

## Other Voices

## What 'new era' features say?

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First of all, we must admit that we are not and have never been a democratic state in the strict sense of the word, but rather a state that enjoys a reasonable coexistence system between the people and the ruling family and without this system of coexistence, ruin is the final outcome. Some people may embrace this description while for others it may be naïve, but this is the reality.

At the peak of the events of the Arab Spring and the upheaval of general situation, the authority could have intervened to dissolve parliament, impose martial law, and place the undesirable elements behind bars, but none of this happened.

The authority addressed the situation with all wisdom and calmness and within the legal frameworks that were and are still available, and the result was that some won their rights through court verdicts and others did not. Then there are those who had to take a step backward and yet others 'escape' and seek refuge overseas for a while.

Consequently, we as a people have no choice but to accept this social contract that we have accepted for many years, albeit reluctantly, and which culminated in the 1962 Constitution, or rejecting this contract and burning the country, as others have done only to regret later their misdeeds.

I do not think there is a sane person who rejects this scenario or the current situation or accept it with mixed feelings compounded with a strong desire to be in a better position, like



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any Western democratic nation where the transfer of power is smooth.

We don't always get what we want, and we cannot be certain that our situation at the time will be better, in light of all this fragmentation in which we live, this demographic imbalance, the difficult economic situation and with all this tribal and sectarian polarization, in addition to our scientific and cultural backwardness, our devastating failure which we have seen over the past sixty years to produce good citizens without the need to turn back and point a finger of accusation at others for our failures.

The authority that succeeded in sabotaging many, as some claim, has failed to sabotage others.

Some of the features of the New Era and the manner in which the country will be managed have become clear during the meeting of His Highness the Crown Prince with the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Council of Ministers, after the Crown Prince won the allegiance of the National Assembly.

Consequently, it is better for all of us not to be satisfied with only wishful thinking, but to demand to uphold the Constitution and applying the law on everyone without discrimination. This is better for both parties – the people and the 'family', than all forms of democracies in our regions.

**Note:** I am not in favor of submitting petitions and letters to higher bodies, with full respect to those who do this. The remedy for most, if not all, of the state's problems and issues are found in the drawers of the Supreme Council for Planning, whose board of directors includes some of the best and cleanest minds in the country and forget and put aside the document of Obaid and Abdullah.

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## Mol on constant vigilance, tracks those who don't wear masks &amp; keep distance

Three Egyptians handed over to Interpol

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12 :** The Directorate-General of Public Relations and Security Media Department of the Interior Ministry said the security authorities continue to keep in check all violators of the decisions issued by the Council of Ministers and preventive measures put in place by the health authorities to keep in check the spread of COVID-19, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the preventive measures include wearing face masks in public and private places, social distancing and ban on gatherings.

The ministry clarified in a statement all violators of Cabinet decisions were immediately dealt with to prevent gatherings inside the country and that the law has been applied on everyone without discrimination.

The ministry said the security men on several occasions have dispersed people gathering in one place in violation of the decisions issued by the Council of Ministers and instructions of the health authorities. Some of those organizing gatherings were summoned and referred to the concerned authorities.

The Ministry has called upon citizens and residents to fully adhere to the laws, instructions and procedures in the interest of everyone's safety.

In addition, a security source said the Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Public Security Affairs, Major-General Faraj Al-Zoubi said violators of the Council of Ministers decision were summoned for interrogation when clips were posted in the social media showing a wedding reception in the Ahmadi Governorate, another wedding that was happening in Sabah Al-Ahmad, another citizen who had organized a party in his home.

**Trio go to Interpol:** The State Security Agency has recently handed over three Egyptians to the Egyptian Interpol. They were wanted by the Egyptian authorities for allegedly inciting chaos and calling on people through social media to demonstrate, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to senior sources these defendants had launched an intense campaign to incite Egyptians to break the law and demonstrate against their government.

Following a request from the Egyptian authorities, the men nabbed in the Farwaniya Governorate and following interrogations they were handed over to the Egyptian authorities.

The sources pointed there is a strong cooperation between the Kuwaiti and Egyptian security authorities based on the extradition treaty signed by both sides.

**Mentally ill escapes:** Police are looking for an unidentified psychologically disturbed person who is said to have escaped from the Psychiatric Hospital, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The daily added, the escapee was admitted to Ward No. 34 after he



The Asian gang caught gambling by the CID police.

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## Four Asians caught gambling in City

Police have arrested four Asians for gambling. They were caught in the Capital Governorate, reports Al-Rai daily.

The Directorate General of

Public Relations and Security Media Department of the Interior Ministry said acting on a tip-off securitymen raided the apartment of the suspects and

seized from them 197 dinars, mobile phones and gambling material.

They have been referred to the concerned authorities.

## Kuwaiti jailed in money-laundering case

## Court releases Duwailah in UAE defamation suit

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12 :** The Court of Cassation headed by Counselor Abdullah Al-Abdullah has decided to suspend the imprisonment verdict which was issued against Attorney Nasser Al-Duwailah and released him until the matter is settled, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the lower court had found Al-Duwailah guilty of insulting the UAE.

**7 years for man:** The Criminal Court has sentenced a Kuwaiti citizen to seven-year imprisonment with hard labor and fined

him KD 92,000 over allegations of money laundering and usury in the payment of loans by some debtors, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The Public Prosecution charged the suspect with money laundering through usury, as he collected KD 92,000 in form of a third of the loan granted the debtors, knowing well that the money was illegitimate. He was accused of exploiting the inability of the debtors to get loans from the banks, so he gave them the loans with the agreement to pay the usury.

**Detention extended:** The Cybercrime Prosecution has decided to extend the detention of a famous female artist, identified as "H.S.", until Monday over allegations of posting an indecent video clip on her Snapchat account, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The artist denied the allegation against her during the investigation, saying that an unknown person hacked her account and published the indecent video clip before she could retrieve the account. The artist is facing charges for misuse of mobile phone and public indecency.



Damage caused by the fire.

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## Fire guts Shuwaikh shop

The spokesman of the Directorate-General of Fire Department (DGF) said when the department received a call about fire raging inside a tire shop in the Shuwaikh Industrial Area, fire engines from the Shuwaikh Industrial, Shuhamda, Sulabikhat and Al-Asnad centers

rushed to the spot and controlled the fire on 400 square meters area at dawn Monday, reports Al-Rai daily.

No human casualties have been reported. Meanwhile, the department is investigating the cause of the fire. The extent of the damage is not known.

## News in Brief

**Virus kills doctor:** Dr Ahmed Abdel Hamid Zayed, an Egyptian nephrologist, died at Jahra Hospital recently due to coronavirus, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The late doctor, who worked in Kuwait for six years, is the third Egyptian doctor who succumbed to corona. He was infected with the virus two months ago and was confined in the intensive care unit about a month ago. He worked on the frontline of the fight against corona for three months before being infected.

The doctor was 37 years old and had three children – the youngest of whom is a four-month old baby.

**Nepali dies in mishap:** A Nepali died and four others were injured following a two-vehicle collision on King Fahd Motorway, opposite Hadiya district, reports Al-Anba daily.

One of the vehicles was driven by a Kuwaiti and the other by a Chadian.

On the other hand, an Egyptian born in 1967, who was run over by an Indian motorist, was taken to the Amiri Hospital. The victim is believed to be seriously injured.

The Indian has been detained at the Daiya Police Station until investigations are completed.

**Kuwaiti assaulted:** A Kuwaiti has filed a complaint with the Jahra Police Station accusing one of his relatives of barging into his Divaniya and assaulting him, reports Al-Rai daily.

He told police the incident happened following an argument between them. He told the police the suspect has also threatened to cause him further harm.

The security sources said the suspect has been arrested and is being interrogated.

**Complaint filed:** A Kuwaiti has filed a complaint with the Jahra police accusing two men of kidnapping him and taking him to a deserted area and assaulting him and attempting to take his pictures to blackmail him, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily, without giving more details said the case has been handed over to the

Public Prosecution and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of the suspects.

**Young man beaten:** Police are looking for a Kuwaiti and three of his friends for ambushing a young man and assaulting him, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, suspects forced the victim to pull over when he was driving in the suburb of Jaber Al-Ahmed, forced him out of the car because of earlier dispute and assaulted him.

The victim has filed a complaint with the Jaber Al-Ahmad Police Station. He said the suspects not only assaulted him but also damaged his car.

They escaped after threatening to punish him again if he files a complaint with the police.

**Woman says cheated:** An unidentified young woman has filed a complaint with the police accusing a bedouin of cheating her and stealing her 3,000 dinars, reports Al-Rai daily.

The woman told the police the bedouin boasted of connections with senior officials in the Central System for Remediating the Status of Illegal Residents (CSR/SIR) and promised to get her name registered in return for money.

He put a condition of paying the money in advance and allegedly after receiving the money he refused to answer calls and put off his phone.

Police are looking for the suspects.

**Garage thief held:** The supervisor of the Municipality garage in Mina Abdullah with the help of a guard has seized an unidentified Kuwaiti who had managed to break into the garage with the intention to steal parts of vehicles, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The daily added, with the suspect, who was part of a three-member gang, had stolen some numbers plates of vehicles and dismantled some parts.

The arrested person has been handed over to the police. In the meantime police are looking for the two men who are at large.

## 51 accountants of 'ration' co-ops referred for probe

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12:** The accountants of 51 co-operative societies have been referred to the Public Prosecution after the concerned authority discovered discrepancies in the quantities of subsidized foodstuffs during the last inventory conducted by the concerned Ministry, reports Al-Rai daily quoting a reliable source.

The source told the daily the suspects were arrested and referred to the Public Prosecution after the customs authorities at the Salmi border point over the past two days thwarted an attempt to smuggle out of the country large quantities of subsidized foodstuffs ranging from rice, powdered milk, bread and oil on board two trucks which were destined to head for more than one Arab country. The value of the seized subsidized foodstuffs is believed to be tens of thousands of dinars.

The daily added, the transport companies have been held legally responsible for the 'smuggling' of the subsidized supplies.

The daily quoting the ministry sources said it is not permissible to sell or give to others the subsidized foodstuffs.

While the customs officers have dealt a severe blow to those who attempt to smuggle Kuwaiti supply materials out of the country, an informed source in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry confirmed efforts are continuing to control the disbursement of supplies and prevent any diversion.

The source emphasized the Ministry has introduced strict measures to keep under tight control the disbursement of supplies and prevent the holders of ration cards to make illegal profits from the government subsidized foodstuffs indicating these supplies are only disbursed only according to the civil ID. As a measure to keep in check unhealthy practices, the ministry conducts periodic inventories and if any discrepancy is discovered, the cooperative's accountant is referred to the Public Prosecution.

The ministry lamented that there are some beneficiaries of the subsidized foodstuff who sell their share or give up their right or sell their foodstuffs to expatriates and others.



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