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## 'Doom looming as govt fails to see events occurring in country'

"We cannot call what is happening in the country as individual actions, and initiatives whose end results are unknown. On the other hand, we see that the state administration is not functioning, as if what is happening is elsewhere and not in the State of Kuwait," columnist **Hassan Ali Karam** wrote for **Al-Seyassah** daily.

"The state has a military apparatus on which the government spends billions of dinars in salaries and other related matters. Despite all that, neither the state administration, nor its security or educational services, have succeeded in curbing the chaos and drag the state out of knee-deep muck and move it to another place perhaps because it is unknown, but there in that place there is an ogre lurking and waiting for the right time to strike the decisive blow so that after that there will be no country, no humans to carry its identity.



Hassan A. Karam

"In the university students' elections, we watched through social media, with pain and a bleeding heart, how students incite, promote fanaticism, and dance to promote their tribes, and how they waive the banners of their tribes, and for the record, this is not the first time.

"In previous student election sessions we saw the same thing that we saw in the last session, at that time, we said, perhaps it was youth irritability and an uncalculated impulsiveness, and perhaps they will realize its dangers when the enthusiasm subsides and the picture will become clear.

"Here what is the most dangerous is the absence of the state, its educational, security and intelligence establishment and this allowed the enthusiastic youth to mess around and revel as if they were soldiers gathered in an ancient time full of fervor, enthusiasm, and fanaticism of their respective tribe. The authority ignored the student tribal elections, which led to the infection spreading to the oil sector. Through the social media, we all had access to leaflets urging tribesmen and other groups to elect lists affiliated with their tribes or group, so what does all this mean, what do we understand from it?

"Frankly, speaking it means the absence of authority, and the collapse of the state. In the by-elections of the National and Municipal Councils, which take place under the government's supervision, we said that the government needs supportive votes in both houses, and these are the traditional government party, but the magic turned on the magician.

"The government created the heresy of the offshoots, and it is currently facing the ghouls of the offshoots, and the danger today does not lie in yesterday's

opponents, but rather its opponents who were raised under its skin and it used to see them as its secret weapon and iron dome. What concerns us now in light of the student and oil by-elections is the danger of dismantling society and the fall of the rest of the state's prestige, which is not far away if the government remains silent, as if this is happening in the country of the doom and not in the young state of Kuwait.

"For Kuwait, oil is not a wealth but a source of livelihood, and security and safety for its present and future. When oil employees are divided into factional or tribal groups, this in itself is a destruction of the source of livelihood, starvation of the people and the collapse of the state.

"If the government was silent on many issues before, then its silence this time about the student elections and the oil sector means that it is satisfied, and if it is true, it means that the government does not see what is happening under its feet."

**Also:**

"A few days ago, I have called for the application of the necessary health conditions and eventually showing no leniency during that period," columnist **Khaled Al-Arafa** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"For its part, the Cabinet and its Ministerial Committee for Corona Emergency responded positively to our proposal by calling on both the citizens and the expatriates to abide by the health conditions in the best interest of public health in addition to getting vaccinated including the booster dose.

"However, we lauded the Cabinet decision to reactivate the role of the controlling authorities to resume the role of inspection teams to make sure that all of the people in the country are committed to wearing the face masks in closed places including the mosques, the malls and the work places in addition to the cooperative societies.

"Meanwhile, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) in turn, also responded to our demands, and requested all government employees to abide by the health conditions at the places of their work during working hours and this is also applicable to all concerned people to abide by the pertinent protocols.

"In light of the above, we suggest that duty entails that the Cabinet should follow up the implementation of its decisions through its committees to ensure application of the conditions and make sure people are committed to all health protocols and showing no leniency in terms of implementing all of the conditions which they should abide by through the preparation of a daily report warning against the current dangerous situation -- if any -- which may need control, follow up and punish the violators.

"Apart from the above, we suggest that the imams in mosques should play

their role and urge worshippers to wear the mask in addition to abiding by the health conditions for the sake of preserving their own health and that of the others.

"Finally, the Ministry of Health is required to explain to us in its daily report on cases of infection in Corona the reasons behind the increase in the number of injuries, which jumped to more than 80 cases after stabilization that lasted more than two weeks.

"Officials must also mention the reasons behind this increase. Is it because of the easing of health requirements, or does the new mutator has anything to do with this increase? We are reassured as we wait for your reply."



"It is known that heart and chronic diseases such as diabetes, cancer and respiratory problems are associated with one's lifestyle including healthy eating habits, regular physical activity and monitoring of weight for a person to avoid becoming overweight or obese," columnist **Dr Hind Al-Choumar** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"A report on risk factors related to heart and chronic diseases in Kuwait was published recently on the World Health Organization's website as part of a study conducted here. The study included a set of indicators that explain the high rate of heart and chronic non-communicable diseases.

"What caught my attention in the report is the low rate of regular physical activity, which means we are an inactive society in terms of physical activity as more than 60 percent do not engage in regular physical activity.

"The rates of other risk factors are also increasing like smoking, unhealthy eating habits, obesity, overweight and high level of harmful fats in the blood. These indicators and figures necessitate analyzing the situation and evaluating reasons for not engaging in regular physical activity.

"It is unacceptable that more than half of society is physically inactive, such that they suffer from one of the risk factors for heart and other chronic diseases, all of which constitute burdens on the health of the individual and society while hindering the achievement of health and development goals.

"I hope the promotion of the importance of physical activity becomes a prevalent societal behavior. This should come with the provision of appropriate and safe walking and sports areas without harassment from intruders. The governorates and mayors' offices ('mukhtariyas') throughout the country should perform their duties to stop physical inactivity and prevent heart and chronic diseases."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

## Kuwait distributes cash, kind aid to Arab refugees living in Jordan

Food parcels, heating material provided



Kuwait Al-Najat Charitable Society distributes aid to 3,500 refugees in Jordan as part of the (Warmth and Peace) campaign.



Parcels of aid for winter use lies to be distributed to the refugees.

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 25, (KUNA):** The State of Kuwait has always been a strong presence in various international events that carry in its folds the promotion of global humanitarian work in support of refugees, especially in the winter season, as its aid contributes to alleviating refugee families of their suffering which is exacerbated by the harsh climatic conditions, the lack of heating and the lack of food.

Continued Kuwaiti relief efforts were not limited to the official side, but charitable organizations and bodies contributed to the delivery of aid, and many of them made great efforts to support the displaced.

These associations were quick to organize relief campaigns for refugees in displacement camps inside their stricken countries, those suffering crises and wars, or even outside their countries.

These campaigns varied between numerous nutritional, educational, health and psychological programs and the construction of housing facilities inside the refugee camps.

In this context, the Kuwaiti Al-Najat Charitable Society in Jordan concluded the "Warmth and Peace" campaign, during which it provided Syrian, Sudanese and Palestinian refugees with financial and in-kind assistance, benefiting nearly 3,500 refugees.

For his part, Head of the Resources, Public Relations and Media Sector at the Al-Najat Charitable Society, Omar Al-Thuwaini, told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the aid comes as a continuation of the humanitarian efforts of the Society to alleviate the suffering of refugees in various countries of the world and one of the cycles of continuous humanitarian giving carried out by the Society, during which food parcels, heating materials and financial aid are distributed.

On the details of the campaign, Al-Thuwaini said that it included Syrian refugee camps in Jordan by visiting the Azraq camp, inspecting Syrian and Sudanese refugee families in the capital Amman, and visiting Palestinian refugees in the Al-Baqa' camp, praising the efforts of the volunteer team that participated in implementing the campaign, which included 39 people from inside and outside Kuwait.

He explained that Al-Najat Charitable Society implements these humanitarian projects in full coordination with the Ministries of Affairs and Foreign Affairs and in cooperation with the well-known official societies in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and is keen on fully supervising and documenting the distribution of Kuwaiti donations, taking into account the privacy and dignity of the beneficiaries.

Al-Thuwaini pointed to the suffering experienced by the refugee families, which is exacerbated during the winter season due to the extreme cold, lack of heating, rainfall, lack of food, and the difficulty of movement on muddy roads, stressing that Kuwaiti volunteers contributed to improving the lives of thousands of families in the camps and provided them with clothing, food, medicine and shelter.

On the humanitarian challenges resulting from climate change represented by displacement, asylum, poverty and loss of services, the Secretary-General of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society Maha Al-Barjas called for enhancing volunteers' knowledge of environmental issues and climate change and the role that humanitarian work can play in addressing this phenomenon and mitigating its effects through training workshops and environmental lectures.

In a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), after meeting with the Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Ramzi Al-Dhafer, Al-Barjas confirmed that the society is at the forefront of responding to climate emergencies as it helps affected communities prepare, respond and recover from climate-related disasters.

For his part, Deputy Chairman of the Society's Board of Directors, Anwar Al-Hasawi, affirmed that Kuwait has contributed to activating the role of the local community in the national strategy to reduce disaster risks by raising awareness of citizens and residents about it and enhancing their participation and empowerment in disaster risk reduction activities.

Al-Hasawi said in his speech during the 'International Humanitarian Affairs, Preparedness for Emergencies and Climate Change' workshop that was held at the United Nations House (Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Building) that the association realized the seriousness of these disasters and the severe damage they cause in a number of Arab countries, referring to the establishment of the operations center to be a focal point for the national bodies and societies of the Red Crescent and the Red Cross to work on building the capacities of its volunteers and exchanging special experiences with them.

For his part, Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Ramzi Al-Dhafer, expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the State of Kuwait and what it is doing in the field of climate change at the local and international levels, and the call for action to confront climate change.



Part of the aid distribution.

KUNA photo

### KRCS distributes aid in Yemen

## 1,500 winter bags for families

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 25, (KUNA):** The Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society announced on Saturday the distribution of 1,500 winter bags to needy families in the Yemeni Governorate of Taiz.

The head of the association's mission to Yemen, Abdul Rahman Al-Oun, told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the need is still urgent, as there are thousands of people suffering from severe cold throughout the governorate, stressing that the association will continue to work to alleviate the suffering of the brothers in Yemen under these exceptional circumstances they are going through.

Al-Aoun explained that the Society's mission and the "Responsibility Foundation for Humanitarian and Relief Works" team inspected a number of projects being implemented in the governorate with funding from philanthropists from the State of Kuwait, indicating that the Society, in cooperation with the Response Foundation, is overseeing projects for new centers for orphan care, a hospital and a school.

He pointed out that Kuwaiti aid and projects had a good effect in changing the lives of many people in

Yemen for the better, including projects to equip and build health centers and schools, dig wells, care for orphans, and provide medicines and mobile clinics.

He stated that this comes out of the State of Kuwait's keenness to stand with its brothers in Yemen, saying that "brotherly ties bind us to this brotherly country, as well as deep-rooted historic ties."

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) will soon instruct the executive body to inventory agricultural areas where violations were uncovered in preparation for their withdrawal, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting sources from the authority.

Within two weeks, the board will take into consideration the withdrawal of such agricultural areas and this will be implemented immediately after the inventory.

Sources asserted the violations have negatively affect food security, citing as an example the violation of rules on the cultivation of various crops to ensure the provision of national products with the aim of maintaining food security.

### Corpse found near Jaber Bridge

## Indian expat hangs to death

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 25:** The corpse of an unidentified Indian who allegedly ended his life by hanging in the Mahboula area, have been referred to Forensics, reports Al-Rai daily.

A security source told the daily after the operations room of the Ministry of Interior received a report security men and paramedics went to the place of the incident and found the corpse hanging from the ceiling of his room.

The daily did not give any more details.

Meanwhile, the corpse of an unidentified person which was found floating near the Jaber Bridge have been referred to Forensics for identification, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily quoting security sources said the person might have committed suicide.



**Report denied:** Interior Minister Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali said no contract has been signed with the Israeli company Cyber Intelligence for Global Security (NSO Group) that provides the Pegasus system for spying on smart phones, noting that instructive bulletins are sent to government agencies on a

continuous basis on the procedures to be followed to help prevent hacking and electronic espionage, reports Al-Rai daily.

Al-Ali in response to a parliamentary query submitted by MP Mohalhal Al-Mudhaf, "There are warning bulletins that include the most important gaps in electronic systems that can be exploited and how to prevent them, in addition to the cyber threat bulletins, which include the most important cyber threats targeting electronic systems and individuals, the method of detecting them, and how they were sent and prevented."

**Mysterious fire?:** The Public Relations and Media Department of the General Fire Brigade stated that the Sulaibikhat and Istiklal firefighting teams managed to control a fire that broke out in a number of vehicles which were parked on an open ground near the concrete factories off Kabd Road yesterday, reports Al-Anba daily.

Three vehicles and a tanker containing a substance used in the manufacture of asphalt and the entire machinery were reduced to ashes. An investigation has been opened into the incident.

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