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'Include Yemen, Iraq in GCC and Iran 'rapprochement' dialogue'

"IT IS needless to say that the initiative launched by the Iranian president-elect, Ebrahim Raesi last week to improve Iran's relations with all countries in the region in general and with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states in particular, is something worthy, particularly under the objective circumstances which currently prevail in the region," columnist **Nasser Al-Abdali** wrote for **Al-Qabas** daily.

"In other words, this part of the world at the moment is calm in addition to attempts to ease the difficult problems in the region. These attempts coincide with the return of the Democrats to the White House and eventually resurrect the Nuclear Pact between Iran and the Great Powers.

"There are some differences among the GCC member states which are not less than their differences with Iran in terms of its effects, as such these differences need objective solutions either in terms of the Saudi-Qatari relations or in terms of the Emirates-Qatari relations and in the midst of the differences between the Emirates and Oman.

"Moreover, there may be the remains of suspended issues between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Sultanate of Oman, particularly in the wake of the historical visit of the Sultan of Oman Haitham Bin Tareq to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and his meeting with the Saudi monarch King Salman Bin Abdulaziz, particularly since we know that the arrangement of the Gulf House, falls at the top of the priorities to launch towards the region's arrangement.

"As a matter of fact, the reign of the former US president Donald Trump, was the worse phase in terms of the GCC member states' relations with the US, as such, I do hereby expect that handling these effects of the said phase, entails reviewing the gaps as a result of leaks in Trump's policies into GCC which paralyzed the movement of this regional organization.

"Likewise, this handling requires the arrangement of the relations with the United States of America on the new basis that shall take into consideration the necessity of maintaining accumulated heritage of relations between the two parties that appeared since the establishment of the GCC and eventually not expose the same to any vibrations in the future.

"In the meantime, we suggest the dialogue between the GCC member states and Iran represents something worthy but this should be arranged following the



Nasser Al-Abdali

rearrangement of the Gulf House, particularly since we know that signs coming from the new Iranian administration seem promising and constitute the first step that necessitates positive response.

"In this context, we presume the necessary dialogue between the two parties should be based on deep-rooted foundations that shall guarantee the sustainability of the relevant positive outcomes, particularly since we know that there are some points that are likely to play the role of achieving the necessary constructive concord between the two parties.

"In this connection, however, we suggest that the big responsibility in this framework should be shouldered by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia because it is powerful at both the Arab and the Islamic levels.

"I hope that the proposed dialogue, will not exclude the two neighboring states, Yemen and Iraq, because their participation shall give a big hope for calm and stability which all parties in the region are in need of."

Also:

"We have recently read in the local press news related to the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and talking about a set of decisions taken by the CSC including giving its consent to nominate 15 senior officials nominated by some ministers to fill some vacant leading posts in government institutions affiliated to the CSC," columnist **Ahmad Abdulhadi Al-Sadhan** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"However, the CSC has given its consent to appoint these nominees provided the Officials Selection Committee is informed about it so that these nominees are given test to prove their abilities pursuant to the Decree No. 338-1/2018.

"However, for us, we follow the political reality including the disturbing quota system and the keenness of some MPs and influential people to put pressures on certain ministers to appoint their friends and relatives, given the fact anyone who wants to verify the fact in this respect will find a lot of examples.

"This happens, although the relevant authority is aware it will cost part of the budget under the current situation of financial deficit and which can be termed as waste of money and given this situation it creates a kind of fertile ground for interventions of both the MPs and the influential people in terms of appointments in senior positions or the so-called 'parachute appointments' and this contradicts with the required reform and is against both the employment and the social justice as well as the principle of the equal opportunities.

"Hence, I would like hereby to suggest that the job should be advertised including all specifications, the specializations and the experience needed to

fill the vacancy.

"More than one announcement...and more than one person on top of the responsibility..." columnist **Dr Naji Soud AlZaid** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"Everyone is announcing the success of the vaccination campaign, while many are still waiting for their appointment although more than five months have passed since the registration started.

"According to officials, the goal is to achieve what is called 'herd immunity', or to put it mildly, 'community immunity'.

"What about the rest of the countries that vaccinated quickly, excelled and reached more than 70 percent of the population?

"What happened to corona cases? Did it decrease, up to the point of complete disappearance?!"

"Israel and the Republic of Seychelles are two countries at the forefront in this field, but what has raised eyebrows is the beginning of a surge in the number of covid-19 cases. The Israeli Ministry of Health will soon start giving the third booster dose of the vaccine to those who are more than 60 years old."

"Without a doubt, the action of some rulers in countries throughout the world have a positive or negative impact," columnist **Nasser Al-Rasheedi** wrote for **Annahar** daily.

"These days, the 31st anniversary of the brutal Iraqi invasion of our dear country is upon us. This act was carried out by the brotherly ruler of Iraq at the time -- Saddam Hussein. Its impact will remain until God receives the world and whatever is in it, because of such a despicable act.

"The action of Saddam Hussein did not express brotherhood and neighborliness at all, yet it was clear that it led to killing in the Arab nation, causing great division between the Arab and Islamic countries.

"Also, the effects of this heinous act are still present in the conscience of every Kuwaiti -- whether he was in Kuwait or he was abroad at the time. Even the generations born during and after the invasion were affected by this despicable act."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

Other Voices

Failure of idea & thought

By Ahmad alsarraf

Any free thinker who studies the movements of Brotherhood soon discovers the truth except us in Kuwait.

Few studies have delved into the search for patterns of relationship between the leaders of the terrorist organization and the rest of its cadres, including a study by the Egyptian academician Muhammad Shouman, in which he highlighted the intellectual and political stagnation of the 'Brotherhood' and the limited interest of its leadership in organizational activities and financing at the expense of renewal of ideas, programs and policies which has led to and will always lead to their failure to govern.



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Shouman pointed out that one of the Brotherhood's permanent concerns is what he called the 'empowerment of governance', and therefore they have always sought, with absurd haste, to implement the policies of hegemony over the state, monopolization of governance, and controlling the institutions and society.

With the horrific fall of their rule in Egypt in 2013, they got the shock of their life which revealed the depth of their intellectual and organizational backwardness and pushed them to a state of denial and resistance through terrorism and launching media campaigns and war propaganda that lacked credibility.

As a result of their failure to influence the Egyptian public opinion, they were exposed as a group that employ Islam for its interests and does not care about the people's problems or the priorities of democracy, justice and security.

Therefore, the Egyptians supported the army to reject the Brotherhood's subversive plans and this deprived them of the social incubator that supported them or sympathized with them, and they found, for the first time in the history of their clashes with the state that the majority stood against them, and all of this because of their intellectual and organizational inertia.

The researcher says the Brotherhood, after 80 years, is still hostage

to Hassan al-Banna's speeches and messages, and they have not changed much. Rather, their extremism has increased with the spread of Sayyid Qutb's thought among them, his call for the alienation of society, the use of violence and extremism in opinion and position.

The effects of this intellectual stagnation can be seen in the poor choice of their leaders in various countries, including Kuwait, where they search and support the least loving personalities in society, the most money-loving and those who have an innate willingness to change their colors like chameleons even at the cost of self-respect.

The recent events in Tunisia, after what happened to them earlier in the Sudan, the UAE and others, confirm the approaching end of the Brotherhood. Some believe that their fall in Tunisia was not surprising, but rather delay in discovering the truth.

As usual, they have sought, since the first day of their rule, to implement the policy of "empowerment" and the exclusion of the other, ignoring the urgent needs of citizens, committing the same mistakes they made in Egypt and the Sudan.

The humility of their thought prevented them from learning from their previous mistakes. They are adept at plotting and gaining power, but they fail in managing and running the affairs of the state. During the period when they had control over Tunisia, the currency almost lost its value because of their quest to let the economy go downwards, putting loyalty before efficiency.

And let us not put out from our memory Saddam's invasion and occupation of our homeland, which coincides on August 2, and the crimes the occupier committed against us, and the crimes of those who publicly supported him with against us, including 'Rached Ghannouchi'.

It is truly painful and truly unfortunate to note that some of the Brotherhood traitors in Kuwait stood with Ghannouchi today after he lost the rule in Tunisia.

We recall that almost everyone discovered the truth about the Brotherhood, and their conspiracy against their homelands and we are still waiting for this revelation.

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Logistic support vowed

KPA okays setting up EV City

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 2: The Contracts Committee at Kuwait Ports Authority (KPA), headed by KPA General Manager Sheikh Yousef Al-Abdullah, has approved the latter's proposal to establish the first city that will serve electric vehicle manufacturers -- EV City -- in the Middle East, reports **Al-Anba** daily.

Sheikh Yousef Al-Abdullah confirmed that KPA has the ability to provide the appropriate port and logistical services to major companies around the world, including electric vehicle manufacturers. He explained that the KPA's provision of logistic services and infrastructure for all kinds of factories is a common practice in many international ports.

He affirmed the proposal is in line with the strategic port development plan regionally and globally for the coming years to serve as a road map to achieve the main objectives. This will contribute to the improvement of work efficiency at all levels of logistics, service, development and planning in line with Kuwait's vision for 2035; as well as its transformation into a global financial and commercial center that attracts investments. It will also promote competition and raise production efficiency to achieve sustainable development, he added.

He said the design and construction plans for the project will be presented within the current fiscal year -- 2021/2022.

Police arrests 69 illegal expats for running fake maids offices

Domestics escape in large numbers: sponsors

By Munif Nayef

Al-Seyassah Staff and Agencies

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 2: The Ministry of Interior has announced that it has arrested 69 people for running 11 fake domestic workers hiring offices.

Those arrested are believed to be residence law violators and have been referred to the concerned authority.

A security source told the **Al-Seyassah** daily that the Residence Affairs Investigations Department continues its campaigns against residence law violators who work for others and those who shelter the violators (domestic workers).

The sources said the department has launched a widespread campaign against these violators after increasing complaints have been filed by sponsors against absconding workers.

Hiring lieutenants: The Directorate General of Public Relations and Security Media Department of the Interior Ministry said the ministry's circular which was issued on July 24, 2021, targets non-commissioned officers -- university graduates -- a training course of lieutenant, and those who have obtained acceptable grades, provided they meet the conditions set out in 'Police Force System' Article 71 of the law and the conditions of the ministerial decision regarding "a training course for the promotion of non-commissioned officers with university qualifications and its amendments, reports **Al-Seyassah** daily.

Kuwaiti perishes: Three people were rescued near the Sheikh Jaber Bridge when water began to seep into their boat following the engine breakdown, reports **Al-Anba** daily.

The men were rescued by another boat before the arrival of personnel from the Coast Guard and Maritime Rescue Department. No casualties have been reported.

On the other hand, a 20-year-old Kuwaiti died after his vehicle collided with the vehicle belonging to the Ministry of Public Works opposite the water towers in the Sabah Al-Ahmad residential area.

Job for needy families: Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors and Executive Director of the Kuwait Bank for Food and Relief Mishal Al-Ansari said that the sacrifices were distributed to 2,500 families within the project of the Sacrifice Bank 2021 in cooperation with the General Secretariat of Endowments.

Al-Ansari added in a press statement on Monday, that the number of beneficiaries of the project exceeded 12,000, noting that the project is among the charitable programs that aim to distribute sacrifices to the needy families in Kuwait to bring joy and happiness during the Eid period.

This year's sacrifice project brought joy to the hearts of widows, orphans and needy families, which "represents a form of social solidarity among all Muslims in Kuwaiti society in order to share the joy of Eid al-Adha," he said.

He stated that the process of slaughtering the sacrificial animals took place on the second day of Eid al-Adha, as the sacrifices were distributed at the bank's headquarters in the Sulabiya area, indicating that the project was implemented by the volunteer team trained at the food bank according to its database, taking care to implement health requirements.

It is noteworthy that the food bank has an integrated team to manage charitable work and receive the needy to identify their needs through the bank's website in order to meet all their requirements and work to solve their daily problems. (KUNA)



The Municipality team at one of the malls.

KUNA photo

Covid violation citations issued

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 2, (KUNA): The Kuwait Municipality registered on Monday 19 violations of health requirements in Al-Ahmedi Governorate, in implementation of the decisions of the Council of Ministers related to this.

In a statement carried by the municipality on the sidelines of a field tour, the Director of the Audit and Follow-up Department of Municipal Services in the Ahmadi Governorate Municipality Branch confirmed the keenness of the Kuwait Municipality to implement the decisions of the Council of Ministers related to health requirements by implementing morning and evening field tours in all areas of the gover-

norate.

Al-Shaiba added that the team is making sure that shops, malls and parallel markets are committed to applying health requirements to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

He pointed out that the team inspected 80 shops based on the directives of Kuwait Municipality Director General Ahmad Al-Manfouhi to intensify tours in major commercial complexes, markets, restaurants, cafes, health institutes, barbershops and beauty salons. He said that the team is implementing the cabinet's decision to allow those vaccinated against the coronavirus and the groups exempted from receiving the vaccine to enter those places.

'Tender for road repairs, building to be out in Nov'

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 2: The Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) has announced that the tender for the construction, completion and maintenance of main roads and infrastructure in South Sabah Al-Ahmad will be floated in November, reports **Al-Qabas daily.**

In its annual plan for supply, contracting and services contracts in fiscal 2021/2022, the authority disclosed that the abovementioned project's implementation period will reach 900 days indicating the consultancy services bidding for the management of the project will be in November.

The housing plan for fiscal 2021/2022 includes floating tenders for 34 projects in infrastructure, roads, asphalt layers, and the construction of water and electricity tanks in nine housing cities: Mutlaa, Sabah Al-Ahmad, Wafra Extension, West Abdullah Al-Mubarak, Jaber Al-Ahmad, South Sabah Al-Ahmad, South Abdullah Al-Mubarak, East Sabah Al-Ahmad and the low-cost housing project.

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