

Road of Death

Man's death leads to protests

Sabah Al-Ahmad residents seek banning trucks on 'Wafra Road'

KUWAIT CITY, July 20: After the "Road of Death" claimed the life of one of the residents of Sabah Al-Ahmad Residential City a few days ago, several residents have been insisting that the situation can no longer tolerate silence. They expressed their frustration and regret over the negligence in dealing with the problem of large trucks driving on Wafra Road at high speeds without any supervision, reports Al-Anba daily.



Al-Badih

During a protest organized by the residents Saturday night on the Road of Death – the name given by the people to Wafra Road, one of the protesters Sultan Al-Buraq spoke on behalf of the residents of Sabah Al-Ahmad Residential City, stressing that the reason behind the protest is a tragic accident that occurred five days ago which resulted in the death of one of them.

He explained, "The message was delivered before the gathering, and we have seen moves from the Ministry of Public Works, General Traffic Department and patrol teams to prevent trucks from passing. However, we believe what is happening is temporary and only for a specific period. The randomness on the road will resume by the force of unauthorized drifters as seen previously.

We have gathered to deliver a message to the officials. We want to say our souls are expensive. The road is used by men, women, children, farm owners, property owners and the handicapped. It is a vital route for us. The accident must not be ignored; some good must come out of it for the benefit of all. Trucks weighing thousands of tons pass on the road without supervision and they sometimes move in the opposite direction of the traffic. Such movements are continuing, and we do not accept solutions in the form of patchwork. Large

trucks should be prevented from using this road. The truck lane must instead be diverted to the Mina Abdullah Bridge".

Meanwhile, another protestor Hussein Nasser Hamel declared, "The demands that the people of Sabah Al-Ahmad Residential City call for are right. It is the duty of the concerned authorities to reassure citizens through serious measures by closing the potholes on Wafra Road and opening a road through Abdullah Port in order to end the series of tragedies that the people suffer from".

Another protestor Hamad Saud called on the officials to take necessary and important measures to end the pending projects to serve the people of Sabah Al Ahmad Residential City.

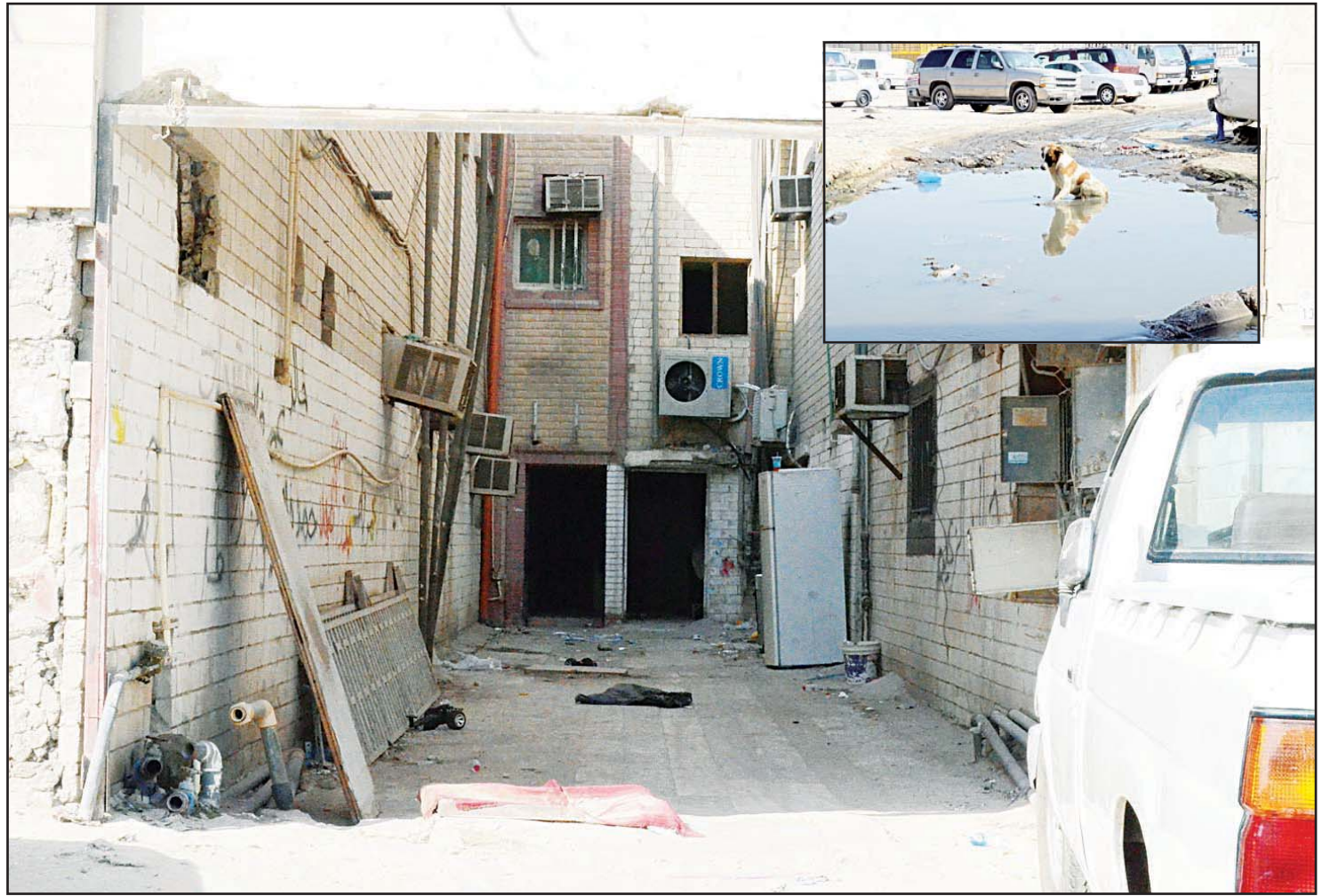
He said they learned of the signing of a contract worth KD 28 million earlier to cultivate the city and its surroundings.

Saud called for the implementation of projects and the establishment of colleges and universities instead of cutting distances to Shadadiyah and Kuwait.

Furthermore, a resident of the Sabah Al-Ahmad Residential City Bader Al-Otaibi stressed that the Road of Death has caused the death of a dear brother because of the trucks that use this road.

He urged the Public Authority for Industry, Kuwait Municipality, Ministry of Public Works and Ministry of Interior to do their part and stop wasting people's lives on an unfinished road especially since it has been five years since the work on the road began.

In this regard, Chairman of Kuwait Integrity Association Lawyer Ahmad Al-Badih disclosed, "We are in solidarity with the people of Sabah Al-Ahmad, in their affliction, and the painful accidents they have suffered from every now and then. However, we are optimistic that a solution that satisfies all of the families including the relatives of the deceased will be adopted. We offer our condolences to the family of the deceased Ali Al-Shirazi, and we wish the injured a speedy recovery."



Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh depicts a picture of a slum with dilapidated buildings, packed with hundreds of residents in a small area. Sewage water overflows on the streets leaving behind a strong stench of human waste. Inset: A dog sits in a puddle of sewage water to beat the heat.

Elections Law amendment is attempt to influence course of coming election: MP

Panel completes report on promotions violations in KPC

KUWAIT CITY, July 20: After the parliamentary Legislative Affairs Committee approved the proposal to amend the Elections Law, there have been many reactions over the past two days, as some deputies saw it as an attempt to target the people of the tribes who were consulting each other before the elections, while informed sources described what was happening as a "conflict of priorities and agendas" imposed by the proximity of the parliamentary elections, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The head of the Legislative Committee, MP Khaled Al-Shatti said the parliamentary proposal calls for delisting the participants who take part in the primaries saying they produce their results before the general elections that express the truth of the nation's will.

He went on to say, whoever hastens the thing prematurely is punished with deprivation, and indicated it was a blatant challenge to the principles and provisions of the Constitution, which are firmly established in the conscience of the society.

He told the Al-Seyassah daily, the submission of the proposal is at the core of the committee's work and called the timing appropriate. He said, there are many laws that have been voted on despite the fact that the proposal was presented by only one deputy and no MP has objected. "Whoever accuses us of mixing the papers is living in the world of delusion because in reality we have arranged the papers and priorities according to the provisions of the Constitution.

He explained that the by-elections are criminal and it is not permissible to circumvent the law by changing its name, as both are two sides of the same coin, because what is important is substance and content, and that the by-elections are inconsistent with an important constitutional principle, which is that a member of the National Assembly represents the entire nation and not a specific class.

He stressed that it contradicts the idea of dedicating national unity in society and destroys the foundations



The team of inspectors at the site.

Photo by Mohammad Morsi

200 companies violate 'noon work' rule

The head of the Occupational Safety Follow-up Department and the head of the mid-day inspection team at the Public Authority for Manpower, Abdel Mohsen Al-Munayes, announced 200 companies and 350 workers violated the decision to prevent work at noon (between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm) from the beginning of May until

July 19, 2020, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Al-Munayes pointed during the tour of West Abdullah Al Mubarak yesterday 12 workers were caught.

In a press statement Al-Munayes pointed out some workers are afraid of the employer and those who are caught violating

the law first time are given a written warning and the sector re-inspect the site again after 24 hours and if the violation is repeated a citation is issued against the employee.

In such cases, the source stressed the company file will be suspended and the issue will be referred to a court.

of a comprehensive representation of the deputy for all the people of the country, and the legislative wisdom of preventing and criminalizing it is consistent with established constitutional principles and provisions, which are equal opportunities, justice and equality.

MP Muhammad Al-Hadiya rejected the proposal to delete the names of candidates and asked if it is reasonable for the National Assembly elections law to be used as a racial exclusion tool, and warned of the danger of the amendment that he said would be addressed in Abdullah Al-Salem Hall if it was presented to the parliament?

MP Majid Al-Mutairi said any attempt to amend is an attempt to influence the course of the upcoming elections to serve groups.

Meanwhile, MP Riyadh Al-Adhani, has called on the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, to dismiss

the Minister of Finance Barak Al-Shitan, saying he has not presented any plan to revive the economy.

Panel completes report: The Inquiry Commission formed by the National Assembly to look into the violations concerning appointments and promotions in the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) has completed its work and said the report will be submitted to the National Assembly for what the commission called "to take appropriate action" during its next session, reports Al-Seyassah daily quoting sources.

The same sources revealed that the committee has verified many violations and observations recorded in the corporation during the past five financial years, as a result of which many employees have suffered injustice and many qualified citizens have

been deprived of the opportunity to work in the oil sector.

The sources emphasized that the Corona crisis greatly delayed the work of the committee and its inability to invite some officials due to the repercussions of the epidemic, but it has data and documents that give a clear picture of some of the senior officials in the oil sector about their doings over the past five years.

The sources stressed the responsibility is now with the National Assembly, which is required to vote on what is stated in the report.

The sources added, HH the Prime Minister and President of the Supreme Petroleum Council, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, whom is known for his integrity, "clean hands" and his seriousness in combating corruption to hold those accountable for wrongdoing irrespective of the person's position.



Goods seized from the Ethiopians.

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Gang of car thieves arrested

The criminal security sector of the Ministry of Interior have arrested a gang of five Ethiopians, including a woman, for breaking into vehicles and stealing valuables, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

During interrogation the gang members are said to have admitted to carrying out several thefts in the Capital Governorate and other areas of Kuwait. They said, they particularly tar-

geted the seafront areas.

They added, they would pry on picnic goers and wait for an opportune time to break into their vehicles. A security source said the five suspects were seized from different places. Police have also seized from them fake driving licenses which they used to rent vehicles, sums of money and tools they used to break into vehicle has been seized.

News in Brief

Kuwaiti swindled: A Kuwaiti man, born in 1976, has filed a complaint with the police accusing a compatriot of deceiving him, reports Al-Anba daily.

In his complaint, the Kuwaiti said he signed a document with the suspect that allowed him to invest his money in real estate and parted with 80 thousand dinars after he was promised a monthly profit of 3,200 dinars for 3 years. He said the document was signed on March 15, 2016.

He pointed out, after the expiry of the contract period, he asked for the capital he had invested but he did not receive any response.

However, the suspect claims he has received all his money in installments. The issue is being investigated.

Old woman 'looted': Police are looking for an unidentified fraudster for deceiving a Kuwaiti woman who is believed to be in her 80s and stealing all money from her bank balance, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said the Kuwaiti woman, born in 1946, told police she received a local call and the unknown caller at the other end informed her that he is an employee of the bank and asked her to update her data, and asked to give her bank details including the secret number and then withdrew 9,983 dinars from her account.

A security source again and again stresses on the people not to respond

to such calls, particularly from people who claim to be bank employees.

The source said the bank employees do not and are not authorized to get such information over the telephone and requests citizens and expatriates not to divulge their bank details to suspect persons.

Arab held with drugs: The Public Relations and Security Media Department of the Ministry of Interior stated the personnel from the Public Security Sector of the Ahmadi Security Directorate have arrested an Arab for possessing drugs, drug consuming tools and knives, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the daily, the suspect was also wanted by law to serve a 15-year prison term.

Police said the man was arrested in Ahmadi.

Iranian violates morals: Personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department (Cyber Crime Department) late Sunday arrested an Iranian for publishing immoral video clips on his Snapchat account, reports Al-Rai daily.

A security source said the activity of the Iranian was detected and taken into custody.

He has been referred for investigation. The sources said the man is expected to be deported from the country for violating public morals.

Real estate market not greatly affected by Covid crisis: report

KUWAIT CITY, July 20: During the last few days, the real estate scene in Kuwait witnessed the implementation of some diversified deals, giving the impression that most sectors of the real estate market are coherent, while others achieved an increase, especially the seafront properties and some residential areas, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to informed sources, the commercial sector witnessed a deal a few days ago. A commercial complex in Al-Mubarakiyah area, covering an area of 325 square meters, was sold. It generated a monthly income of KD 17,000, and the value of the deal was KD 3.6 million for the benefit of one of the investors. That means the price per square meter is KD 11,000.

Regarding the seafront properties, the sources said a chalet in Al-Julai'a area was sold at KD 1.1 million, indicating that one of the advantages of the chalet,

which is located in the south of the country, is that it has a waterfront with an area of 24 meters.

In terms of residential real estate, the sources revealed that residential properties have seen cohesion in some areas and an increase in some, especially new ones. For example, a deal was made for the sale of a 400-square-meter real estate in Funaitees area, which is located on an internal street, at KD 300,000. This price is an increase of about 5 to 10 percent above the prices prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The sources explained that the real estate market in Kuwait was not greatly affected by the COVID-19 crisis. This is due to several considerations, mainly the decision of the Central Bank of Kuwait to reduce interest to a historical level of 1.5 percent, which was dropped further to 1.25 percent by some banks that seek to compete and attract investors.

1st Year Remembrance Hajera Majid



Thank you for giving me strength Time flies fast, but some memories can never be erased from the mind of loved ones

Without you every single second has become very tough to spend. The moment you died my heart was torn into two, one side filled with heartache and the other side with you God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be so he puts his arms around you and whispered come to me.

Your adorable daughter Sarah