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# Court suspends 'appeals' filed by 24 in 'Mol Hospitality' case

Bedoun child, parents issued passports

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**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: The Court of Appeals, presided over by Judge Nasser Al-Heyd, adjourned until January 27 the appeals submitted by the Public Prosecution and the defendants in the infamous case known as "Hospitality of the Ministry of In-**

**terior" filed against 24 people. The case was adjourned for the receipt of the expert management report regarding the expenses.**

Earlier, the Court of First Instance had sentenced the accused Brigadier General Adel Al-Hashash and his partner Ayman Salama to 30-year imprisonment, and ordered to seize their assets, dismiss Al-Hashash from his position, and obligate him and the other defendants to return more than KD 41 million.

The court also sentenced the former director of the Ministry of Interior's Finance Department to 17 years in prison. It sentenced the former assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior Sheikh Ahmed Al-Khalifa and director of the Hospitality Department in the Ministry of Finance to two-year imprisonment with hard labor, and ordered the payment of guarantee of KD 5,000 for the suspension of the ruling, and obligated them to observe good conduct after they were convicted of negligence.

The court also sentenced the second accused, who works as an employee of the Hospitality Department in the Ministry of Finance, and the owners of two hotels to ten-year imprisonment, and ordered them to return up to KD 10 million. The court sentenced owners of three other hotels to 15 years in prison.

**Detention extended:** The detention renewal judge has decided for the second time to extend the detention of 12 defendants in the 'Hezbollah Cell' case, including four money changers, for a period of two weeks.

In the recently concluded session, all the defendants appeared with their lawyers, who demanded for their release because there is no justification for pretrial detention, but the judge rejected the request.

The judge confronted the accused regarding the charges that the Public Prosecution filed against them, such as communicating with and belonging to a banned party, money laundering, and endangering the State of Kuwait's relations with neighboring countries. However, all the accused reiterated their denial of the charges.

**Royals gesture:** After learning of the condition of the bedoun child Barak Hussein Al-Shammari the General Administration of Nationality and Travel Documents upon instructions of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior Lieutenant-General Sheikh Faisal Al-Nawaf has issued Article 17 passports to the bedoun child and his parents so that he can travel to Saudi Arabia for an urgent surgery at the Saudi National Guard Hospital, reports Al-Rai daily.

Al-Nawaf's instructions came in response to the appeals made by the father of the child, who suffers from a health problem since birth, so that he can be treated abroad.

## Other Voices

### NASA and the thefts of Jinn

By Ahmad alsarraf

**A**bu Bakr Gad Al-Rub of Al-Azhar declared his adherence to his previous views that the jinn can steal money, gold and food, and that they have their own world like us, and some of them are good, and others bad.

The clergy men in Kuwait focused on the subject in response to press questions about the extent of the jinn's ability to steal, intermarry with humans, and other thorny dilemmas.

Ajil Al-Nashmi declared that whoever denies their existence is an infidel. His colleague Saad Al-Enezi also confirmed that the jinn sometimes harms a person and the world of the jinn is a different world from the world of humans, but they are similar in belonging and beliefs. Some of them are Muslims, others adopt other divine faiths, and some have no religion, and among them are the good believers, and others are corrupt and harmful, and this is called Satan because they cause harm to people.

Al-Enezi added that the person who is haunted or possessed by the Jinn should recite the Quran to avoid the devils' harm. He rejected the idea of jinn begetting from humans, even though they enjoy each other.

As for Muhammad Dhawi Al-Osaimi, mentioned that among the jinn are the righteous and the immoral, the trustworthy and the traitor, and that they steal, as well as they are harmful and kill.

Jassem Bahman said he was able to imprison three jinn and confine the freedom of a fourth, and the latter possessed a Gulf woman, so he took him out of her and put it on his ring. As for the remaining three, one of them was in the Kabd

region, and that he imprisoned him in a pottery vessel etc.

Some ask why we do not see the jinn, and why they do not perform good deeds, such as surgeries for example, but no one volunteered to answer the question. Success in getting Jinn out does not require proof but success in carrying out a surgical operation needs a thousand pieces of evidence.

As for the modern preacher and representative of the Muslim Brotherhood's point of view, Tariq Suwaidan, he totally and completely denied, and from a legal point of view, the jinn possessing humans!

I don't know who to believe, we are tired of all these. I feel incapable of responding to such matters. Have all our problems ended so that these matters have become the focus of our lives and the core of our problems, while we suffer under so much backwardness in every field that comes to mind?

Do we really enjoy luxury, so that newspapers and channels devote themselves to publishing such fatwas and interviews, so that everyone is preoccupied with them about the reality of what we are complaining about?

While one of them was preoccupied with removing a jinn from the woman's body and imprisoning him in his ring, the American space agency NASA launched on Nov 11, 2021 a spacecraft to perform a real maneuver and collide with an asteroid, which is supposed to be heading to Earth which will cause a great havoc and prevent it by completely destroying it.

The experiment was considered the biggest test yet of the US space agency's role in defending our planet from a real danger.

The spacecraft weighs 1200 pounds, and it collided with a small asteroid called Demorphos at a speed of more than 24,000 km per hour.

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## Contractors file for claims

### KPC board reshaping seen soon

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: The restructuring of the board of directors of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation is scheduled to happen before the end of the year, following the resignation of the government on November 8, reports Al-Rai daily.**

However, the MEED magazine quoting sources pointed out the suspended process of restructuring the institution is causing a major disruption in the energy sector in the country.

One of the sources stated that, "Many activities are currently suspended before the completion of the restructuring of the

Board of Directors, and it is expected to be completed before the end of the year, but it may take longer if the formation of the new government encounters problems."

MEED noted that Kuwait made great efforts to maintain the continuity of the oil and gas sector in 2020 and 2021, amid logistical problems related to the pandemic and severe local political divisions.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) received 88 claims from contractors valued at approximately KD161.1 million, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources from the oil sector.

## Quarantine center

### Decision taken to 'evacuate' school

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: According to reliable sources, a decision has been taken by the concerned authority to evacuate Khaitan School, which was used as a quarantine center for the returning domestic workers, reports Al-Anba daily.**

They explained that the decision to use the school as a quarantine center was taken in order to deal with the lack of reservations in local hotels. Accordingly, coordination was made with the Ministry of Health to use the school and fully equip it to receive some domestic workers during the period of institutional quarantine. The school was equipped with hotel equipment according to the specifications in force for institutional quarantine by the Ministry of Health.

In an exclusive statement, a well-informed security source revealed that the use of the school, about which some controversies were raised recently, as a quarantine center for domestic workers has nothing to do with the Ministry of Interior.

He stressed that the matter is concerned with three government agencies, and other subsidiary bodies, indicating that the school is already used as a quarantine center in coordination with these authorities.

In response to a question about the denial of government agencies that the quarantine center is affiliated with them, the source said, "This matter does not concern us."

The school, which is located in Khaitan Block 4, was evacuated last Thursday after several rumors were raised concerning it, especially one that the institutional quarantine center of domestic workers is supposed to be a hotel, as per the decisions of the Cabinet.

According to our information, the Ministry of Health sends delegates to examine the workers. The school actually belongs to government agencies and has been operating as a quarantine center for some time."

In response to a question about the Ministry of the Interior's lack of action in this case, the source said the information received by them indicates that the school is being used by a government agency.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

## 'Falsification of history is crime'

"It is not polite to withhold the right of a person who wants to express his opinion. Freedom of expression is guaranteed by all constitutions and laws but when history is tampered with or someone falsifies facts that fresh memory is still able to retrieve it is necessary to confront even with a word. History is owned by everyone and its falsification is a crime against all that 'everyone'," columnist **Suad Fahad Al Moajel** wrote for **Al-Qabas** daily.

"During an interview, one of the young broadcasters met with a guest of the symbols of the Salafist movement and the dialogue transcended the field of opinion to rise to the category of falsification and distortion of historical facts against national currents that left their mark inside and outside Kuwait.

"The Salafi guest answered a question from the announcer about the reasons for Dr. Ahmad Al-Khatib losing the elections in 1981. The guest saw that the doctor's participation in the events of the Sha'aban Mosque at that time was behind his loss, pointing out that the political reality at that stage was apprehensive about the Iranian revolution and the slogans of exporting that revolution!

"Then the guest elaborates, pointing out that the problem of the so-called patriots or nationalists or the like (and these are its vocabulary as it was mentioned in the meeting) is that they have slogans, and that they have political stupidity, and that they have not studied the Kuwaiti reality well which has become apprehensive about these slogans that were without tangible actions on the ground noting at the conclusion of his comment here that they, as a Salafi current, do not work for these currents with consideration and do not take them into account!

"The virtuous Salafi speaker mentioned the loss of Dr. Al-Khatib in the 1981 elections. He did not mention the circumstances that led to that loss. These elections witnessed a deliberate change in the electoral districts in addition to being an era that inaugurated the famous alliance between the authority and the currents of political Islam such as the predecessors, the Brotherhood and others.

"The Salafi guest stopped at Al-Khatib's loss in the 1981 elections, but did not mention that he won first place in the 1963 elections before submitting his resignation later in protest against laws restricting freedoms, a principle that Salafist currents do not believe in and is not among their priorities!

"Dr. Al-Khatib lost the 1967 elections because of the famous fraud at the time to achieve first place in the 1971 elections, and then the 1975 elections, to lose the 1981 elections due to the power alliance with the Salafist movement and the Brotherhood as mentioned above and to win later in the 1985 elections before concluding his career with parliamentary success in the 1992 elections!

"This was the section related to Dr. Ahmad Al-Khatib. As for the national movement which did not take into account the Salafist guest because it has not made any achievements on the ground other than empty slogans. We will remind some of the roles of the national movement, for example, it stands firmly against all laws restricting freedoms, most notably, the Gatherings Law imposed in 1963 and the Public Service, Clubs, Associations and Press Laws imposed in 1965 that contained unconstitutional provisions.

"The National Movement had the lead in approving the right to form trade unions, and it led the battle to nationalize oil in Kuwait. The interrogation of Messrs. Ahmad Al-Nafisi, Abdullah Al-Naibari and Salem Al-Marzouq directed to the Minister of Oil is still present when they submitted their question about the reasons behind not taking the necessary steps to dismantle the operations supplying ships with fuel in the ports of Kuwait from foreign companies to be taken over by national companies a demand that the National Movement had made since 1963.

"The National Movement, which our Salafi muhadith does not take into account was the one who stood in its January 5, 1965 session with the interests of the people and a protector of the constitution when it objected to the ministerial formation that contradicted the constitution and stood in the face of the struggle over chairs at the time, and it was he who brought

down symbols of corruption and held them accountable from under Dome of Abdullah Al-Salem. It was the National Movement that struggled to approve the constitution and rights and freedoms which granted the right to the Salafi speaker to become a deputy in Parliament and a minister and gave him the right to form his group and practice its activities.

"The Salafi speaker has the right to defend his gains but he has absolutely no right to distort the course of others and falsify important moments in Kuwait's history in order to defend this talk about the Society for the Defense of War Victims, which was the first to support the prisoners and victims of the invasion, was a sarcastic one. This association, which was active in coordination with human rights associations, Western media, and civil authorities concerned with following up on cases of abuse, torture and families, was a source of pride for Kuwait, before its activities were suspended for fear of its influence.

"As for the Al-Tali'a newspaper, which played a leading role in exposing the currents of political Islam, it achieved what it received from the Salafi spokesman in a way that reveals a huge amount of political ignorance or perhaps neglect and the vanguard definitely does not need to be defended by the Salafi spokesman.

"The history and achievements of the members of National Movement speak and defend for themselves. The obvious question here is: 'What did the currents of political Islam offer other than calling for the veil and demanding segregation, and accumulating money and real estate thanks to their alliance with the authority? This is the question that we hope the Salafi spokesman will answer instead of attacking and mocking national civil currents because of whom all the Kuwaiti citizens enjoy today, including the currents of political Islam.'

Also:

"Throughout modern history, there have been military coups around the world, and usually the revolutionaries justify their actions in the national interest and maintaining the stability of society. In most cases, these results are not achieved, but rather the opposite. In many cases, the military try to legitimize their coup by calling it a 'revolution' or a 'corrective movement', or something in between," columnist **Ghanem Al-Najjar** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"The recent coup was one of the shortest, when compared to the coup of Omar Hassan al-Bashir in the Sudan, which lasted 30 years, until the Sudanese people moved to topple it. The issue did not end there. The army tried to contain the angry masses by forming a military council, with a civilian government headed by Abdallah Hamdok, for a transitional period, pending the holding of general elections, but the army could not wait."

"In the middle of the road, it staged a coup in late October and another coup put the civil authority in prison. After a popular movement rejecting the authority of the military, and an international movement, the military returned to announce their return from the coup to civilian authority again.

"There was less than a month between the coup and its return, making it one of the shortest coups in history. The method of returning to civil authority has caused splits in the civil forces, and the resignation of a large number of ministers – a short coup needs to fill in the blanks in bullet points and phrases.

"As for the coup that ended in a nice way, it was the military coup in Haiti, and the attempts made by America and others in the international community to restore elected President Aristide to power. And when the military responded to the pressures and General Raul Cedars accepted the safe departure and into exile in Panama, as well as the safe visit to America without restrictions, and the freezing of the accounts of more than 600 Haitian soldiers, amounting to 79 million dollars."

"It was the negotiations in which former president Jimmy Carter contributed. When the US military delegation sat down to finalize the details, they were surprised at the last moment with a condition they did not expect. Haiti General Cedars stipulated a new condition, which is that America pledge to lease 3 buildings owned by Cedars. The American general was surprised, as this was not part of the agreement, but under the pressure of time, he was forced to give pledges to do so, and thus was the most elegant coup that ended in exchange for renting 3 buildings."

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