

Other Voices

My dear Abbas ... and Hamas

By Ahmad alsarraf

I knew Palestine and its cause for the first time while I was at the Al-Sabah Elementary School, where our Palestinian teachers did not fail to explain the issue and talk about it although suspicious that our small minds understood a lot about what they were saying, but for some reason a lot of what they said remained deep-rooted in my subconscious mind.

This was in the early 1950s and after less than 8 years of the catastrophe in which a homeland was lost due to betrayal, inaction, backwardness and weakness of a team in contrast to the other side, and the situation remains the same after seventy years, not as it is, but much worse in our side and much stronger on their side.

The deal of the century, or the slap of the century, according to the description of some of its opponents, was not met with any concern from any party that is concerned with the issue, as things were a matter of business as usual, and they will remain the same in the foreseeable future and beyond.

Hamas opposes Abbas and Abbas fights Hamas, and this party through fighters of the second party from above the buildings, and the other side responds with the assassination of men of the other side ... and so on! I am sure that the two sides are ready to kill each other even before thinking of killing their historical enemy, and the reason is that Israel does not contest either of them for the chair, but they pose a threat to each other's chairs, and therefore any talk of resistance, steadfastness and opposition with this Palestinian fragmentation does not make sense.

Israel is strong and is becoming stronger every day. Its prime minister is held accountable and imprisoned for a simplest crime. (Ehud Olmert was imprisoned and (Yitzhak) Rabin lost the premiership because he violated the financial laws, and Netanyahu faces the risk of being put behind bars. The most evident evidence of Israel's strength is that a number of its writers and politicians have been standing with the Palestinians, without any fear.



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Some believe that any peace means the end of the splendor they live in and the more the situation continues, the more advantages and gifts will continue to pour in.

We are facing each other and defeated when facing our enemies and before we start declaring war on any party.

We are not satisfied with not welcoming each other, but abhorring each other strongly, closing the borders in each other's face and opening them to others. Rather, the situation has reached such an extent that citizens of all Arab and Islamic countries are prevented from entering them, and at the same time they welcome those we call our enemies.

Our industries, if any, are in the gutter; our schools, without exception, are in the lower level, and the same can be said on buildings, teachers, curricula and outputs; we, without exception, are backward in our positions on human rights; our parliaments do not exist, and if any, they are just a formality; our newspapers are 'government-controlled', and if they are not, they face more restrictions than the freedoms they enjoy; 90% of our universities are backward and unrecognized, and the world knows nothing about them but knows more about our prisons and our research laboratories do not exist, and what is spent on research goes to intelligence.

The passports of most of our countries are not welcome in developed countries, and yet a majority insists on obtaining them, in order to help them infiltrate into a European country and request political asylum.

Our prisons are full of criminals, innocent people, and prisoners of opinion, opponents and bloggers. We have the largest number of them, and yet we are more corrupt and involved in thefts more than the others.

And the gap that separates us from the developed world is not only in the area of economy, science, military and financial superiority, but the developed world is morally superior to us. For thousands of years, we have linked ethics between legs, which are more complex and important than that.

I am not asking to surrender, but before we throw away the proposal do we have the ability to think and bargain or do we have an alternative - Palestinian, Arab or Islamic?

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Woman accuses lawyer of deceiving her into illicit relations, aborting fetus by Asian nurse

Teenage girl kidnapped by trio, raped in captivity for one day

By Security Writer

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 4: A young woman has accused a popular lawyer, who was previously a parliamentary candidate from the Fifth Constituency, of deceiving her into having sex with him by promising to marry her, impregnating her illegally, and then forcing her to abort the child with the help of an Asian nursing assistant.

According to security sources, the woman lodged a complaint with the Public Prosecution against the Kuwaiti citizen who had earlier contested in the parliamentary elections.

In her complaint, she explained that she had been in a relationship with him after he promised to marry her, and she eventually became pregnant. He then gave her some pills and forced her to take them, without informing her that the pills were meant to abort the fetus during the first month of her pregnancy.

The citizen has been detained for investigations.

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Girl abducted, raped: Three men have been referred to the Public Prosecutor for allegedly kidnapping an 18-year-old girl from in front of a hotel in the Hawalli governorate, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the account of the incident given by the victim the three men forced her into the car when she was passing by a hotel in Hawalli, and drove her to 'someone's' house in the area, sexually assaulted, held her captive for one day against her wishes and then returned her to the place from where they had kidnapped her.

In the meantime, when the girl failed to return home the parents filed a missing persons report at a police station in the Mubarak Al-Kabir governorate.

The arrest came after the victim gave description of the suspects and showed the place where she was held captive.

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Delivery man ridiculed: The Hawalli Public Prosecutor have ordered the detention of two officers working for the Kuwait Army and an unidentified Kuwaiti for poking fun at a fast food delivery man and unleashing their pet dog at the man which allegedly bit the man in the hand, reports Al-Rai daily. According to the security sources the arrest came after the

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Opening closed doors of human personality

"...And [by] the soul and He who proportioned it, and inspired it with knowledge of evil and piety..." - Quran 91:7-8.

By Yousef Awadh Al-Azmi

The human personality is a complete, integrated world—a combination of physical, mental, moral and healthy features that depend on principles, which start to formulate randomly at an early stage of life and then complete the formation by acquiring from the surrounding environment.

There are those who refer such formation as instinct, but in reality, there are no instincts apart from laughter, content, anger, joy and sorrow - perhaps, birth and death are outcomes of instinct.

Here, my focus is on reactions and emotions. Apart from instincts, all that remain are things which are granted. There are some who are born as prince, and some others born as wealthy merchants while some others are born in abject poverty and in refugee camps.

There is no doubt that genes have an effect on human life - this is what is known as "instinct" in accordance to my humble opinion. Apart from

that, it is difficult to determine.

An article on the effect of genes was published sometime back by the British "Daily Telegraph" newspaper. One of the things that was mentioned was the discovery of scientists about the level of effect that the environmental factor has in determining every feature, compared to the effect that the DNA has. This level differs by huge margin from one place to another.

Every human being has the key to his or her personality. There are also closed doors, the keys to which are hung on top of these doors, and can only be reached by the lucky ones - the tall ones. However, no one can enter the closed door of another person even if such a person has the keys in his hand, because the peculiarity of each door determines the ability of those keys to open or not.

There are some supporting moral traits that come in handy when accessing doors that are closed, as well as those which

are open for a specific reason or objective.

Don't tire yourself in a bid to access these closed doors - perhaps, such doors are not meant to be opened for you, and when they open, they do so with difficulty. Doors come in different sizes, shapes and even quality and costs. This means, being able to access a certain door is not a given chance for anyone who attempts to access it.

We all have long doors and each door has its own key, although there are other doors that are opened for all. At the same time, you find that door that is closed to all and the only people who can access it are the ones with a special key to such a door.

Again, don't tire yourself by shopping for keys to open doors; some doors cannot be qualified by monetary value, and some others cannot be bought irrespective of the money paid for it.

This door is the soul - its value is priceless, but it can end up being opened with a random smile. There is an old adage which says - Soft words defeat a clear truth. I hope you understand what that means.

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News in Brief

Police officer dead: An unidentified policeman in the rank of corporal working for the Ministry of Interior died in a traffic accident on a road in Abdali while returning from work, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to security sources the victim was working in the border area. When the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior received a report on the incident police and paramedics rushed to the spot but the man had succumbed to the injuries.

The corpse has been referred to Forensics while the competent authorities are investigating the cause of the accident.

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Cash stolen from store: Police are looking for a thief who allegedly stole money from a store in Hawalli, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the security sources, the thief got into the store by breaking the main door.

Personnel from the Criminal Evidence Department (CED) have lifted fingerprints.

Firemen rescue dog: Fire-fighters rescued a dog, which was trapped inside a hole for two days, at an under-construction building in Kheitan area.

A security source said the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior received information about the incident and dispatched rescue men accompanied by paramedics to the scene. They managed to remove the dog and provided it first aid. The source added its condition remained stable after treatment.

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Man held after chase: Security operatives from Ahmadi Command apprehended a reckless motorist after chasing him from the place where he was seen performing stunts with a pickup van to Sabahiya. He was forced to abandon the vehicle and took to his heels, but the officers continued the chase until he was finally nabbed.

Apparently, the officers were on a round of the vicinity when they spotted him doing the act but he sped off as soon as he sighted them, while the officers pursued and arrested him.

Engineer gets 3 years jail in real estate fraud

By Jaber Al-Hamoud
Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 4: The Criminal Court has sentenced a government employee "engineer" in Kuwait Municipality to a jail term of three years and four months after convicting him of committing fraud through falsification of specifications of a real estate which was to be demolished. The court also acquitted the landlord who was accused of being an accomplice in that fraud.

According to the case files, the Public Prosecution charged the defendant and others with forgery of official documents related to building the specs of a property in Hawalli Governorate. The defendant along with others conspired to forge the building specs and attempted to implicate the landlord, but the court managed to exclude the landlord from the crime and went on to sentence the main defendant to a jail term of three years and four months.

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Forged attendance: The Criminal Court presided over by Judge Mute'b Al-Ardi sentenced a number of employees of Ministry of Health to two-year imprisonment, and imposed a fine of KD 1,000 each after convicting them of forging fingerprints to illegally record their attendance during official working hours on days when they abstained from work. Investigations conducted by security authorities affirmed that some of the employees used to request their work colleagues to register them in the attendance system using forged fingerprints.

The Public Prosecution had charged them with forgery of fingerprints and taking salary without any right.

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Two defendants unwell: Two individuals involved in the "Ministry of Interior Hospitality" case have been referred to Amiri Hospital in ambulances after a decision was issued to detain them, says Al-Seyassah. Reportedly, the first defendant is suspected to have suffered from a cardiac arrest, and the second defendant - a woman - fell unconscious.

According to security sources, they are currently undergoing treatment at the Amiri Hospital, after which they will be referred to jail until the hearing of the session on April 19.

Both defendants were under stress, which could have led to these health issues. Strict security measures have been implemented to ensure there is no security breach, and no visitors are allowed to see the admitted defendants.

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