

Other Voices

An unacceptable slander

From time to time, some complain that they feel uncomfortable if they do not get poked in the side.

By Ahmad Alsarraf

Someone says that he noticed, and he has recently noticed a lot of the behavior of some columnists in Al-Qabas that only deserves a respected writer to write in a respectable newspaper. One of them accused me of my constant criticism of charity work, its associations and committees, and I say here this is an unacceptable slander.

I never slandered any charity work for a simple reason. I am a volunteer worker in the field of charity work; therefore no sane person believes I attack him.

As for criticizing what is going on in terms of wrongdoing, this is the right of everyone, and I have never doubted anyone and they have the right to resort to the judiciary if I did that.

This person described the Kuwait Humanitarian Friendship Society as if it were my own association, and this is also incorrect because I am just another human being working with a group of others and receive no payment. It is not my association or my father's property or my political party, I did not use it for financial and political gains, as he and his fellow Brotherhood comrades did for more than half a century.



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As for his description of The Kuwait Humanitarian Friendship Society it is modest in performance, this is not a defect in it. Not much time has passed since its founding, and humility is one of the characteristics of the honorable people. It suffices for us to be proud that we, as founders of the Society, are among the biggest donors and not among the biggest beneficiaries as they do with their octopus associations.

I wish you and your group would learn something from the transparency and clarity of this Society which you describe as modest and to benefit from its honesty, and be enlightened by the generosity of its founders.

We have never issued a fatwa permitting the use of our Society's funds to support our candidates in the elections, and neither we nor our society are involved in political activity unlike your associations.

We are also proud of being the only Society that publishes on its website its annual budget and all the donations it receives. Have any of the dozens of associations working under the umbrella of your political party ever done anything of this for sixty years?

When I write an invitation to my readers to donate to the Friendship Society, this is a purely charitable act and not personal propaganda.

The reader is free to make the decision that suits him, and what I have done is not inevitably inconsistent with the ethics of the profession, and I do not know who taught you ethics to be a spokesman and a defender (of someone or something).

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Relocation of used tyre dumpsite to cost between KD 2 & 4 million – EPA

Punitive measures warned against farms rules violators

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13: The crisis of relocating the used tyre dumpsite to Arhiya area has re-emerged, a year after the Environment Public Authority (EPA) received the site and promised to transfer the used tyres to an alternative place on Salmi Road. This is yet another evidence of the government's failure to prepare for projects and its commitment to implement them on time, and its failure to prepare studies in advance to avoid obstacles during implementation, reports Aljarida daily.

After a long time since taking over the site, EPA informed the Parliament's Housing Affairs Committee that the transfer process will cost between two and four million dinars, but approving this high budget will take a long time.

The parliamentary committee held its meeting in this regard this week in the presence of the State Minister for Housing Affairs and State Minister for Services Affairs Dr Abdullah Marafie as well as officials from the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR), Public Authority for Industry, Environment Public Authority and Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW).

After the meeting, Head of the parliamentary committee MP Fayez Al-Jamhour stated that the committee has decided to assign this matter to PAHW, as it was supposed to take over the land after clearance.

He said, "What happened represents an error and a governmental administrative failure to move the tyres to the new site".

Al-Jamhour indicated that the committee asked PAAAFR the reasons for extending the period for the evacuation of the poultry company from October 2020 to the end of June 2021, revealing that the re-



An unidentified paraglider flies through the Kuwaiti skies.

Paragliders, drones operators warned

By Munif Nayef Al-Seyassah Staff

The Ministry of Defense has warned amateur paragliders, wireless aircraft operators and remote-controlled drones of serious consequences if they do not get prior permission from the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to practice their sport.

Yesterday, the Ministry called for the necessity to follow security measures related to air safety, stressing that those who violate this will be subject to legal accountability.

This came after the country over the past few days saw amateur paragliders in Al-Subbiya and Khairan, which prompted the Ministry of Defense to warn the paragliding

enthusiasts to get prior permission from the concerned authorities.

In a related context, a security source told the Al-Seyassah daily that the Ministry of Interior forbids the use of drones in all places and locations except with prior permission, stressing that the legal measures will be taken against the violators of the laws which are in force.

Pesterers held for stabbing girl's father

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13: The security authorities have arrested two young Kuwaitis for stabbing the father of an unidentified young woman while they were jogging, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, this happened when the duo started harassing the young woman and when the father tried to prevent them from coming close to his daughter, one of them pulled out a knife and stabbed the man.

The daily did not give more details. Meanwhile, the Secretariat General of the National Assembly has rubbished as rumors

what was published by some political activists in the social media that 10,000 dinars and an apartment was provided to a non-Kuwaiti consultant working for the secretariat, reports Annahar daily.

The secretariat said in a statement it pays the consultants housing allowance, unlike what has been mentioned in the social media.

A reliable source added the consultants are paid reasonable money much less, and added the figure has been exaggerated and emphasized neither a car, housing and other privileges are given to the consultants.



Subsidized foodstuff seized recently.

3,000 bags of fodder seized

By Abdul Nasser Al-Aslami Al-Seyassah Staff

The Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) and police and inspectors from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have seized 3,000 bags of subsidized fodder from several stores which were being sold on the black market in Wafra, in clear violation of laws and regulations.

Some Kuwaitis

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Some of the MPs of the "Grief Assembly" or the National Assembly concluded it by presenting an interpellation against His Highness the Prime Minister. It may be deserved, but in my opinion and the opinion of many, this is not the proper time.

The country suffers from corruption and delays in various levels, and it was necessary for them to direct their attention to rid the country of the corruption that stifles every Kuwaiti citizen. As for the grilling of His Highness the Prime Minister, it can be delayed ...

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He wants to know the plan of the ministry on completing the vaccination process and if it intends to recruit vaccination teams from other countries.

Meanwhile, the Human Rights Committee met Assistant Undersecretary for Residency Affairs in the Interior Ministry General Anwar Al-Berges, Assistant Undersecretary for Criminal Security Affairs Muhammad Al-Sharhan, Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs Major General Farraj Al-Zua'abi, Assistant Undersecretary for Correctional Facilities and Sentences Execution Major General Talal Ma'arefi, Assistant Undersecretary for Education and Training Major General Nasser Burseli and several other senior officials at the ministry.

Chairman of the committee MP Thamer Al-Suwait affirmed the meeting was fruitful as they discussed ways to improve work in the abovementioned sectors of the ministry. He said the committee submitted a number of queries to the senior officials and gave them one month to respond. He added the committee will use the answers to these questions in preparing its report on the human rights conditions in different facilities at the ministry.

He continued saying that the committee will hold a meeting with senior officials at the National Diwan for Human Rights to evaluate its performance since inception.

Furthermore, MP Yousef Al-Ghareeb submitted a proposal to double the cost of living allowance of citizens – from KD 120 to KD 240 per month.

MP Mehalhal Al-Mudaf has proposed naming the streets in residential areas after the martyrs who resided in these areas.

Bedoun fate in limbo

Lawyer held with drugs

By Jaber Hamoud Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13: The Criminal Court headed by Counselor Muhammad Al-Sane'a ordered the arrest of a lawyer on charges of possessing narcotic substances and put behind bars at the Central Prison, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The court then postponed the hearing into the case for two weeks in which the "lawyer and his secretary" stand accused.

The lawyer has denied the accusation and said the drugs belong to his secretary who was with him in the car.

Fate in limbo: Despite the announcement of the names of those admitted to the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) for the first and second semesters, the fate of bedoun students for admission in the second semester is in limbo because of the failure to accept their documents for review under the pretext they hold expired security card, reports Al-Jarida daily.

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