affirmed that the assurance given by these companies may push the Union of Consumer Cooperative Societies to give up its plan to import eggs from Turkey and other foreign markets for compensating the shortage in the local market.

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