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'Leaders must focus on nation's progress ... opposition demands illogical'

"THE struggles throughout the history have not and will not end ever. I think one of the most famous struggles were the struggle between the fifth and last Western Roman emperor, though some historians consider this to be Julius Nepos and his mother was that the latter supported by the then Roman Congress had attempted to take over the rule from the former by force, as such Nepos got very angry and issued orders to execute her and ordered his soldiers to burn Rome," columnist **Dr. Ali Abdurrahman Al-Huwail** wrote for Al-Shahed daily.

"As a matter of fact, Nepos was not against the Romans, and the same can be said of his mother, rather she was supporting his competitor August and he promised to make her the empress if she married him. In other words, it had ramified interests which apparently looked like was done to protect Rome, which in fact what was at heart is the personal interest which ended with the burning of Rome.



Dr Ali Al-Huwail

"In Kuwait, we see the current struggle is led by the opposition team to transform it into an alternative for the traditional leadership with people who live in exile. This team continues to put forward its demands in violation of the texts of the Constitution and democracy.

"One of their most important demands is to depose the current Speaker of the National Assembly and the Prime Minister. But unfortunately the team opposing the government speaks the language of personal interests. Moreover, this language is full of filth.

"The poor performance of the consecutive governments unfortunately coincides with the unconstitutional dissolution of the National Assembly in 1976 and 1986 when the country functioned without Parliament, in compounded with rampant corruption during that period and the absence of the aspiring vision for sustainable development and luxury.

"All that these governments did was to compare themselves with the development in the region instead of following the example of the advancing and advanced nations in the world. Moreover, they were violating the sanctity of the public funds in the absence of justice and equality in awarding senior positions and this resulted in the current government declaring it is not responsible for what is happening.

"The parliament accuses the current government of committing violations and that has developed in the MPs demanding his ouster and this is against the Constitution and democratic principles. Nonetheless, threats have been

issued by the opposing team to depose the Parliament Speaker and the Prime Minister, the demand that cannot be justified.

"It is needless to say solving the relevant crisis looks possible and this can be realized by putting in place a set of factors topped by choosing a leader among the opposition who has the quality that qualified him to conclude agreements with the government. Besides, he must enjoy the respect of both parties and is known of his wisdom and ability to lead this opposition.

"Apart from the above, we suggest the national powers; the prominent personalities in the country, the welfare societies and the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) should convene without wasting time an unconditional national conference for dialogue to draw up a mutual understanding document to be followed by any action even if it means new parliamentary elections.

"For his part HH the Prime Minister must overhaul his governmental and appoint new ministers and retain some ministers and include among his Cabinet ministers even members from the opposition. However, if such a proposed conference could not be convened due to the obstinacy of one party, the isolation of the latter becomes a duty under the dome of the National Assembly.

"Apart from the above, we suggest that the above actions should coincide with the issuance of legislations in harmony with both the spirit and provisions of the Constitution.

"In the meantime, it must be ensured that these legislations do not destabilize the country or threaten its security and entity. Likewise, these legislations should be of noble purposes and as such should not be modifiable and exploitable to achieve some goals against the legitimate and acquired freedoms."

Also:

"I was woken up from my sleep by an annoying dream that a decision has been issued by a state to which I was a frequent visitor that I will not be able to travel to this state just because I am over 60 years and as such I have to liquidate all my properties including the real estates in addition to my bank balances," columnist **Mahmoud Ali Rasheed** wrote for Al-Anba daily.

"This dream indeed annoyed me and I was surprised how this state could issue such a disturbing decision that preventing me from travelling to it although I am Kuwaiti and have a lot of money and in a position to travel to this my second 'home' about which I treasure good memories. I wondered how this state could behave with its lovers in this strange manner. This happened as I was planning to travel to this state with family and friends.

"However, this disturbing dream became a fact and when expatriates of

all categories who are working to serve my homeland -- The State of Kuwait -- had covered the shortages in all fields of occupations for several years and some of whom had spent their youth here until they grew old and are now over 60 years, are no longer needed by us, particularly some of whom do not even know their countries of birth but know Kuwait like the back of their hand.

"Some expatriate families are living in Kuwait since the 1940s, the 1950s and 1960s during which they participated in the renaissance of Kuwait, but unfortunately an unfair and unstudied decision has been issued for ending their life in Kuwait in the name of restructuring the population demographics.

"The question is: If the government has seriously thought about applying this unfair law to avoid finding ourselves and waking up in the morning to find ourselves without bakers, tailors, plumbers and electricians and without garages to repair our cars, particularly since we know that a lot of these people are currently over sixty years old where we shall not be in a position to provide the necessary alternatives to replace them?"

"The question is why the state is still hesitating to nullify this decision. Take for example, those who are involved in commercial activities such as investors and those who contribute to Kuwait's economic renaissance who should be given a permanent residence in the country. In the meantime, we suggest that those who have spent more than twenty working years in Kuwait, should be allowed to sponsor themselves with the possibility of allowing them to renew their residences every five years, simply because this action will be a kind of appreciation from the state for this denomination of people who had spent their life and efforts for serving our homeland.

"However, we were shocked by the proposals published by the daily newspapers indicating that there is an intention to allow those who are currently over sixty years old to stay in the country by paying 2,000 dinars residence fees, but the question here is, will the state get rid of visa traffickers? Anyway, the solution to deal with the expatriates' law is very simple, but in view of the presence of influential people who meddle with the affairs of the state is a big reason behind committing such blunders.

"However, what is the role of the National Assembly when it comes to submitting appropriate proposals to solve this problem? Or is it that MPs are striving only to depose the National Assembly's Speaker and the Prime Minister and interested in playing the 'musical chair' game?"

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb



The rescue operation in progress.

5 rescued as boat sinks in choppy seas

By Munif Nayef
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The Coast Guard and Marine Rescue personnel rescued 5 Kuwaitis after their boat sank four miles off Al-Dabaia due to bad weather.

According to a security source, the Operations Room received a report about the sinking of a boat with five 5 citizens onboard and immediately the Coast Guard and the Marine Fire Force boats headed to the site and rescued the

men who were holding on to their sinking boat.

All of them are believed to be in good condition. Meanwhile, three young men escaped after a fire engulfed their vehicle in a suburb of Jahra. According to a security source, when they stopped at a traffic light they saw smoke coming from the bonnet and quickly got out of the car before the car was engulfed by flames.

The fire was put out by firemen. No casualties have been reported. The cause of the fire is not known.

Dip in cash for nurseries

PADA earmarks KD 40 mln budget

KUWAIT CITY, June 21: The educational and rehabilitation services sector in the Public Authority for Persons with Disabilities (PADA) has set its budget for the fiscal 2021-2022 at 40 million dinars, a decrease of 5 million from the fiscal 2020/2021 budget pointing out that authority is waiting for approval of the Ministry of Finance, reports Al-Jarida daily quoting reliable sources.

According to sources at the authority, the process of calculating the financial allocations granted by the authority annually to its nurseries, which will start working and receive children soon in accordance with the regulations of the administrative decision

(123/2019) issued in this regard, confirmed the decrease in the allocations that will be granted for nurseries that begin their work unlike normal times.

The sources indicated that the regulation obliges the authority to pay these amounts according to its approved payment system, at a rate of 30 percent to be disbursed in 4 stages in the months of September, December and March of each year, and the fourth and final payment will be disbursed in May at the rate of 10 percent, pointing out that the three payments in the budget for the ending fiscal 2020/2021, while the fourth is included in the budget of the current fiscal 2021/2022.

Anti-smoking clinic opened in bid to fight addiction & drugs

Workshop to coincide with World Anti-drug Day

By Marwa Bahrawi
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KUWAIT CITY, June 21: Secretary-General of the Arab Federation for Prevention of Addiction, Dr. Khaled Al-Saleh, has praised the role of the federation and the Kuwait Committee for Drug Control emanating from the Kuwait Society for Combating Smoking and Cancer for activating the national program to raise awareness of drug abuse and addiction in all its forms.

Al-Saleh said in a press statement yesterday that the Kuwait Anti-Narcotics Committee inaugurated the anti-smoking clinic in conjunction with the smoking awareness month, which falls in June of each year, pointing to the preparation of two workshops on combating addiction and drugs, in cooperation with the Secretariat General of the Arab Union for Prevention.

He explained that the first workshop was held under the title "Increasing supply of narcotics in Kuwait and the Gulf Cooperation Council", and he and the psychological consultant Dr. Ahmed Abu Al-Azaim and member of the Board of Directors of the Arab Federation for the Prevention of Addiction Dr. Hessa Al-Shaheen, highlighted and discussed the role of the Arab Union in modernizing prevention and treatment programs for abuse and addiction in Arab countries, and the medical impact on mental deviation and its relationship to terrorism and violence, as well as shedding light on the

impact of drug awareness.

He pointed out that the second workshop will be held at the end of this month in conjunction with the celebration of the World Anti-Drug Day, which falls on June 26 of each year.

He said a large number of lecturers and experts in the social, psychological, medical and awareness-raising fields for drug control are expected to participate.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Public Works has presented three new tenders for the general maintenance of rain sewage networks in various governorates in preparation for the rainy season, reports Al-Jarida daily quoting sources.

Sources revealed the first tender is for the maintenance of the rain sewage networks in Farwaniya and Jahra Governorates, second is for the Capital and Hawally Governorates, and third for Mubarak Al-Kabeer and Ahmadi Governorates.

Sources confirmed the ministry will launch these tenders at the beginning of the summer season each year, so it can complete the necessary procedures on time to be ready for the winter season. Sources said the winning companies will be in charge of cleaning the sewers and carrying out maintenance works as per the conditions stipulated in each tender.

Sources emphasized the importance of carrying out such maintenance works regularly to ensure the rain sewage networks function properly during the rainy season, especially since the country witnessed a difference in the rainfall rate recorded in the previous rainy season compared to earlier years. Sources said the previous maintenance works in these networks played a major role in avoiding problems witnessed in most of the main streets and roads in the past.

Nod to import of live birds, eggs & chicks

KUWAIT CITY, June 21: The Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) issued a decision allowing the import of all types of live birds, hatching eggs and one-day-old chicks for broiler and laying chickens from Kazakhstan, Italy, Croatia, Philippines and Finland, after confirming that these countries are free from bird flu, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Official spokesperson of PAAAFR Talal Al-Daihani disclosed that the authority imposed a temporary ban on the import of all types of live birds, hatching eggs and one-day-old chicks for laying and broiler chickens from Lithuania, Estonia and the Kingdom of Lesotho due to the emergence of bird flu in these countries.

He stressed the need for all consignments to be subject to the rules and regulations laid down by the Animal Health Department in the authority; affirming these rules and regulations are in accordance with the procedures of the World Organization for Animal Health, as well as the veterinary quarantine regulations in Kuwait and other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

He added that consignments will be rejected if found to be infected with any disease after examining the samples in the authority's laboratory. In this case, the importer will be instructed to return the infected birds and animals at his own expense and the authority shall not bear any responsibility, he explained.

CAPT okays more cash for airport

KUWAIT CITY, June 21: The Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) has approved the request of the Ministry of Public Works for extra funds for the Passenger Baggage Screening System (PBSS), increasing the value of the contract for the construction, completion, furnishing and maintenance of the new passenger building at Kuwait International Airport by KD 13.3 million, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to informed sources from the ministry, the second phase of the new terminal, which is related to the construction, completion and maintenance of service buildings, roads leading to the new passenger building, and car parks, has been completed by six percent. Work on this phase began on August 10, at a cost of KD 169 million.

They revealed that the second phase is supposed to be completed on January 26, 2023, coinciding with the end of the third phase, which is scheduled to start early November of this year and end in November 2023.



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