

Other Voices

Memories of singer 'Delkash'

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The famous Iranian diva singer (Es-mat Bagherpour Baboli) 'Delkash' (1925-2004) lived half of her practical life under the rule of the Shah, and she saw fame, glory and significance, and lived her second half under the rule of hardline clerics, and saw grief and near humiliation.

In one of her memoirs she said, during time of her old age, she once took a taxi, and as soon as she got into the taxi, the driver, who was in his twenties, played a tape of one of her songs, and at the end of it he played another, all the time shaking his head and this continued until her eyes were filled with tears as she recalled the memories of her glory days which she sorely missed, and she felt blood shooting to her head, redness covered her wrinkled face and powder-free eyes and the driver addressed her saying, 'Oh mom! Do you not see her beautiful voice and her wonderful performance? So she asked him with her eyes filled with tears, if he knew the singer and who she was. He said her name is 'Delkash', and that her voice cannot be equaled by any voice, and he apologized if that annoyed her, saying when he is alone and in difficult hours of his work he plays her songs, and that he was in love with her voice, just as his father was, and raised his arms towards heaven and called on the Lord to keep her safe wherever she was!

Delkash said to him, after much hesitation that she is that singer he is talking about. The driver sub conscientiously stepped on the car's brakes, pulled it over to the side of the road and turned to her in total disbelief at what had had heard. He glanced at her tired face and the words came out with difficulty and with a slow whisper pointing his indicator finger at her said:



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Are you really Mrs. Delkash? She shook her head, as she wiped the tears from her cheeks, and without saying anything, she started singing one of her songs with her tired voice until the rest of the journey.

The driver continued to shake his head as if in disbelief at what he was seeing and what he was hearing and as soon as she arrived at her destination, the driver got out and opened the car door for her, and he bent over her hands planted dozens of kisses, thanking her the beautiful moments saying they will stay with him forever and refused to take the fare from her.

Artistes, in any art, have a special place in the hearts of their fans and admirers, whether the artist is a painter, sculptor, actor, singer, or dancer. Of all these, a singer stays with us for many years. We, the ordinary people, are not haters of arts, culture and literature. We enjoy the play, and our hearts beat faster on seeing a wonderful statue or a charming painting, but the song, words and music, have their own place.

They are the comfort and the dream as we ride the road to joy, sadness; in the bright sunlight, and in the dark, we can restore our dreams and memories with us, and bring them out of our present to take us back to the past, or carry us to the future without leaving our places.

Thanks to everyone who brings joy to our hearts and ecstasy to our souls, and who will be with us when we reach the end of life, then we will choose, if we have a choice, to sit on the balcony every day in a rocking chair, and enjoy listening to the most beautiful songs, melodies and songs, which we have always been blessed with.

And we loved those who blessed us with their voices while were holding a cup in one hand and a cigar in the other, until the two fall from our hands and we bid farewell to this world while we were at the height of contentment, and the thieves of dreams and public money go to hell.



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Used clothes put up for sale in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh area.

38 hawkers held, power to 70 plots disconnected

A joint ministerial committee that was formed for following up the situation in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh area carried out a campaign in Hasawi area during which electricity to 70 violating real-estates were disconnected, 21 truckloads of spoiled vegetables and secondhand furniture were confiscated, and 38 hawkers were arrested, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

In a press release, Director of Farwaniya Municipality Mohammad Sarkhawa said a new work plan has been prepared to conduct sudden campaigns on a daily basis by the inspection teams with the cooperation of government authorities.

Sarkhawa, who headed the campaign, explained that the campaigns are held periodically at different times. In the recent campaign, the teams confiscated 21 truckloads of

goods including eight truckloads of second-hand clothes from Souk Al-Harami, electrical equipment, and spoiled fruits and vegetables. They issued 38 citations against hawkers, and disconnected electricity to 70 real-estates on Mohammad bin Al-Qasim Street which are in violation of rules of Kuwait Municipality. The campaign was held with the cooperation of Ministry of Electricity and Water.

Quick-fire raids net scores of absconders, workers with expired visas in Jleeb, Hasawi

Violators taken by surprise in consecutive campaigns

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 27: The campaigns that were organized by a joint committee formed by the Council of Ministers over the past few days in the suburb of Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh on the stores and restaurants resulted in the seizure of a large number persons reported absconding by their employers, reports Al-Anba daily.

A few days after the committee's crackdown on the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh the shop owners and violating workers did not expect another similar campaign would follow within a short time, which created a state of confusion and did not give sufficient time for the shop owners and the violating workers to make a quick escape.

The committee had earlier, targeted some sites in the area, after it had been previously monitored by inspectors from the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM), and it was discovered that there were many violating files hiring a number of bulk workers in the shops and commercial markets.

The Deputy Director General of PAM for the Protection Sector and Chairman of the Joint Committee Dr Mubarak Al-Ja'afour told the daily 108 violators were arrested during the two campaigns, including domestic workers and others who were reported absconding by their sponsors, in addition to a number of workers who were staying in the country after their residence permits had expired.

The daily added, the committee also discovered a number of shops

Police looking for gang selling counterfeit phones

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 27: The security authorities have intensified their efforts to arrest members of an organized gang that has invented a new trick to persuade residents in the country to buy counterfeit Chinese phones, reports Al-Qabas daily.

It has been reported the value of each phone does not exceed KD 15 which are sold as modern smart phones 'iPhone', type whose actual price is not less

than KD 350.

Security sources told the daily a number of Arab and Asian residents have complained to the security authorities that they were sold phones by unknown people for KD 200 after promoting these phones under the pretext of special discount.

The victims in their complaints said they later discovered that the actual price of the phone is no more than KD 15.

The sources added police investigations revealed an organized elegantly dressed gang is working to promote the sales of these phones and are usually seen driving in luxury cars and reportedly target customers near well-known phone shops.

They usually claim they want to sell these phones for a throwaway price because they are about to travel and want to sell the phones for nearly half the price.

were operating without a licence and some outlets such as eateries had employed workers who did not hold a 'FIT' health card.

Al-Ja'afour added, legal measures will be taken in accordance with the laws in and the company file of the violating employer will be suspended under code 73 according to which all work procedures are suspended except for the final cancellation of travel.

In turn, the head of the inspection committee of the Joint Committee for the Reorganization of Expatriate Labor at the Labor Inspection Department, Muhammad Al-Dhafiri, affirmed that the committee is continuing its weekly campaigns in the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh area, in order to completely cleanse it of all negative phenomena related to the labor market and to control the largest number of violators of the labor and residence laws.

Top MoH official probed: In adherence to reform measures undertaken by the Ministry of Health, knowledgeable sources disclosed that a former deputy undersecretary of health has been referred to prosecution on suspicion of corruption

involving four files, reports Al-Rai daily.

The same sources affirmed keenness of the ministry to apply Public Funds Protection Law on all without exception in support of HH the Prime Minister's fight against corruption.

They pointed out that the aforementioned files of corruption are related to projects that were under direct responsibility of the said former leader. For this reason, he was referred to prosecution.

It is noteworthy that Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah has handed several files related to wastage of public funds, falsification of official documents, and manipulation of fingerprint attendance to the public prosecution.

Rumours denied: The Ministry of Social Affairs has denied rumours that one of the inmates from the Juvenile Welfare Department of the Sulaibikhat Social Care Home has escaped and said what has been published in this regard is utterly rubbish, reports Al-Jarida quoting ministry sources.

The sources said there have been no escape cases from the care home.

However, if there was an iota of truth in what has been published, the sources added, the ministry would not hesitate to make an announcement as it has done in the past.

The sources pointed out there are in the Sulaibikhat Care Home including 28 Kuwaitis.

Wooing for sex: The Hawalli police are looking for an unidentified Arab man who is said to have closed his cellphone after police contacted him, reports Al-Anba daily.

This came after an Arab woman filed a complaint with the police station accusing her co-worker of luring her to have sex with him and inviting her to his home.

B'deshi beaten, robbed: A Bangladeshi has filed a complaint with the police accusing an unidentified police impersonator of stealing 580 dinars, his driving license and civil ID, reports Al-Anba daily.

The man said he was robbed adjacent to the Sulaibikhat cemetery.

He added, the man was riding a four-wheel drive and that before robbing him the man assaulted him for no reason.

Municipality to honor workers

Kuwaiti arrested for 'attacking' doctor

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 27: Police have taken into custody a Kuwaiti for insulting and threatening to stab a doctor while on duty at the Adan Hospital, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the security sources the doctor called the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior and the man was arrested and taken into custody.

The daily added, this is a series of incidents of attacks on doctors and medical staff by irate patients who have no respect for laws and regulations.

This happened when the patient was told to wait for his turn when the doctor was already checking another patient, but the suspect barged into the examination room and demanded that he should be treated first.

A case of attempting to attack a government employee on duty has been filed against the Kuwaiti.

Honoring workers: The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kuwait Municipality Workers Union, Chairman of the Arab Federation of Municipal and Tourism Workers, Mohammad Al-Aradah, said the union's board of directors, under the patronage and in the presence of Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Walid Al-Jassem will honor distinguished Municipality workers of all governorates in appreciation of their distinguished efforts in February, reports Al-Rai daily.

Aradah indicated the workers who will be honored have made distinguished efforts to implement the law and dedication to serve the country and the citizens.

Woman acquitted: The Court of First Instance acquitted a Kuwaiti woman of verbally and physically assaulting her ex-husband in public and threatening another person who intervened to stop the quarrel, says Al-Seyassah.

The case indicated the man accused his estranged wife of attacking him verbally and physically to the extent that he fell on the ground. He said the woman went ahead to attack a third party who tried to intervene and threatened another. Lawyer En'am Haider, in defense of her client, denied the allegation saying it was a cooked up story against the defendant. She declared that medical report did not reveal any injuries the man claimed to have sustained. She reiterated the allegations were vexatious rather than being real.

Company fined: The Misdemeanor Court presided over by Judge Mohammad Al-Dousari imposed a fine of KD 1,500 on a cosmetic and accessories company, and ordered its closure for two weeks. The judge then referred the case to the Civil Circuit, says Al-Seyassah.

According to the case files, the Public Prosecution accused the company of intentionally attempting, via its legal representative, to deceive retailers/buyers with cosmetics of false brands, especially eyelashes, by portraying them as original.

The company was also accused of possessing a large quantity of imitated eyelashes which were intended to be sold as original brand. Lawyer Sakina Al-Muslim said the company violated the law for control of commercial fraud and the law overseeing trade in goods and services and craft work and determining its prices.

She also submitted a defense memorandum and a portfolio of documents that included an extract from Ministry of Commerce and Industry stating that the trademark imitated by the accused belongs to the victim's company and requested at the conclusion of her defense to punish the defendant for being the cause for great material damages.

News in Brief

Egyptian dies in fall: An Egyptian, born in 1992, died on the spot after he fell from a crane while working on a project in Hittin, reports Al-Rai daily.

Acting on information, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the site of the accident and referred the corpse to Forensics.

The contractor of the project has been summoned for interrogation.

Filipina foils rape attempt: Police have arrested an Asian for attempting to rape a Filipina, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said the arrest came after the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry received a report from an Arab saying he and 'others' had managed to 'hold' an Asian who was drunk, was attempting to rape the Filipina.

They said they heard the Filipina screaming for help and when they went to her rescue they saw the man removing his clothes.

Lost dog found: The dog reported lost by a Kuwaiti family, and which carried a reward of 500 dinars was found by an Egyptian on the Fahheel Expressway, reports Al-Rai daily.

The dog has been returned to the family and the man who found it was promptly rewarded.

'Indecent' couple released: The Public Prosecution has decided to release a couple, who are accused of public indecency by the cybercrimes department after they appeared in a video that went viral on social, on bail worth KD 500, reports Al-Seyassah daily quoting informed sources.

They explained that the couple affirmed during investigation that they had released the video intentionally for receiving insults and sharp comments from others. Several cases were filed against them.



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