

CID men in disguise arrest dual character B'deshi for breaking into, stealing vehicles

'Haris' flees with monthly rent from 5 buildings

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 11: Tremendous efforts by personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) disguised as cleaning workers managed to catch a shrewd Bangladeshi who disguised as car-wash in the morning and broke into vehicles and stole the contents and wore expensive clothes and a very expensive wrist watch in the evening and drove in a equally expensive car under the pretext of buying expensive phones from shops, then pretended to bring money from the car and escaped with the loot, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said the security personnel follows up and uses all means at their disposal to solve mystery crimes filed against unknown persons.

A security source said CID men spotted the suspect, after parking his old car, was seen walking among parked cars with a bucket in hand to deceive people.

He would then chance on an opportunity, look around and seeing nobody would break the side glass and steal valuables. In some cases he would steal cars left in operation.

During interrogation the thief admitted to stealing 14 vehicles, some of which he sold as at the scrap market. Some of the persons who bought the cars have been summoned for interrogation.

The thief also admitted to stealing a number of cellphones.

'Cannot block accounts': The Public Authority for Communications and Information Technology (PACIT) does not have the authority to block fake and offensive accounts



KUNA photo
Kuwait's Ambassador to Romania Talal Al-Hajri in the General Inspectorate of Police Governorate in Prahova County, Romania.

Talks focus on missing Kuwaiti in Romania 4 years on

Kuwait Ambassador to Romania Talal Al-Hajri said recently he discussed with a senior Romanian police officer the latest developments of the issue of the missing Kuwaiti national.

The acting inspector general of Prahova County police directorate reaffirmed the keenness of the Roma-

nian authorities on following up the efforts to determine the fate of Mohammad Al-Baghli, the ambassador told KUNA. Kuwait is in contact with the Romanian authorities to know what happened to Al-Baghli, a Kuwaiti businessman who mysteriously went missing in the county more than four years ago, he added. (KUNA)

on social media, reports Al-Rai daily quoting reliable sources.

The same source said, it is the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior to look into such abuses, particularly the ministry's e-crimes sector.

The source explained what the authority can do is block the websites completely, as it does with the immoral or porno sites, but it cannot block or close individual accounts on any of the communication sites, such as Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram."

The source pointed out that the Ministry of Interior has full powers

to monitor and close offensive fake accounts, to identify and locate their owners whether in Kuwait or abroad, and chase them. The sources stressed if the ministry plays its role seriously, "we will not see any account that threatens the security of the homeland and the citizens."

'Haris' flees with rent: An unidentified Kuwaiti, owner of real estate has filed a complaint with the police accusing the caretaker of five buildings of escaping with rent money,

reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the victim, the caretaker collected 8,000 dinars in rent and disappeared.

He told police he tried in vain to contact the man but found his phone switched off.

Fight over truffles: An unidentified shopkeeper working in the Shuwaikh Market and a Kuwaiti were involved in a fight because the truffles which he bought for 130 dinars were unfit for consumption, reports Al-Rai daily.

Other Voices

'Awqaf' and end of March

By Ahmad alsarraf

Every institution, association, and company has a fiscal year, just as other countries of the world have their own 'fiscal years'. In Kuwait the fiscal year kicks off on April 1 and ends on March 31 the following year.

The law requires all establishments tied to the state budget (because don't have separate budgets) to give account for all money allocated to them to carry out projects and others, and if this money or part of it was not used it must be returned to the state treasury.

Some parties make it a point not to return the (left over) money to the Ministry of Finance and as the fiscal year draws near these parties manipulate the issue in such a way that they ensure the balance reads zero before March 31 of every year by spending the money 'abruptly'.

A friend, a well-known doctor, told me he was part of a small circle close to a former health minister, who had spent many years in this ministerial post.

He said as the fiscal year drew near a list of remaining money was submitted to the minister which was supposed to be returned to the Ministry of Finance, but the minister proposed that it was better to buy medical equipment with the remaining money (rather than return it to the Ministry of Finance) and suggested the name of a specific medical firm. He justified his suggestion by saying this firm had better accessories and the owner of the company was a good person.

The doctor discovered years later that the 'good' owner of that medical firm was none other than the minister himself, the most pious human being.

Also, a few days ago, the Public Authority for Sports announced that it will celebrate the lifting of the 'suspension' on Kuwaiti sports by the world sports body (as written in the announcement).

Since deciding to celebrate this occasion does not take a month or more, and since the suspension was lifted more than six months ago, what prompted the 'Sports Authority' to

celebrate now? Does the matter have anything to do with the imminent end of the fiscal year or is it the Authority has surplus money and does not know how to disperse it and don't want to return it to the Ministry of Finance?

On the other hand, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf has issued a circular which obviously aroused questions about the work of senior officials, many of whom have been referred to the Public Prosecution, in which the Undersecretary had formed a committee of five experts including a Rapporteur to prepare what he called a 'peaceful co-existence document'.

The committee members were to be compensated for their efforts because they would be working outside their official working hours. I do not really know how the committee, in which there is only one Kuwaiti, can prepare a document on 'peaceful co-existence'. Are we in the midst of yet another unjustified waste of public money as it has happened with the Center for Moderation which has swallowed millions of dinars of public money? The money was spent right and left - for party expenses and accommodating senior guests in five-star hotels for long periods.

Our intention is as spotless as a white robe, but not our experiences with the state ministries because behind the formation of the committee our unease is crystal clear.

The Brotherhood forces and others have been active in attacking the decision to form this committee given the partisan and logical considerations. Add to this the intellectual backgrounds of the majority of its members who are Salafists and only one Kuwaiti among them.

It is not clear, and therefore we will assume that the goal of establishing the committee may lie in the desire to benefit its members with the remaining money in one of the assets.

So how can the members accomplish the task of preparing a document for 'peaceful co-existence in Kuwaiti society'? The very word 'peaceful coexistence' is dubious, and therefore we will assume that the goal of establishing the committee lies in the desire to distribute the remaining 'budget money' among the members of this committee.

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The rescue boat searching for the missing man.

Hunt for man fallen in sea

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A boat toppled in the sea near Sharq area, causing two individuals who were in the boat to fall into the waters. One among them was rescued but the other is yet to be found.

According to security sources, when

the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the incident, officers from the Marine Rescue Unit and the Coast Guard rushed to the location and started searching the waters for the two missing men. One of them was found and referred to Amir Hospital for treatment. Search is ongoing to find the other man.

News in Brief

Verdict upheld: The Court of Cassation upheld the verdict of the lower court and sentenced an employee of the Ministry of Health for 40 months imprisonment and fined her 8,000 dinars after finding her guilty of accepting bribe to set an appointment of an unidentified patient with a visiting foreign doctor to receive treatment, reports Al-Rai daily.

The employee was arrested after the patient informed the personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and the suspect was put under surveillance after getting permission from the Public Prosecution and was subsequently caught red-handed while receiving 4,000 dinars cash.

One dead in mishap: A collision between two motorcycles and a roaming taxi on King Fahd Road opposite Al-Qadsiya resulted in the death of a young man and injury to another, reports Al-Anba daily.

The remains of the dead have been referred to Forensics and the injured was rushed to the Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital. The taxi driver has been detained for interrogation. On the other hand, a collision between two vehicles on a road in Al-Subbiya severely damaged two cars and injured the drivers of both vehicles.

Motorist arrested: The traffic police from the Capital governorate have arrested an unidentified motorist for crossing the red traffic light, disrupting traffic in and around the Kuwait Towers and Kuwait Engineers Society office, reports Al-Rai daily.

The arrest came after someone posted a video clip of the suspect in the social media and the personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) checked the vehicle's data, and with further investigation led police to the vehicle which was taken to a garage for repairs.

A security source said the detectives lured the accused through the mechanic, and when he arrived he was arrested and referred for interrogation.

Man dies driving car: An unknown man died of heart attack inside his car at a traffic intersection in Hawally area.

When the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about a traffic accident in Hawally area, security-men rushed to the location and found a man motionless inside his vehicle. After paramedics arrived at the location, the man was examined and discovered to have died of heart attack. The corpse was referred to the Forensics Department, and a case was registered.