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## 'With no achievement, legislation crisis moves from texts to souls'

"THE political atmosphere in which we live now clearly reflects the atmosphere of the National Assembly dissolution although the government does not wish to declare non-cooperation with the Assembly but I think it will be forced to do so," columnist **Talal Al-Enezi** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"The MPs are insisting on the dissolution and they have expressed this openly and clearly through visual statements. There is an intention to submit a large number of interrogations against ministers and the scenario of the previous session may be repeated during future sessions.

"All of these are indications that point towards the dissolution of the Parliament as the two authorities will not be able to cooperate and continue this situation. Now, it is a matter of calculating profit and loss. If the parliament is now dissolved, who will benefit from it, the government or the MPs? And if the parliament is dissolved, will the parliamentary majority return? And if the Assembly is dissolved, will the Speaker return?"

"The atmosphere is not an atmosphere of work, achievement, and approval of laws and legislation that benefit people as the crisis has moved from the texts to the souls. With such an atmosphere, neither the country nor the citizens will benefit. The question is: 'Is there any rational person among you?'"

"We say it to the decision-makers in both authorities, clearly and openly: the situation does not please anyone and it is unhealthy and not reassuring. Exchanging accusations and questioning the intentions of all parties will not help. We must put the interest of Kuwait before us; Kuwait is not linked to the government or the National Assembly, Kuwait is greater than everyone."

"The law of postponing installments and its implementation controls -- which was issued by the Central Bank -- is the least that can be said about that it is unwise and illogical. The law is supposed to stipulate that installments are postponed automatically for everyone -- and it is expected that 95 percent want to postpone -- except for those who express their desire not to postpone, thus they have to contact their banks through the available means, whether the application or the phone, and ask not to postpone."

"The decision caused unnatural confusion, and more than 400,000 borrowers, including the elderly and retired, would be forced to request postponements from banks, social security and credit banks, while not being familiar with modern means of communication, and blame the MPs who passed the law and did not amend its first article."

**Also:**

"All those who follow public affairs and those involved in politics attribute stagnation or retreat at all levels of the government/MPs conflict are aware of cases of infringement on public funds," columnist **Dr Anwar Al-Shrai'an** wrote for **Al-Shahed** daily

"Most sociologists and psychologists agree that the economic situation directly affects the behavior of individuals and creates societal diseases that may lead to security and political problems, as there is a theoretical correlation between the standard of living and the efficiency of educational attain-

ment in general for societies.

"I used to agree a lot with those who went on to say that the political conflict between the different parties, rampant transgression on public money, and the sagging government apparatus are the reasons for the elimination of a strong and promising economy, but since the Corona pandemic coincided with the collapse of oil prices, I found that the imbalance is deeper and more dangerous than a political dispute or some corrupt people who dared to loot public money because this defect is the real reason that led to the exacerbation of political differences and their continuation, the ease of infringement on public money and the sagging and impotence of government agencies."

"Simply, if we look closely at the majority of leaders in all sectors of the state, and even in parliament and elected councils, we will find that those who occupy these positions and places are not competent at the required level or are not experienced, since the selection was done according to specifications not competence, ability and honesty."

"Only in Kuwait, tasks are entrusted to other than its people, whether from competencies or specializations. Only in Kuwait, administrative regulations and laws prefer the ignorant to the scientist, and the negligent over the hard-working and committed, and put the family name, loyalty above all regulations and laws."

"I still remember with a degree of hesitation what a friend said on the background of choosing one of his family members in a higher position in one of the previous governments, where he said: We did not run a business or even have an office in our company, so how he was chosen by the government?"

"This saying summarizes the answers to any question about the reasons for where we have reached, and we will reach it. If the person responsible is right and efficient, who will dare to embezzle public money, and who will be able to convince him of what harms his country?"

"The easiest thing in life is criticism and complaining ... the most difficult thing is work and production ... This is the lesson I obtained from life's experience," columnist **Dr. Khaled Ahmad Al-Saleh** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"We find in every nation those who troll on hard work and complain day and night. However, they do not make a big difference in the performance indicators. Nevertheless, they are the tools of change and the source of reform."

"The complainants and critics are constantly finding themselves neither working nor producing ... This is human nature. Constant discontent and criticism do not coincide with the love of work and diligence. Life has taught us that those who complain about everything do not correct a mistake and do not raise a calamity; those are characteristics of those who are steadfast in their performance during tough situations and are thankful where they are due."

"That is why you find the spoilers do not care about the complainants, contrary to what they claim. However, they - the spoilers - are the enemies of the sincere and the diligent ones who have the power to change for the better, and whose dedication to work is the first sign of reform and fighting corruption."

"He who is sincere in his work will not need someone to give him a gift or lend him a bribe. The lazy are the ones who do not obtain what they desire

except through corruption.

"In a time of political discrepancy among the concerned parties, confusion prevails about who deserves your support. Look at who spends money to buy people. If you are sure of his action, then this is the camp of the lazy ... the camp of those who go for what they want, and when they are not satisfied, they get upset."



"One of the secrets of the success of an institution or facility is sustainable human development. This entails investing in human resources -- appointment, performance evaluation and continuous training to hone skills and improve the performance of employees and then the institutional performance," columnist **Hind Al-Shoumar** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"If every official in a facility makes training his top priority and personally follows up training plans and programs, the facility's performance will achieve distinction."

"Training should be the priority of all ministries and State facilities, not only the specification of job titles. They must take tangible and serious steps regarding training programs and allocating funds for this purpose in every government agency."

"It is unacceptable to give an employee high-level job titles if he does not complete training courses that qualify him for the position, such as consultant, chief technician or chief specialist and other titles held by thousands of employees whose level or information and skills has remained the same since graduation."

"The Civil Service Commission (CSC) must fulfill its duties in following up the ministries' commitment to continuous training for their employees. They must promote an employee or grant him any job benefits or a supervisory position only if he completes the required training program. This is an investment in the development of government performance."



"If I am not mistaken, the first person who called for the cancellation of all subsidies granted to citizens was businessman **Najeb Hamad Al-Saleh** in an interview with **Al-Rai** daily some time ago," columnist **Dr Naji Al-Zaid** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"The only defect in such a correct approach is the increase in prices, especially that of food products. The prices of food products remarkably increased within one year under the pretext of the spread of 'corona', considering the effects of 'corona' are limited to these products and the process of importing them."

"Is there anything preventing the disbursement of cash in exchange for the subsidies given to citizens?"

"I do not think so. Perhaps, there are differences depending on the size of the family or the number of its members. Nevertheless, it is still possible to ensure fairness and equality. Such differences should not be a barrier to the implementation of the abovementioned idea, especially since the cost for the State will not change and it may even decrease due to the absence of administrative, storage, distribution and transportation expenses."

— **Compiled by Ahmad Al-Shazi**



Talal Al-Enezi

## Nation in pain, shell-shocked after 'broad daylight' murder

Blame game starts for delaying stringent laws

**KUWAIT CITY, April 24:** Following the murder of a Kuwaiti woman in broad daylight in the suburb of Sabah Al-Salem by a compatriot in front of her young daughter, believed to be in her early teens, and her sister, the entire country is sad and shell-shocked, reports **Al-Seyassah** daily.



Paramedics rescue the injured water tanker driver.

### Kuwaiti, Asian dead in mishaps

**By Munif Nayef**  
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A traffic accident between two water tankers resulted in the death of an Asian expat who succumbed to his wounds. His corpse has been referred to Fo-

rensics, while the other injured man has been rushed to the Farwaniya Hospital.

On the other hand, a 21-year-old Kuwaiti died and his 22-year-old friend was injured when their motorbike collided with another vehicle in the suburb of Saad Al-Abdullah area.

### 'School year at risk'

Stranded Grade 12 students in soup

**KUWAIT CITY, April 24:** More than 40 Grade 12 students who are still stranded outside the country face a problem because they will not be able to take the exams if the tests are held next month, reports **Al-Anba** daily.

Informed educational sources told the daily the stranded students, are not Kuwaiti but most of them are children of teachers who also are stranded and study online according to the system followed by the Ministry of Education. They could not return because of the prevailing health conditions. However, there is no bulletin or a decision issued by the Ministry of Education to prevent them from distance learning while outside the country.

The sources indicated that students were obliged to attend the lessons virtually and indicated that they answer short tests and assignments online as requested by the school administration.

However, the same sources emphasized that if conditions continue as they are, it would be very difficult for them to enter the country and answer the exams with their fellow students, pointing out that in this case the rules and regulations for their absence will be applied.

In this context, the same sources indicated that some embassies of student countries are in the process of addressing the education ministry in order to find a solution to the problem. The question the embassies

### Settling scores

## 2 youths stabbed

**By Munif Nayef**  
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**KUWAIT CITY, April 24:** The Sabah Al-Nasser area witnessed a bloody quarrel where two groups of youths used swords, knives and sticks and whatever they can lay their hands on.

A reliable source told the **Al-Seyassah** daily, two youths were injured in the attack and one of them who were struck in the neck is admitted to the intensive care unit of a hospital in critical condition.

When the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior received a report on the incident police and paramedics rushed to the spot and controlled the youths. The injured are admitted to hospital under heavy security guard.

The source investigations to find out the causes of the quarrel showed the youths were involved in the fight due to previous differences between them.

ask is 'What is the fault of the students, who stand to lose one academic year. The embassies suggest electronic exams remotely just like the study.

In the midst of this, the high-ranking security officials have rejected random accusations slapped at the security sector of the Ministry of Interior accusing it of failing to provide protection and security for the murdered woman.

On the other hand, the security source held the parliamentarians responsible for delaying legislation and laws to increase penalties for some crimes, including assault crimes such as kidnapping, what it called forced disappearance and murder.

On the issue of non-implementation of death penalties although the verdicts were issued years ago, the source said: "The Ministry of Interior is not concerned with activating the death penalty, as it is an enforcement agency, and the decision in this matter lies with the Public Prosecution."

The source revealed the Ministry of Interior is in the process of submitting amendments to a number of laws, including penal laws, trials and pleadings, as well as conducting a comprehensive review of the security system, with the aim of restoring prestige to the security man in the street.

The source explained the amendments being worked on as part of a draft law that will be referred to the National Assembly to grant the security services broader powers to combat crimes including expanded right to arrest, detention, pre-trial detention, search and surveillance.

On the other hand, the sources linked what they described as "an increase in the murder rates and failure to implement the death penalty in a number of cases on the one hand, and the United Nations and international human rights organizations exerting pressure on a number of countries to do away with capital punishment on the other."

### Executions

In the meantime, the sources indicated seven people were hanged on Jan 25, 2017, which is the highest number of executions in the country in one day.

The British "Independent" newspaper published in its issue yesterday, a report under the title 'Kuwait is not safe for women', in which it referred to the recent murder in Kuwait.

The report reviewed the demands of women and a number of social activists for stricter penalties for perpetrators of violent crimes against women.

The Public Prosecution heard the testimonies of the victim's sister, her husband and her daughters while the accused who appeared on Wednesday night before the Public Prosecution and confronted with the murder, showed his surprise at the death and collapsed in tears and said he did not intend to kill her and did not know about her death until after he was confronted by the Prosecution.

It is reported that cases have been filed against the 'murderer' for allegedly forcing the victim to divorce her husband and marry him.

At the parliamentary level, MP **Muhammad Al-Sayer** presented two proposals one calling for creating a new department in the Ministry of Interior to protect witnesses and victims, and another to establish a special judicial department for murder crimes to ensure the speedy completion of such cases.

In other news, a group of women clad in black demonstrated at the Al-Irada Square to mourn and denounce the murder of 'Farah Akbar' who bled to her death in front of the Adan Hospital where she was dumped by her 'killer'.

Several women's activists, the victim's family, citizens and human rights activists, led by deputies held banners denouncing violence against women and demanding retribution for the victim according to the law.

The demonstrators put forward six demands - execution of the murderers in public, updating legislation to protect women, punishing Farah's killer quickly, according to the law, more measures to stop violence against women, raising community awareness of women's rights and holding accountable those who were reluctant to protect the victim of 'Sabah Al-Salem'.

### Other Voices

## O Lebanese! Where to go now?

**By Ahmad alsarraf**

The Lebanese film 'Where Do We Go Now?', by the distinguished director **Nadine Labaki**, is considered one of the best Arab films.

The film, which I watched ten years ago and forgot most of the events unfolding in the movie, revolves around the love story that brings together the Christian girl 'Amal' and the Muslim 'Rabea' which is represented by the proximity of the church and the mosque in a remote Lebanese village difficult. The residents of the area follow the two religions of the Book and live peacefully away from the fire of sectarianism which today burns big cities and villages of their homeland.

One day, a resident buys a TV set and the entire village that once lived in harmony go when they listen to the news of the sectarian war going on in their country.

With the increase in the frequency of sectarianism followed by inciting speeches by men of the village in front of the television screen, rift begins to appear in their peaceful live and the Muslims and Christians erect barriers among them to prevent each sect clashing with the other or the use of weapons.

Only the women of the village, of the two religions are hurt by what is happening, so they decide to develop plans to distract men from politics and to prevent a sectarian clash between them, so they decide to take an initiative and give up their female pride and bring dancers from Europe to distract their husbands. They also sought to insert hashish

and hypnotics into the bread they made for them. The events of the film reach its climax with Umm Ali who shoots her son in the foot to prevent him from taking revenge on the son of the other sect for the killing of his brother.

When the women feel desperate and disappointed about the situation, they decide to take a radical solution to the situation, with each one changing her religion to the religion of the other and placing the men in front of the fait accompli. If they want to kill the followers of the other sect, then they should start with their wives.

The film ends with the death of a woman in the village and they carry her coffin to bury her. They are confused about which of the two cemeteries to choose, is it the religion she was born with or the religion she converted to, and everyone wonders: Where to go now?

And since **Nadine Labaki** temporarily stopped directing, just as every artist the creativity in Lebanon stopped, and the hours of power cuts increased, fuel oil disappeared, and the bread became scarce and the water springs began to dry up, and none of the adults accepted the idea of resigning; there is no guarantee that those who come after them will be better than them and less corrupt.

There is no glimmer of hope on the horizon of the imminent arrival of international aid, or an upcoming tourist season, or even something like that.

There is no hope for new elections, nor is there any dependence that the "people's" options to do away with the sectarian indicator. There is no hope in a military coup, and it will fail if it takes place. There is no willingness to concede to the other side, and there is no glimmer of hope in a popular revolution.

We shout with the remaining lovers of Lebanon: Where do we go now?



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