

# CSC queried if some govt bodies exempted from manual system

Problems faced in entering e-data

## Kuwaiti held with drugs, magic charms

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 11: Police have arrested an unidentified Kuwaiti following a complaint filed by an Egyptian who said the former had taken furniture and some electrical appliances from his house following a financial dispute between them, reports Al-Rai daily. When the police summoned the Kuwaiti for interrogation he refused

to comply with the police order so police went to arrest him and during the course of arrest police found in his house a quantity of shabu bags, magic charms, strange papers and some hair. He has been detained for interrogation; meanwhile what was found in his house has been referred for investigation.

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 11: Did Civil Service Commission (CSC) exclude some government agencies from manually applying the fingerprint attendance system on its employees for 2019 and repeated the experience of the previous year or insisted on its decision to enter data automatically, reports Al-Rai daily.

This question was raised after the Ministry of Electricity and Water asked CSC to enter the fifth batch for performance evaluation, so it could calculate the so-called 'delay' periods and enter them manually. The ministry's request came due to the difficulty it faced in entering employee data into the integrated systems and inconsistencies in the automated data and actual movement of employees.

Civil Service Commission Resolution No. 15/2017 stipulates linking the fifth batch of government sector employees being evaluated to the fingerprint system and to include the calculation of what it calls 'delay periods' and the number of interrupted working days during the evaluation year.

An informed CSC source told the daily that the ministry's request will be discussed since similar requests are expected from other government agencies. The source pointed out that Cabinet exclusively allowed government agencies last year to manually enter the attendance record of employees, taking into account the recent decision, although it earlier called on government agencies to take necessary measures to implement the decision of entering data automatically to link it with excellent performance bonus and administrative punishment for non-compliant staff.

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### 'We support what Speaker said'

"IRRESPECTIVE whether we agree or disagree with the Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim - this is not our topic now - but when the Speaker Al-Ghanim presides over a delegation representing the State of Kuwait abroad, all of us must support him," columnist, the general manager of Scope Satellite TV Channel and former MP *Talal Al-Saeed* wrote for *Al-Seyassah* daily.

"Not just that, we must absolutely turn down all attempts, whatsoever the nature deemed insulting to the Speaker.

"Speaking of the speech given recently by Al-Ghanim at the Arab Parliaments Union's (APU) meeting in Amman, Jordan, this is completely in line with the policy of the State of Kuwait towards the Palestinian cause, irrespective of what the Palestinians themselves say or their leadership do with us and even irrespective of the convictions of some Kuwaitis on the issue of normalization of ties with Israel and whether this normalization is mature or premature.

"The declared policy of the State of Kuwait is based on what has been declared by our late Amir Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad, we pray to Almighty Allah to bestow His mercy upon him, when he had made it clear that the State of Kuwait will be the last Arab state to normalize ties with the Israeli entity which currently usurps Arab lands, and as such we are still committed to this declaration, because the cause of Jerusalem is not a topic for negotiation.

"In other words, even if the states closest to us decide to normalize ties with Israel and even if the Palestinians or their leadership agree to divide Jerusalem, this definitely doesn't mean that the State of Kuwait will change its attitude or there will be a change in the Kuwaiti foreign policy.

"Such being the case, what Al-Ghanim said at the APU meeting falls within the above framework and this means a majority of Kuwaitis agree with the policy adopted by their country.

"However, some people may talk about the issue of tearing 'the deal of the century' document and dumping it in the waste basket but if we go through the speech accurately, we will find that some phrases are bitter and more painful than the tearing of the document itself.

"In other words, those who are at loggerheads with Al-Ghanim inside the State of Kuwait and differ on the foreign policy of the State of Kuwait are attempting to underestimate the impact of the speech of Al-Ghanim who has said what the owners of the cause had not said.

"And this is not strange for the State of Kuwait and its people who have adopted the Palestinian cause since the very beginning of its appearance and this falls within the undeniable historical fact.

"In fine, the speech of Al-Ghanim toes the Kuwaiti line and all of us support him. Not only that, our national duty dictates that we have to support our elected Speaker."



Al-Saeed

#### Also:

"If the Arabs were not in a state of deterioration and if they were not busy in their internal wars and supporting some organizations against others at state level, the peace plan or the so-called 'deal of the century' would have not been declared is such a bad shape and worse details," columnist *Dr Hamed Al-Humoud* wrote for *Al-Qabas* daily.

"In other words, if we concede that the Arab countries are living in peace, they are in a state of war with other Arab countries on the lands of countries thousands of kilometers away from the countries that support these wars.

"Such being the case, the plan of the American President Donald Trump and the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would not have been announced if Arab countries were not preoccupied with wars imposed on them in many cases and wars that they found themselves fighting in.

"In other words, the Arabs have been busy in internal and civil wars for more than ten years. In this connection, we elucidate that Iraq, for instance, has not seen any type of stability since the US invasion of Baghdad in 2003.

"Not just that, Iraq has just come out of its war on 'DAESH' and for the past five months has been attempting to calm down popular demonstrations and revolts against the sectarian and corrupt situations in the country, and as a result the Palestinian Cause now is on the backburner because that is no longer the concern for the people in that dismantled country.

"With regard to Syria, the tragedy has reached beyond all modern wars which occurred in the Arab region. The war in Damascus has claimed the lives of about half a million victims. Add to this the 13 million people who are rendered homeless inside and outside Syria some of whom are living in refugee camps in Lebanon and their numbers have by far exceeded the number of Palestinian refugees.

"In other words, the number of Syrian refugees in Lebanon is believed to be roughly one million, while the number of the Palestinians living in the camps there is about 175,000, while the number of refugees in Jordan is 650,000 compared to the number of the Palestinian refugees who live in the camps there is 280,000 and this means the tragedy of Syria is much bigger than that of the Palestinians, particularly in terms of the number of victims."

"Al-Jarida daily edition 4340 on Feb 3, 2020 reported that 671 military staff delegated as secretaries of parliamentarians cost KD14.6 million. The State Audit Bureau disclosed they are not included in the data extracted from the National Assembly. They are being paid a total of KD 3.4 million military allowances and bonuses although they are not doing anything in this field," columnist *Dr Nouriya Al-Roumi* wrote for *Al-Shahed* daily.

"The State Audi Bureau also mentioned that they are receiving hazard, weapons, field formation, explosives allowances among others even though they hold civilian posts. The bureau added the names of delegated staff from military units are not included in the data of the parliamentary Secretariat General.

"The bureau also explained that some of these military personnel were screened to work in the ministers' offices, then verbal instructions were issued for them to work with parliamentarians renewable without legal basis. This contravenes the rules, considering this file is a waste of public money.

"The bureau pointed out the assignment of military personnel from Kuwaiti Army, National Guard, police force and firefighters to work as secretaries of Assembly members is not just wastage of public money, but it is also against the State's interest as these military personnel were given specialized and development tasks to raise the level of their competencies and skills in preparation for any security emergency in or outside the country.

"The bureau concluded its report with recommendations, the most important of which is that military personnel should not be assigned to civilian jobs taking into consideration the grave violation and wastage of public money.

"If the bureau considers this a violation, I consider it a crime against the country. Parliamentarians are not the only accessories to the crime, but also the party that allowed delegation of military staff. The ministers whom these military personnel are supposed to work with and the Assembly Speaker must bear responsibility.

"The report also stated that the Ministry of Interior screened four policemen related to some members of the Assembly - brothers, and cousins. It is crystal clear that some parliamentarians intervene in order to ensure the selection of their relatives for such posts, while the government turns a blind eye to the looting of public money."



"The classification of crises in the world differs according to their nature or type, and there is no doubt that the world is currently facing a global health crisis with the outbreak of the novel Corona virus 2019/2020, which is also called 'Wuhan virus' that began to spread since mid-December 2019 in this city located in central China, which called it COV 2019", columnist *Fatma Nasser Al-Azmi* wrote for *Al-Anba* daily.

"The victims of this virus suffer from acute pneumonia that may lead to death, and scientists are still developing a vaccine against this highly contagious and rapidly spreading virus. Deaths may exceed one thousand and infections are close to 40,000. Many countries of the world have presently evacuated their nationals from China while other countries have prevented traveling to that country or even Asia in general.

"So, we are facing a real health crisis. Is there any proper/rapid preparation for it? Did the GCC countries (in particular) take necessary precautionary and preventive measures? For instance, the holy month of Ramadan is approaching during which we visit the holy city of Makkah in what is known as 'Umra', just as the Hajj season is also approaching, and millions of Muslims from all over the world come to perform their duty. Here we are wondering if the decision makers have taken such events into account!

"I hope that effective precautionary measures will be taken at the official and popular levels in the GCC states to combat this situation, whether in the health sector or other sectors, and all developments of this deadly virus will be explored, and the financial and human capabilities harnessed to confront the epidemic while making more effort to prevent its arrival in the GCC countries and tighten control over its borders."



"There is no doubt that Al-Shaheed Park, which is located in the heart of Kuwait City, is a wonderful cultural edifice, so we hope to see other similar ones in other provinces so the Kuwaiti families can spend their leisure time in a wonderful environment, and also a tribute to the memory of the country's martyrs," columnist *Abdulrahman Al-Awwad* wrote for *Al-Sabah* daily.

"This wonderful place saw the light with a supreme desire of His Highness the Amir of the country, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, when issued orders to renovate the martyrs' park 'formerly the green belt' to be the seat of the martyrs memorial to commemorate their sacrifices.

"This project was supervised by the man of difficult missions and head of financial and administrative affairs at the Amiri Diwan Abdulaziz Ishaq, who has played a great role in building the Jaber Cultural Center and a number of edifices in the country.

"A visitor to the park shall see at first sight the great efforts exerted to 'produce' this wonderful place with its beautiful image in memory of the martyrs with bridges that overlook the swan lakes, the wonderful geese and the colorful fountains in harmonized colors and flowers filling the place."

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## Actress fury over rumors

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 11: Kuwaiti actress Jawaher, who is undergoing treatment in the British capital, has expressed resentment over rumors spread on social media about her health condition; indicating those spreading such baseless information just want to gain more followers without any regard for her family especially her children, reports *Al-Anba* daily.

Speaking to the daily, Jawaher disclosed she was shocked upon reading rumors about her disease on social media.



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