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'Will normalization stop Zionist policies in Arab lands?'

'Don't lose hope, return to God for liberation of Palestine'

"SCORES of civil society organizations from public benefit societies, sports and artistic unions and political currents have issued a joint statement calling on the Kuwaiti government to remain steadfast in its stance on rejecting normalization of ties with the Zionist entity," columnist and former MP **Mubarak Fahd Al-Duwailah** wrote for **Al-Qabas** daily.



Al-Duwailah

"The statement, that was signed by all the political and intellectual trends in the country, except whose affairs are managed by some parties from outside the geographical borders, has condemned the policies of this monstrous entity in the occupied territories, and this statement.

"The question that arises today is, does normalization with this deformed entity contribute to solving the Palestinian problem? Will this normalization stop the Zionists' policies in annexing more Arab lands? Will Israel stop hunting, oppressing, imprisoning and killing Palestinian youth? Some Arab countries normalized their relations with Israel forty years ago, so what was the result? Did the Zionists stop suppressing the Palestinians?"

"They continued to annex more and more lands and properties of legitimate landowners? At the time of writing this article, they are bombing our people in Gaza and demolishing homes against the wishes of their owners?"

"Today, the whole world feels the rioting and the arrogance by the Israelis and their disregard for UN resolutions, and today most of the world's peoples sympathize with the owners of the cause and the land, and we hear lot of statements of condemnation even from the European countries, over Israel's unprecedented atrocities in the land of Palestine.

"But after we fully normalize ties with Israel, we will not find anyone to adopt our cause, nor will we hear those who denounce our enemy and denounce the crimes of this enemy. Some of us tried to satisfy the Americans by opening a commercial office with the Zionist entity, but this trade exchange did not benefit some of them, but rather contributed to reviving the Zionist economy at the expense of the first cause of the two Arab and Islamic nation (the Palestinian cause).

"Today, we find people trying to rescue Donald Trump's election campaign with this normalization. The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has announced that stopping the settlement policy and annexing Palestinian lands is only a temporary decision, and in fact we Arabs do not need such an announcement, because we have bitter experiences with this entity after

similar normalization from several Arab countries, from which we only gained more shame and loss of more land.

"Some of the negligent and discouraged people who are affiliated with us, as Arabs and Muslims, are calling on the government of Kuwait not to take a position on this issue, and on the same day thirty Kuwaiti entities called on the Kuwaiti government demanding to reject normalization and to continue the steadfast position.

"In this connection, we say these people are holding the Arab governments accountable for the damage that has befallen the Palestinian cause, because these governments were busy in their military coups, building jails and the oppressing of their peoples.

"Anyway, these people are right in this connection although they are liars, because they were the ones who welcomed these governments who came to power riding on the back of a military tanks. They are the same people who supported these governments to oppress their own people and never denounced the imprisonment and killing of free people.

"Consequently, we have observed today how these people are in a state of despair and frustration and looking for any hope to solve the Palestinian cause and the liberation of Jerusalem, because they see that such a liberation, can be realized through the subject to the Zionists and eventually accept the reality such as it is, ignoring the fact that such defeatism will conduce only to more losses and a day will come when the Zionists will come knocking at our doors in the Gulf.

"We say to those miserable people who have lost hope in liberating Holy Jerusalem that the solution is to return to God in our life, in our ideas, and in building our societies, as long as there is a nation that lives on the land of Palestine and raises its voice, hope is there, and God's promise to them will be fulfilled to enter Jerusalem and liberate it from the filth of the usurping Zionists."

Also:

"I have the honor to be from the first generation of the eighties, the golden generation in my eyes filled with good memories the beau-

tiful details of which we are missing these days," columnist **Dr Abdurrahman Al-Issa** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"One of these details is 'Majid Magazine' and 'Baraem Al Iman' magazine that my mother was keen to bring to me. At that time I read the first article on the Palestinian cause and the Palestinian struggle and the crime of the Jews who had entered through the gate of British Mandate from various places, to occupy Arab land and uproot a good people from its land as they uproot olive trees and establish an abnormal entity on the Arab ruins that they called a state, when the Stern and Haganah gangs built a state.

"This is how my upbringing was and this is how I lived, grew up, and learned, both in school and at home, that Palestine is our first issue, and it is a cause of eternal right. Compare those days to those in which we live today, and the fever of the race to normalize ties with the Zionist enemy, especially this fever has reached us, the children of the Gulf, in our own home and in our thought

"We have become immune intellectually, at least against the propaganda of normalization, today and unfortunately, we see and hear from some political, cultural or media elite, words that make the heart heavy with pain about the necessity of normalization, the benefits of normalization and the gains of normalization, as if they just discovered that the Zionists are 'good' people, and we have missed much good and we are cut off from them, and some dared consciously and said, 'Palestine is not my cause' while some said the normalization of ties with Israel 'is a sovereign decision and the matter is over'.

"And some of them declared that are thus trying to remove the blame from them after the arguments have been exhausted, since it is logical and self-evident that there are no economic benefits or developmental gains with an 'enemy' who day and night is looking for any opportunity to betray us and our people in Palestine.

"Personally speaking, I have never heard of any Jew in any country throughout the world saying that 'Israel is not my cause' or 'Zionism is not my cause', because the Jews are either involved in supporting the Israeli occupation of the Arab territories or standing marginally without issuing statements due to their fear of reaction of the Zionist organizations against them.

"But unfortunately, I found some of our people who say 'Palestine is not my cause' as if this struggle and this pure blood that is

shed and flow every day everywhere means nothing for these people.

"Whoever wants normalization with the usurper let him go to normalization. I have a firm conviction that they will betray you at the first given opportunity, as usual, and on my behalf I will not give the opportunity for the enemy to practice its might on my Palestinian brothers, because it is a cause of right, justice and logic.

"As for those who were unable to support the truth by intent or even by supplication, I say to these people that you lose, lest to say you lose too much."

"How painful it is to see some negative things inside my beloved country Kuwait, making it suffer from a series of chronic diseases. I am now in the seventh decade of life, yet I still hear problems from my childhood which have not been solved, although we have been enjoying many achievements through the years – thanks to God, the bounties of oil and the generosity of Kuwaiti men in various fields," columnist **Dr Adel Fahad Al-Misha'al** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"It is unfair to say that all governments have not accomplished anything. This is unfair and far from objectivity. I am surprised as some ignore the achievements in infrastructure, education, health, culture, arts, sports, social and other fields that Kuwait has presented in a bid to be one of the best in the Gulf and to compete in the Arab world. However, reaching the top is one thing, and staying on top is another thing.

"On the other hand, this means certain issues still live with us and we grew up with them. We are still suffering from them. I am surprised that no solution has been found despite the passage of all these decades.

"Whenever I sit with people in diwanis and other places, their conversation focuses on the topic of the hour – a surprising or shocking issue, while the truth is that we know all our positives and negatives."

"A few years ago, the Ministry of Health terminated the only expatriate doctor in his specialization due to his age and he returned to his country. However, the ministry experienced a major problem after he left, so they asked him to return under a special contract with higher salary. He is still on top of his work and he does it wholeheartedly," columnist **Essam Abdulatif Al-Fulaj** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"This was repeated with several doctors whose services were terminated due to age, so some of them went to the private sector. We lost their experiences. The Civil Service Commission (CSC) benefited from this experience through age amendments and issuance of special contracts, which included university and judicial professors.

"Today, this is repeated through decisions to terminate all expatriate employees in the country for the same reason – age. This is due to popular reactions without taking into consideration the need for their services, or their psychological, social and humanitarian situations. Each of them has his own circumstances and stories, so do not generalize the decision.

"On my way back from an Arab country 30 years ago, I talked to someone sitting next to me. He said he had been in Kuwait since he was a small child with his father. He had not gone back to his country for 20 years as his heart remains here. This is the case for tens of thousands who grew up here and lived in comfort, security, psychological and social stability, wishing to die on this land."

"The corona pandemic has forced the world to abandon the formal education system and then use e-learning as an alternative to complete the study, which may last for some time. Therefore, we must stop comparing which of the two systems is better, more efficient and effective," columnist **Professor Dr Faisal Al-Sharafi** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"Technology, with its applications, has allowed us to complete the school year despite all the voices rejecting distance education.

"Distance education platforms cannot be a substitute for formal education, but due to the exceptional circumstances brought about by the pandemic, we no longer have teachers in front of us. Instead, reality is simulated and there is a need to take advantage of everything available in order to expand the student's knowledge and search for all available means to realize the course objectives.

"We have to discover many strengths with our students. We must search for a way to communicate information to help the students and compensate them for the lessons and practical applications they had prior to the pandemic.

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

Proposal to quarantine arriving expats in Kuwait instead of 'no-ban' countries

'Precautions taken due to rise in infections globally'

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17: Deputy Director General of Kuwait International Airport Affairs, Director of Engineering Department at Kuwait International Airport, and Chairman of the Executive Committee for Commercial Flights Restoration at the airport Engineer **Saleh Al-Fadaghi** says the circular issued previously to all airlines operating at Kuwait International

Airport regarding the ban on commercial flights to 34 countries is still in effect based on instructions of the health authorities, reports Al-Anba daily.

These affected countries include India, Iran, China, Brazil, Colombia, Armenia, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Syria, Spain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Iraq, Mexico, Indonesia, Chile, Pakistan, Egypt, Lebanon, Hong Kong, Italy, North Macedonia, Moldova, Panama, Peru, Serbia, Montenegro, Dominican Republic, Kosovo, Afghanistan, France and Argentina.



Kuwait Red Crescent Society sets up tent camps to house flood victims in Sudan. KUNA photo

Al-Fadaghi affirmed that travelers from any of the 34 prohibited countries can stay for 14 days in any country other than those prohibited, and then obtain a PCR certificate before coming to Kuwait.

He indicated about a proposal submitted to the Ministry of Health to place the arriving passengers under quarantine inside Kuwait instead of other countries, adding that the minister is studying the proposal for approval or rejection.

In a special statement, Engineer Al-Fadaghi revealed that the prevention of the arrival of any traveler from these countries to Kuwait is based on many readings by the Ministry of Health, including recommendations and statistics of the World Health Organization and severity of the spread of COVID-19 virus as well as the high number of COVID-19 infected cases in these countries.

Furthermore, he stressed that only one person is allowed to enter the airport and receive their family who return from abroad.

Al-Fadaghi explained that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and various governmental and private entities have been working round the clock since the COVID-19 pandemic without stopping. There was an increase in the working hours during the first days. Also, the cargo and evacuation operations have been ongoing, and work has been progressing based on the plan approved by the Council of Ministers, namely the commercial operation stage, at a rate of 30 percent.

He said, "As soon as a vaccine for COVID-19 virus is discovered, normal activities will resume".

تطورات مرض فيروس كورونا COVID-19

الجمعة 17/09/2020

4 حالة وفاة جديدة NEW DEATHS الإجمالي: 575	724 حالة تعافي جديدة NEW RECOVERIES الإجمالي: 87,911
5,968 مسحة جديدة NEW TESTS الإجمالي: 695,556	825 إصابة جديدة NEW CASES الإجمالي: 97,824
94 إجمالي الحالات في العناية المركزة TOTAL SERIOUS CASES	9,338 إجمالي الحالات التي تتلقى العلاج TOTAL ACTIVE CASES

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Crisis as 3,500 teachers stranded abroad

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17: The Ministry of Education is facing a crisis as around 3,500 teachers are stuck in their countries due to the lockdown measures taken by the health authorities; including the decision to ban the entry of direct flights from 34 countries at Kuwait International Airport, reports **Al-Jarida** daily quoting sources from the educational sector.

Sources revealed the six educational districts have identified the number of stranded teachers including 900 in Ahmadi Educational District – 300 of whom are Gulf nationals, 400 in Jahra Educational District, 700 in Hawally

Educational District and 450 in Farwaniya Educational District.

Sources said the ministry intends to coordinate with the health authorities and its interior counterpart to lay down a mechanism for these teachers to return to the country through direct flights. Sources added these teachers will be asked to quarantine in a hotel at their own expense to ensure they are free from corona before resuming work, hinting on the possibility that the Interior Ministry will be asked to issue entry visas for the teachers whose have residency permits expired.

'Messengers missing as contract not renewed'

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17 : In an apparent confirmation of news published earlier about the absence of messengers in the Ministry of Social Affairs; the corridors in the Ministries Complex, which used to be crowded with messengers, are now empty, reports **Al-Jarida** daily.

This is due to the expiry of the contract concluded between the ministry and the company providing such workers. It has been reported that the ministry decided not to renew the contract as the company had been paying the salaries of its employees irregularly for six months.

Informed sources told the daily that the ministry signed a contract with a new company to provide messengers temporarily for a period of two months or until the new tender is awarded – about 350 out of 1,600 correspondents are assigned in all sectors of the ministry.

Sources said most of the workers are assigned in the Social Care Sector to serve the administrations of the welfare complexes for the elderly and juveniles, family nursery, social development and family care units in the Development Sector.

Sources added the ministry's

departments located in the Ministries Complex are not covered by this employment, indicating there is a tendency not to provide messengers within these departments even after the new tender is launched and the contract is concluded with the winning company.

Sources affirmed the ministry is striving to reduce expenditures and limit unnecessary spending, especially after reducing its budget for fiscal 2020-2021 by some millions of dinars, in line with the directives of the Ministry of Finance and decisions of the Council of Ministers in this regard.

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