

Other Voices

'We are the only nation that ...'

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The late Ahmad Al-Baghdadi wrote this beautiful quote one day and we add to that.

"Muslims are the only nation that believes that it alone among other nations is right - in everything; the others are wrong."

We add that each group believes that it is right and the others are wrong.

"We are the only nation that reduces the punishment for the criminal prisoner, if he is a Muslim and succeeds in memorizing a surah from the Qur'an". We add: Others remain in prison even if they are more deserving of a pardon and more beneficial to others.

"We are the only nation in which a cleric can escape punishment for incitement to murder if he describes one of the opponents as an apostate." We add: The status of the cleric increases even more if he does that.

"We are the only nation that does not kill the murderer if it is proven he killed an apostate." We add: We do not punish who insults or humiliates a homosexual even by verbal punishment.

"We are the only nation that treats a murderer with a reduced sentence if he kills his sister or wife for the sake of protecting the family honor." We add: You look at him with veneration and he is often released from prison a few months later.

"We are the only nation whose followers tend to describe themselves as the nation of 'Read' (the first surah in Quran started with Read) despite the fact this citizens of this 'nation' are the only one who read fewer books than others." We add: Do not read anything and no one reads.

"We are the only nation that still uses the word 'takfir' (infidel) against its opponents who oppose the clergy and religious groups." We add: Although 90% or more of the earth's population they consider infidel.

"We are the only nation that places the rule of fatwa above the rule of law,

and claims that it is a state of law." We add: Nevertheless, it allows anyone to issue fatwas as he pleases.

"We are the only nation that does not contribute to making a toothbrush, and yet boasts of its defunct civilization." We add: We believe that the inventors were created to serve us.

"We are the only nation that insults the West but depends on it in everything." We add: A nation that rushes first to the hospitals of the infidel West to get treated.

"We are the only nation that puts the intellectual in prison for exercising freedom of expression." We add: We honor the Mufti who permits the killing of those who oppose his ideas.

"We are the only nation that gives its students a PhD in religion." We add: Although it is certain that the religion was completed 1,400 years ago, what is the need for a PhD?

"We are the only nation that has been ruled by the books of the dead for a thousand years," and we add: and whoever criticizes them will follow them (the dead).

"We are the only nation in which clerics flatter rulers while remain silent about their mistakes even if they are legitimate and against religion." We add: That it is the nation with the highest number of "Sultans preachers", that is to say to tailor and inter-operate issues in favor of the ruler.

"We are the only nation that does not recognize the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." We add: All of them signed it with strong reservations.

"We are the only nation that forbids all human arts, and only recognizes the art of calligraphy." We add: And playing the Rababa (primitive musical cord instrument).

"We are the only nation that still believes in removing the jinn from the human body, even if that is through murder." We add: And in Kuwait, if the therapist kills his patient, he will be exempted and granted citizenship, and then it is withdrawn and returned to him again.

"We are the only nation that believes everything the cleric says without scientific investigation." We add: Subsequently we are the only nation that believe everything that appears in Google or WhatsApp messages.

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Municipality workers toil to clean the drains before the onset of the rainy season.

Photo by Bassam Abu Shanab

# 'PAM serious about resolving all complaints filed by domestics'

Kuwait upholds human rights globally: Al-Azmi

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 29:** Following what the British newspaper "Daily Telegraph" reported on the "irregularities" related to domestic workers in Kuwait, the acting Director General of the Public Authority of Manpower (PAM) Dr Mubarak Al-Azmi affirmed that all means of comprehensive care for domestic workers are provided, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In a press statement, he revealed that the authority deals very seriously with all complaints it receives from domestic workers, and strives to resolve their problems under any circumstances, especially during the COVID-19 crisis.

Dr Al-Azmi assured that "Kuwait, as a center for humanitarian work, has always sought to promote the principle of respect for human rights in all parts of the world, regardless of any other considerations based on discriminatory grounds."

He said he was surprised by the report published in the "Daily Telegraph" newspaper, which offended Kuwait, referring to cases of violence during the COVID-19 pandemic and increase in work pressure.

Dr Al-Azmi highlighted that all state agencies have been harnessing their efforts during the crisis to ensure optimal application of the laws regulating the labor market and to follow up the full compliance with these laws by the employers and the employees.

He indicated that PAM provides various means of communication and mechanisms that enable workers to submit their complaints on any breach of the articles of law or the terms of the work contract, since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis.

Dr Al-Azmi said workers can submit a complaint or report any abuse by the employer or the recruitment office, on the authority's website, or via the hotline number, or even through the official social accounts of the authority.

He highlighted the continuous coordination with the embassies and Kuwait's civil society institutions to receive any complaint that may come to it.

Dr Al-Azmi stressed that the authority did not stop receiving complaints during the total or partial lockdown periods that were imposed on the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as all its departments continued to practice their work and their regulatory and supervisory role on the application of laws regulating work in the private and domestic sectors.

He explained that PAM's Domestic Labor Regulatory Department received 73 complaints during the period from March 12 to June 31 this year. During this period, it facilitated the departure of 61 domestic workers and their return to their countries, based on their desire, after providing them with health services, food and legal aid in the shelter for expatriate workers affiliated to PAM.

In addition, Kuwait, represented by the authority, is exerting extensive efforts to provide the necessary protection for all types of workers working on its territory, which is estimated to be a total of 1.722 million workers (according to the latest labor market statistics issued in June 2020), in compliance with international regulations, laws and agreements, and to preserve its position in the field of human rights and humanitarian work.

About 680,262 domestic workers of Asian and African nationalities



Some of the damage caused by the fire.

KUNA photo

## 16 people trapped in fire rescued

Two people suffering from asphyxiation were treated on the site by personnel from the Emergency Medical Services after the second floor of a house in the suburb of Ardhya caught fire, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, 16 people were trapped in the house and firemen rescued them using the ladder before putting out the fire and preventing it from spreading to the rest of the house. The fire was put out by the

Ardhya, Isnad and Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh fire centers. An investigation is underway to find out the cause of the accident.

The extent of the damage is not known.

## Monetary benefit varies from KD 2,000 to KD 150

### Securitymen to get reward for 'excellent work'

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 29:** Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Legal Affairs, Major General Majid Al-Majed, says a copy of the decision issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Anas Al-Saleh regarding the rules for disbursing what the document says 'crime control rewards to members of the police force', ranging from 2,000 dinars to 150, based on the nature of the work assigned to them has been sent to all concerned police departments, reports Al-Rai daily.



Al-Saleh

The daily said, the State Security cases are ranked first on the list of offences, with 2,000 dinars for the officers, and 1,500 for the rest of the members. According to the decision, a copy of which has been obtained

by the daily, the rules say the securitymen will be rewarded in the event they exert extraordinary efforts that lead to the arrest of the suspects, and that these efforts must be documented by evidence.

The reward will be proportionate to the state benefiting from controlling the crime and within the limits of the financial provision allocated in the budget. The decision also stipulates that if the member of the police

force is eligible for reward should have not been convicted by court or suspended from work or referred for investigation for committing a felony or a crime involving breach of honor or trust, or absent from work, and that no disciplinary was taken against him/her for a minimum of one year that the person is eligible for reward and provided that his last confidential conduct is not less than very good.

The crimes for which members of the police force are entitled to a reward varies between state security crimes, alcohol issues, possession and smuggling of narcotic substances, money laundering and terrorist financing crimes, human trafficking and smuggling labor into the country (visa trading).



Worker being rescued from engine room.

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## Worker in miraculous escape

The Directorate-General of Public Relations and Media Department of the Fire Department said fire-fighters from the Al-Qurain Fire Center acting on information rushed to the swimming pool of a house under construction in Abu Futaira and rescued an

unidentified Asian worker who fell in the engine room, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily said the worker suffered sporadic injuries and was rushed to a hospital by personnel from the Emergency Medical Services.

## News in Brief

**Drones to trap motorists:** The General Traffic Department of the Ministry of Interior has come up with a solution to deal with recklessness on the streets of Kuwait, the phenomenon which has endangered the lives of all road users, reports Al-Anba daily.

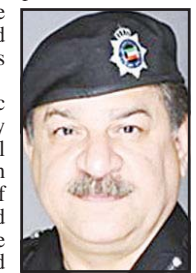
The GTD traffic sector headed by Major-General Jamal Al-Sayegh said the Ministry of Interior has decided to make use of the drones to put an end to this 'mad road race'.

With the help of the drone the MoI will follow the reckless motorists, identify them and their places of residence, document the incidents and arrest them instead of the securitymen chasing them which sometimes puts at risk the lives of the men in uniform, other motorists and pedestrians.

There have been instances when police have been attacked by the suspects using sharp tools and attempts made to run them over.

**Suicides on rise:** Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic cases of suicide are on the rise in Kuwait and over the past week four people are said to have ended their lives by hanging, reports Al-Anba daily.

A few days ago in Sabah Al-Nasser a Filipina ended her life by jumping from the second floor of her sponsor's apartment after slashing her wrists. In Saad Al-Abdullah two people ended their lives - an Ethiopian hanged herself on the rooftop room of her sponsor's house and an



Al-Sayegh

## Jobs in projects

### Only for Kuwaitis

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 29:** Minister of Public Works and State Minister for Housing Affairs Dr. Rana Al-Faris has formed a work team, headed by the Assistant Undersecretary for Sanitary Engineering Affairs Engineer Walid Al-Ghanim, to follow up implementation of Kuwaitization policy in contracts, agreements and projects of the Ministry of Public Works, reports Aljarida daily.

The decision called for setting up a comprehensive plan for implementing the Kuwaitization policy, coordinating with the concerned authorities concerning this, and following up the implementation of Kuwaitization regulations on relevant contracts and agreements, while ensuring accuracy and safety of the Kuwaitization procedures.

Indian also hanged himself in the house of his sponsor's home.

**Bikes, cars auction:** The General Traffic Department has announced the sale of a number of motor bikes and other similar vehicles at a public auction which will take place on Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020, 4:00 pm, at the vehicle reservation department of the Kuwait and Gulf Link Company garage in the Jahra governorate, reports Al-Anba daily.

Those wishing to take part in the auction must visit the auction site one day before the auction.