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MoE's request to 'exempt' some staff from Kuwaitization rejected

Ministry's Dr Al-Yaqoub receives letter from CSC

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5: The Civil Service Commission (CSC) has rejected the request of the Ministry of Education to exempt legal practitioners and engineers from Kuwaitization during the 2020/2021

academic year, and agreed it for the work-ers of social and psychological services and laboratory assistants, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting an informed source.

He explained that the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Dr Ali Al-Yaqoub received a letter from CSC, which highlighted that CSC did not agree to exclude holders of jobs in the fields of law, politics and Islamic affairs as well as jobs in the field of information systems and technology.

It also requested for all the administrative decisions related to the termination of the services of non-Kuwaiti employees through Kuwaitization in the last four years.

In a related context, the Ministry of Education recently asked CSC to exclude librarians from the Kuwaitization and replacement policy due to shortage of qualified individuals in this job and the inability to provide alternative replacement among citizens.

It also requested the exemption of specialists in the research and educational curricula sector.

In a letter, the ministry affirmed its urgent desire to implement Kuwaitization in a way that does not affect the conduct of the teaching and educational processes.

Highlighting the statement issued by the departments of Libraries and Educational Technologies, it stressed the existence of the need for the positions of librarian and developers of educational technologies.

The ministry stated that it is difficult to complete the implementation of the decision in the current period due to the lack of these jobs, the opening of new schools annually, and the increase in the number of retirees and resigners, as well as the inability to provide an alternative.

It indicated that cadres specialized in developing curricula and controlling the quality of education are required, as well as specialists with experience in language correction and conducting educational research.

The ministry informed CSC that citizens have not been nominated to work in the educational research and curricula sector so far, at a time when the sector needs specialized cadres characterized by accuracy and speed of completion due to the commitment to evaluating curricula and presenting them on specific dates, conducting educational research during calculated periods of time, and printing and reviewing approved curricula before the start of the school year.

tion could have continued forever had it not been for my intervention.

The above words seem a form of imagination, or delusion, in the sea of corruption and indifference in which society lives. Everyone wants to plunder, everyone wants a villa and a chalet, everyone wants a livestock pen and an industrial plot, and everyone wants a farm in Abdali or Wafra!

It is therefore strange that a citizen would accept to pursue a case that is physically and psychologically exhausting and financially expensive, and for four years, without getting tired or bored, in order to rest psychologically!

What prompted him to do this? And what is his interest? In the end, he will have to pay a high price to modify an incorrect situation, and will then be forced to pay for the consumption of electric current that he was getting free of charge.

Witnesses to the above talk, and to all this government neglect, are former undersecretary of the Ministry of Electricity, Muhammad Bushheiri, current undersecretary Jassem Al-Nouri, and a number of other undersecretaries who did not make enough effort to solve the problem.

The current Minister of Electricity, Mishaan Al-Otaibi, knows and but for his intervention and assistance, as well as the intervention and support of the Minister of Justice and Deputy Prime Minister, the honorable brother Abdullah Al-Roumi, and the efforts of the Public Authority for Industry, represented by the Director-General, and engineer Khaled Khater, the file of this issue would not have been closed and the great savings would not have been achieved.

Whoever disrupts the interests of citizens is a corrupt employee, even if he has never stolen a dinar and the list of this example is long.



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Other Voices

Mind and heart of greater benefactor

By Ahmad alsarraf

The "BOT (build-operate-transfer) management contract" for one of the plots of the Sabhan storage area with the managing company has expired and the land together with facilities have been returned to the Public Authority Industry.

One of the beneficiaries in the area's stores discovered that the managing company had removed all the electricity meters and kept the electric current connected to all the stores free of charge.

This beneficiary's sense of responsibility prompted him to reject the situation, not only because it represented a theft of public money, but also for his immorality, and he informed the Ministry of Electricity officials of the matter but they ignored him.

The beneficiary did not despair, but rather increased his efforts, facing great difficulties and found someone to advise him to leave the situation as it is as long as he benefits from free electric current, but he insisted on a hard journey of torment that took him effort and time in reviewing dozens of officials over the years, and he was eventually forced to pay an amount of approximately 30 thousand dinars to make new plans for the area and for the electricity for each store, in addition to the fees for installing meters and insurance all in order to satisfy his conscience and amend an illegal and immoral situation after the loss of tens of millions of dinars in public money.

The topic of this article will surprise some of the exploiters of that plots in Sabhan, who have been receiving electricity for free for years and the situa-



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Kuwait funds 33,700 illegal residents education during 2020/'21 - CARIRS

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5, (KUNA): The Central System for the Remedy of Situations of Illegal Residents (CARIRS) said Sunday that the number of illegal residents studying on scholarship reached 33,700 students in 2020/2021.

A total of 20,373 of them study in public schools while 13,327 others in private schools, and their expenses are paid through Kuwait's Charitable Fund.

The information circulated in one of the seminars and circulated on social media about the education of illegal residents in Kuwait is inaccurate and not true, said

CARIRS in a press statement.

It undervalues Kuwait's efforts to ensure education and denies the contributions that have been made in order to popularize education for the illegal residents, added CARIRS, which would "damage Kuwait's reputation abroad and distort it for the great humanitarian role that distinguished Kuwait's government and its people."

Kuwait Charitable Fund was established by the State Cabinet resolution 655 December 7th 2003, which states the establishment of two charitable funds, one for education while the other for health, explained CARIRS.

Festival is part of efforts to share South Korean culture with Kuwaitis: ambassador

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5: The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the country recently celebrated the South Korean Street Food Festival, in the presence of a remarkable number of youths and diplomats who also enjoyed the charms of South Korean music, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The event was marked by the promotion of the most famous South Korean dishes, presented by a number of South Korean restaurants and Kuwaiti volunteers. About 10 booths, mostly volunteers, participated in the festival.

South Korean Ambassador to Kuwait Chung Byung-ha confirmed the depth of friendship between Kuwait and his country, which he described as "close". He pointed out that the festival is part of the embassy's efforts to share the South Korean culture with Kuwaitis.

He said: "This is the sixth time that the embassy organized this festival in cooperation with the South Korean-Kuwaiti Cultural Diwaniya, after its tremendous success in the past years; that is before Corona, as we were unable to hold the festival last year due to the pandemic. There is a huge demand among Kuwaiti youths as they are keen on learning new things about the South Korean culture."

Centennial thieves ...

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He then presented them with evidence of their thefts. They had previously assumed that the ploys of some lawyers in circumventing the law prevented them from being held accountable.

In Kuwait, some officials and parliamentarians come to us daily with information or statements claiming to defend public money and fight corruption. However, they do so without taking any practical measures to put an end to this phenomenon.

Despite such empty talk, we have not seen any progress. Instead, it seemed as if the country had become addicted to wiping its face with a narcotic rag and smelling it. That is because these thieves commit their crimes while enjoying legal immunity. They steal the harvest of people's lives without flinching, making it seem as if the one in charge of preserving the wealth of the state and people is the one stealing from them.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'Thank you' word almost disappeared from our dictionary

'Changing electoral system vital'

"WE WRITE about the environment we live in without pressure from anyone at a time when pens are bought and the media message is misdirected," columnist Turki Al-Azmi wrote for Al-Rai daily.

"They are selling 'illusions' because what you are following has nothing to do with the world of politics. The pattern followed is electoral politics.

"Politics is a different game. It comes as an integrated system that carries specific goals, and its beginning is 'right'. I mean, the members of the bloc must be in harmony with each other, and their national goals work according to constitutional tools and achieve the public interest.

"It is noticeable that our beloved current and former MPs and candidates are also keen for populist 'electoral' issues in order to tickle the feelings and win the approval of the masses of voters.

"In fact, after their success they are facing a clash with the government over the issues they promised to achieve... because it was basically built on the basis of electoral politics and not actual politics.

"Count the issues raised during the election campaigns and review them well. What did you verify from them? Some, after reaching the parliament, enter the 'hornets' nest', which is the approach of bargaining, 'I will leave and I will abstain' and the approach of 'the loudness of the voice has a price, the parliamentary question comes at a price, and interrogation has a price.' There is no consolation for the media, as many of them are not far from the deputies.

"One of the MPs said, 'When I was outside the parliament, my view different and the enthusiasm ignited my direction as soon as I entered the parliament dome, I found every deputy with a specific agenda'.

"Ok, so this is what we are experiencing now, so what is the way out to achieve correct political action? I think that changing the electoral system to a proportional list system may be the solution, provided that those with influence and political money stay away from the electoral process, and that we have a neutral media that accepts the opinion of other.

"For two decades, we have been living in a state of political absurdity unparalleled in any country in the world, and for this reason, according to data and indicators the political system is a failure.

"Without organizing our political action, we will not be able to achieve any of what they promise, and we will remain in the whirlpool of electoral politics, spinning around, and one problem generating another problem, until we reach the edge of the political abyss that has been the reason of our retreat and backwardness.

"Let our beginning be by changing the electoral system in order to reconcile the state of the political system and achieve reforms at all levels with God's help."

Also:

"Perhaps some of us remember that at the beginning of Kuwait's independence, there were telephone 'kiosks' on the Fahd Al-Salem Street, as we see in American films. A person enters them and closes the glass door, which can accommodate only one person, and speaks for free without paying a penny. The shape of the cabin is elegant and civilized, but some lousy, uncivilized soul smashed the glass and of course the door and stole the phone," columnist Ahmed Al Dawas wrote for Al-Seyassah daily.

"We used to ride the buses of the transport company, the German Mercedes, with comfortable leather seats, and over time some of them plucked the seat and the yellow sponge lining came out of it. These beautiful seats were torn off, so the company replaced them with uncomfortable plastic seats and the same thing happened with regard to the seats at Kuwait Airport.

"And what we need in Kuwait for a culture of apology to be part of our social relations, the word 'thank

you' has almost disappeared from our dictionary in Kuwait as its use is less and I don't know why people are so heavy to pronounce the words 'thank you' and 'may God bless you' and 'may God brighten your face', and there is no for this word in the street while you are driving your car, when you give way at a roundabout coming from the right or left, no one raises his hand as a sign of thanks and gratitude, and there are those who throw a paper or a cigarette in the street while driving, and when you enter the cooperative and queue in front of the cashier, we hear no nice words such as 'Excuse me'.

"I greet someone with the Islamic greeting and the person does not care to return your greeting, but gives you a sarcastic look, ridicule and abuse in the social media.

"As a personal experience, I had sent a SMS to a friend on the occasion of his winning a literary position in one of the public benefit associations, congratulating him and praising him, and I waited an hour after another, hoping that he would thank me even with one word, but he did not do so.

"Is this how he feels superior to people and arrogant? I wish I had not written to him! Alas! Or like that satirist who was expelled by Al-Watan newspaper, you greet him in one place, and he talks to you from the tip of his nose, and his back in front of you does not turn to shake your hand, or when you write an e-mail to one of the journalist writers sympathizing with him and he does not respond to you as happened to me, although his writings are all fillers and a structural style that does not produce any benefit from it, along the lines of 'imperialism and reactionary...'. His first concern is to criticize an Arab country on a daily basis, so what is this arrogance and for people?"

"In the midst of these crooked behaviors, the method of assaulting people has become widespread, whether physically using sharp tools such as knives, quarrels, verbal abuse, defaming people or creating lies on social media, especially Twitter.

"If only the Ministry of Education would adopt within the education curriculum the teaching of high quality behavior and virtuous morals so that we instill in the hearts of young and old students high human meanings, so that countries are not built in light of a high level of deviant behaviors, or violence, among members of society."



"Unusually... there is no interest in the new cabinet formation!" columnist Dr Naji Al-Zaid wrote for Al-Jarida daily.

"This is also the case for some prominent parliamentary, academic and commercial figures who declared from time to time before any new ministerial formation that they will not accept ministerial appointments, even if there is no intention to appoint them as ministers!

"There is no shame in a person receiving any ministerial portfolio. Rather, this position is supposed to be a source of honor and appreciation, especially for those who really deserve the position.

"Even the process of appointing MPs as ministers has become a popular business for those who want to gain benefits for relatives, electorate and loved ones.

"So far, we have not seen a single minister who received a ministerial portfolio and implemented clear plans for the future of the ministry which he manages... So far, many have entered and left the ministry but no one remembers their names or appearances! Why is the position of a minister not important at all and some consider it a defect?!"

"There are many reasons for this negative phenomenon, the most important of which are: the government's instability, its fear of parliamentary accountability, and its attempt to satisfy the lawmakers in one way or another for fear of interrogations, bearing in mind that most of the interrogations so far have nothing of can be called an 'interrogation of principles'. These interrogations are rather based on personal interests or personal requests of the interrogating MPs."

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