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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'Is it worth destroying Kuwait at political, personal whims of some?'

"ATTEMPTING to assess the current tense situation and igniting the political scenario in Kuwait requires first verifying the credibility of the allegations attributed to both the Speaker of Parliament and the Prime Minister, which the opposition sticks to, because not only the stability and security of the country is at stake, it hinders development and competition for international benchmarks," columnist Dr Ali Abdulrahman Al-Huwail wrote for Al-Rai daily.

"The protest group whose leaders sought refuge abroad in self-imposed exile in order to avoid honoring the court verdicts that have been issued against them in the so-called case of storming the Parliament has been trying to lead the disintegrated opposition during the last 16th legislative session to announce their project to overthrow the two current presidents – Al-Ghanim, Speaker of Parliament, and Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister, accusing them of the political and economic decline in the country, mismanagement of the state and corruption without presenting clear evidence and authenticating their accusations.

"The decline is real, and the reasons for it are multiple, the most important of which is the National Assembly's disruption of government work, and the cumulative failure of the governments over the past 22 years since the Iraqi invasion which forms the historical basis for this decline but the accused is innocent.

"The second group of the protesters finds itself aligned between the new representatives, which quickly disintegrated due to the absence of common sense between them. Hostility to the two presidents cannot be a sufficient reason to destroy the state, transgress the constitution and the powers of His Highness the Amir, the rules of separation of powers and disclosure of confidentiality through electronic photography, in violation of the Parliament regulations in what was known as 'barcode'.

"They were all exclusionary attempts that failed, and then came the decision of the Constitutional Court to invalidate the membership of one of their leaders (MP), so the gathering revolted and sought in an unprofessional political planning to prevent the government from taking the constitutional oath before the Parliament in order to overthrow the government and disrupt the Constitutional Court's decision, however they failed to achieve their goal.

"The big question mark hangs over the heads of everyone: Is it worth destroying Kuwait just for the sake of accepting the political and personal ambitions of some, and the superficiality and sins of some political amateurs?"

"The deputies have an important task on their hands and that is to diversify the country's sources of income and real comprehensive development, reducing environmental pollution, improving the country's position on international benchmark indicators especially in education and health, confronting corruption of all

kinds, completing the role of the private sector in employing Kuwaitis, fixing the imbalance in the demographic structure and commitment to professionalism in addressing the economic crisis, and correcting the accumulated budget deficit.

"Are some of these commitments not enough to freeze the boycott temporarily, and stop threatening the state and tampering with its present and future?"

Also:

"Do the people have to know through the government media, the cables sent by officials if they are congratulatory or condolences to any official in the world and for any occasion?" columnist Iqbal Al-Ahmad wrote for Al-Qabas daily.

"Is anyone still convinced about sending cables of congratulations and condolences from officials one after another with the same text and just changing the name of the sender and the receiver? Are the concerned officials still certain that this matter concerns anyone who listens to the news bulletins on Kuwait TV and Radio?"

"Are the officials at the radio, television stations and the media not convinced that this news is the last concern of those who are keen to follow the news bulletins?" "We are tired of monotony and time-consuming news bulletins which consume much of the time at the expense of analyzing news and meetings with specialists who enrich the news material.

"We say to His Excellency the Minister of Information, who knows very well that he adheres to the well-known instructions. Isn't it time for our news bulletins to be at a level that compels us to listen to them and wait for their timing in the midst of the news revolution and the transfer of events from everywhere and the ease of following them from everywhere?"

"I hope with all my heart that the new Minister of Information, whose activities and policies seem encouraging, will revolutionize our official news bulletins to become like Al-Arabiya or the BBC and others.

"Yes, there is a development in broadcasters, but the content of the news bulletins is still the same and to a vast extent has remained unchanged.

"We have been relentlessly suggesting that there be separate local news bulletins that are broadcast before or after the foreign news bulletins. Present in the local bulletins whatever you want, who is greeted, bid farewell, consoled and congratulated.

"We pray to God to prolong our lives so that we can enjoy the news bulletins on Kuwait TV and Radio so that we don't have to tune in to other channels out of frustration."

"They do not want to mention the name, age, residential address, job, workplace, period of stay in Kuwait, name of the sponsor and criminal record," columnist Dr Najj Saoud Al-Zaid wrote for Al-Jarida daily.



Dr Ali Al-Huwail

Other Voices

Shall we get out of the pit?

By Ahmad alsarraf

If we looked back in time, looking at Singapore in 1965 from a small aircraft we found nothing but a piece of land barely measuring 600 km² comprising muddy swamps infested with mosquitoes, poor people of different backgrounds, colors and races, from non-religious Chinese to Hindus to Malaysian Muslim living on that land.

After a little more than half a century, we look from the window of another plane to find that the size of the island has increased a little to more than 700 km², and that the swamps have been transformed into a modern, advanced and very clean state with unmatched health, judiciary and educational system, a solid economy and the income of an individual the highest in the world, thanks to a magic wand used in a unique way called 'education' and zero corruption.

Despite the poverty of the small country as it did not possess a single drop of oil, nor a gram of minerals, nor natural resources, nothing at all but a strong will, integrity, and a desire to create a new state from "nowhere" and almost within a few years, according to the trustworthy 'Davos Index', Singapore occupied the first rank in the world for many years, followed by developed Western countries and light years away from the levels of education in the Arab world.

The founder of Singapore, the outstanding lawyer Lee Kuan Yew, believed that it was not important for our children to bequeath huge industrial, commercial and investment companies, but rather to arm them with knowledge so that they can run and maintain those companies and factories, and their expansion and progress would continue, and this could not be achieved without bequeathing them a good education.

Many children inherited wealth and companies from their families, but most of them failed, because those who founded them did not give their children a distinguished and serious education, and thus those companies

crumbled with time.

The same thing happened with most of the countries in the region, which made huge fortunes from extracting oil, but they did not give education the utmost importance. As soon as oil revenues decreased, everyone discovered the weakness of our human potential, the low level of skills of our children, and our apparent inability to create alternative sources of income.

This is the opposite of what happened with a country like Norway, for example, which became oil producing country after a quarter of a century after Kuwait, and the idea of retaining part of the oil was taken from it. Its oil revenues are in investment funds, and also a quarter of a century after us, and today the difference between us and Norway is clear, and all thanks to the attention it paid to education and integrity, which we did not do.

For example, we spent more than three billion dollars on our citizens for their "treatment abroad" in less than two years. The money was siphoned into the pockets of some and in the form of payment of bills to Western hospitals and nobody was held accountable for what was spent, often to win the loyalty of the deputies.

As soon as the treatment budget dried up, these MPs turned their backs on the government, and voted against it in every decision, suggestion and opinion.

It was not surprising to see the fierce attack that I was subjected to after my last interview with Al-Arabiya channel when I described high school graduates who obtained high rates through the absurd online tests and were sent on this basis to complete their university studies abroad, that some whom are not fit to work even as concierge of a building.

Whoever attacked me knows that neither he nor his son deserve the honor of scholarship, and their anger can be justified by 1%, for the extraordinary corona conditions but these and others have returned again, including the bearded MPs claiming 'the fear of God' to demand the government to cancel the paper exams for high school students this year and conduct them online.

We did not fall into the pit of ignorance but we did not get out of it.

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Some charities still to declare

Ramadan donations total KD 40 mln

KUWAIT CITY, June 7: The amount collected during the Ramadan donation campaign of the Social Affairs Ministry has so far exceeded KD40 million, reports Al-Jarida daily quoting sources.

Sources disclosed the abovementioned amount was determined when the ministry received financial reports from 75 percent of the charitable organizations which participated in the campaign. Sources said only a few charitable organizations have yet to submit their financial reports, indicating these organizations consist of influential parties; hence, the expectation that the total donation amount will reach more than KD50 million. Sources affirmed the Charities and Foundations Department in the ministry has once again asked the remaining charitable organizations to submit their financial reports immediately.

Sources added the concerned employees in the ministry reviewed the financial reports of charitable organizations to ensure the accuracy of the data which should match the bank account statement. Sources said these employees will then submit a report on each organization, including the observations resulting from the review process. Sources confirmed each of the participants in the project is required to submit a report on their revenues and expenses, along with the implemented projects in and outside the country.

In another development, sources revealed the ministry is expected to postpone the reshuffling process until the middle or end of this month; if not, it will be postponed until the parliamentary holiday which will start in July.

Lawyer files lawsuit for damages in not getting Astra second dose

Licenses of 49 maids offices to be cancelled

By Jaber Al-Hamoud
Al-Seyassah Staff and Agencies

KUWAIT CITY, June 7: Lawyer Fadhel Al-Basman filed a lawsuit with the Administrative Court against His Highness the Prime Minister and the Minister of Health, in their capacities, for the damages resulting from not receiving the second dose of the Oxford vaccine. The court has set the session of July 17 to hear the case.

In his lawsuit, Lawyer Al-Basman demanded a temporary material and moral compensation of KD 5,001 for the damages he, as well as other citizens and expats, sustained from not receiving the second dose of Astra-Zeneca/Oxford COVID-19 vaccine like those who received two doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

He said he considers this as a violation of the provisions of the Constitution related to equality among citizens and guarantee of treatment.

Lawyer Al-Basman explained that he received the first dose of the approved Oxford vaccine against the COVID-19 virus on February 4. The date for his second dose was set on March 4. However, until the date of filing this lawsuit, he had not received the second dose.

'Pay company KD 33,000': The First Instance Court has obligated a governmental department and a commercial and construction company to pay KD33,000 -- value of the remainder of the house maintenance contract for Sabah Al-Ahmad Marine City -- to a general trading and contracting company.

Case files indicate that the contract between the plaintiff and the defendant is for the maintenance of 930 houses and electricity substations in Sabah Al-Ahmad Marine City.

The plaintiff is in charge of internal and external surveying works in 50 houses as per the prices stipulated in the contract. All these works were completed but the defendant refused to pay, so the plaintiff filed a case.

Call to cancel licenses: The Public Authority for Manpower said during the month of May it has received 49 requests to cancel the licenses of offices for the recruitment of domestic workers, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The statistics issued by the Department of Recruitment of Domestic Workers, Sunday, shows PAM has granted 6 new licenses to recruitment offices of domestic workers, in addition to renewing the licenses of 33 others.

The department indicated it has suspended the license of one of the offices for violating the Labor Law and the regulations in force.

'Unpaid salaries, waste dumps around houses'

KUWAIT CITY, June 7: The Cleaning Committee at Kuwait Municipality recently discussed the conditions of a cleaning company that signed a contract with the Municipality to maintain cleanliness in Jahra Governorate, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

Sources said the committee also talked about the accumulation of waste in front of houses in the last few days. Sources added the committee obtained a pledge from the company to pay the salaries of workers on time.

Sources denied rumors about the termination of the contract; pointing out the company's machine, equipment and workers have been visible on the streets since Thursday morning. Sources affirmed the company paid the delayed salaries of workers (three months), asserting the Municipality is keen on applying the law and imposing fine on the company as per the contract. "We will continue to impose fine until the residency permits of all workers are transferred," sources concluded.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Justice, and Minister of State for Promoting Integrity, Abdullah Al-Roumi, has referred to the National Assembly a report about institutions that have public money issues, complete with data of each case, reports Al-Rai daily.

The report shows there are 5 government agencies that are involved in public money issues.



The boat on fire .

Man suffers burns in boat fire

By Munif Nayef
Al-Seyassah Staff

An Egyptian suffered burn injuries in the face and abdomen and hands after a 'picnic boat' caught fire in the sea opposite Sharq. The injured was taken to the hospital and the fire was fought.

When the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior received a report on the incident police and paramedics and sea rescue men rushed to the spot and took the injured to the hospital and put out the fire before the fire destroyed the surrounding boats.

The cause of the fire is being investigated.

Kuwaiti youths stuck in silt rescued

KUWAIT CITY, June 7: Acting on information the Shuwaikh Fire and Maritime Rescue Center and the Technical Rescue Center rescued two Kuwaiti youths who were stuck in silt off the Sulaibikhat Beach, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The Public Relations and Media Department of the Directorate-General of Fire Department stated the operations room received a report that two people were stuck in the silt and were unable to come out. The juveniles were allegedly walking on the ground off the beach and got themselves

trapped in the mud.

The daily added, another juvenile who was with them managed to escape from the silt and called the emergency number 112. The youths are believed to be in good condition.

Meanwhile, an Egyptian died in a road accident when he was run over by trailer truck driver inside the Shuwaikh Free Zone, while reversing the vehicle.

Another man was also injured in the accident and suffered fractures, says Al-Seyassah.



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