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'Ships sink without a storm, buildings fall without quake if advisor bad'

"THE advisor's job is one of the basic functions that fall within the needs of successful leadership, and the advisor may be a person who is predominant or an integrated institution that brings together the politicians, economists and people of thought, as is the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, which has a strong influence on American decision-making, which dreams of rulers and heads of government from different countries. To stand on his stage to give a speech only, because of their belief in the personal gains that will be achieved and the great honor they will receive," columnist **Saleh Ghazal Al-Enezi** wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.



Saleh Al-Enezi

"Some witnesses to the era of the Shah of Iran, Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, mentioned that in his local speeches he often turned to a small, old person standing behind him, Dr. Sharia Madari, to listen to some of the words he whispered in his ear during the speech, and then return to complete his speech, as it was said that father Reza Pahlavi recommended his son the Shah to keep and appreciate this advisor, and to take his opinion in all local affairs due to his extensive experience and sincere advice.

"It was also said that the incumbent Iraqi President Barham Saleh, does not issue any final decision unless consulting (the uncle) the old man who belonged to the opposition Sheikh Kanji who was always accompanying Imam Jalal and the former chairman of the Kurdish Bloc in the Iraqi parliament.

"Perhaps this type of senior advisors clearly influence the decision-making if they find someone who appreciates their competence, and they are the most important group in the ruler or government team, but they are scarce and need someone to discover them or rediscover them and their appreciation, and the asceticism of totalitarian governments with this type of advisors may be the result of a miscalculation because of their importance, or a sense of inadequacy in front of them, or because some want a counselor who can narrow down, who does not win applause.

"Therefore, totalitarian governments tend to what can be called (the advisor-tailor), and they are a type of employee who can tailor administrative, legal or political templates to suit the ideas that they are asked to adapt, market and promote, and they can provide consultations based on the basis of proving loyalty rather than proving competence.

"This tailor may not receive the required official appreciation as he sells consultations and nothing more, nor does he enjoy social appreciation because he

has a mind for rent and not for personal use, as his role remains to tailor the appropriate dress for the official's theory, which may be of the type that the sheep lay eggs and the monkey was originally a giraffe.

"However, the worst type of advisor is (the owl), a type of those who do not know where they came from or where they are going. The leader's friend, relative, or (one who is dear to him) becomes a consultant without qualifications, so the obstacles facing his appointment are paved with a phone call full of hope and promises or a meeting and (a grain of a snub), and because of these owls, ships sink without a storm, buildings collapse without an earthquake, and streets are drowned without rain.

"But it is unfair to hold these advisors responsible for the ruin of states, for the owl only inhabits ruins, and if they had not found them, they would not have become advisors. Therefore, the appointment of the owl advisor is a subsequent stage of ruin that has no precedent and a message to the peoples that their countries have been devastated by ruin before the owl climbs its walls."

Also:

"I am very supportive of empowering women as well as youth to assume leadership positions in the state, and this does not mean at all that believing that every woman or young man are distinguished competencies, in fact, there are women and youth who have failed par excellence, and as it is said that behind every successful man there is a woman who can be said to be fair, as a reflection of the fact that behind every failed man or young man – and most of them – a woman may be a wife or mother who is very neglectful, lazy and failure," columnist **Sami Abdul Latif Al-Nisf** wrote for *Annahar* daily.

"The era of awakening, which began in the seventies and continued beyond, was marked by many negative social phenomena, including the spread of extremism, fanaticism, violence and even takfir and terrorism among young people, in addition to job failure, administrative, financial and political corruption, the phenomenon of buying school certificates and electoral votes unprecedented in the history of Kuwait, and weakness. Add to this the severe productivity of the government employee and the spread of divorce in society, until we came close to being the highest in the world.

"Among the phenomena that have spread among women during the era of awakening until today and have resulted in weakness in maintaining husbands, the loss of a good upbringing of children and the failure to create a comfortable home for the Kuwaiti family is what I call the phenomenon of "married Muslim nuns" i.e. the wife who exaggerates in the matters of her religion at the expense

of her worldly matters – her home, her husband, and her children.

"Some of these women, despite studying the sciences and teachings of religion from primary to secondary, have turned into students – wives, mothers and even grandmothers – who search from morning until evening for religious lessons offered to them by girls who are philosophical about the age of their daughters or grandchildren, with the difference that the nuns in other religions do not have husbands or children, but rather dedicate themselves to religion and to help the poor and the needy.

"At last, some of the 'awakening' men and its partisan religious references are now distributing indulgences to the deceived followers and homes in the paradise of eternity, and specifying the number of those who will receive them from the 'Houris al-Ain', matters that the references of other religions that were accused by them of the papacy and monasticism, so that those who accuse them of it will eventually do their work."

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"We must always be aware of the fact that as long as we believe in democracy, we must bear its consequences!" columnist **Yousef Abdulrahman** wrote for *Al-Anba* daily.

"Some of us believe in democracy and its results, while others are upset and they curse this democracy!

"Those outside the flock believe in consultation (shura) only and everything else is false! It is true that democracy has its advantages, but there are disadvantages as well!

"Between this group and that group, the paper is in the hands of the concerned person and the guardian, but the fact remains that the 'citizen voter' is responsible for the perversion of democracy, simply because he did not choose the best representatives of the nation.

"We need the Indian democracy as a model, not the American democracy. We, the Arab nation, have this democracy broken and it is absent, yet it continues in India after Gandhi created it, only because they believe in it, while we do not consider it a way to reform our conditions. By merely looking at the Arab nation – from the Arabian Gulf to the ocean, we know the difference between us and the Indians!

"American democracy is in the interest of the American people, neither other people nor the Europeans, yet they agree on one policy regarding interest in the survival of the Israeli entity."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

Finance, admin violations reported at 'tourism firm'

MPs, citizens vent anger on TEC CEO

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 22: The series of frauds being committed against the people of Kuwait continues. The latest is evident

from the reports of supervisory authorities which confirm the existence of serious financial and administrative violations in the Tourism Enterprises Company. However, government agencies insist that the company is innocent of these violations and that it aims to develop the tourism and entertainment sector in Kuwait, reports *Al-Nahar* daily.

Angry parliamentary and popular messages were sent by MPs and citizens via Twitter to the Tourism Enterprises Company and its CEO about the company's performance, which is deteriorating day after day.

The Chairman of the Public Funds Protection Committee MP Dr. Abdullah Al-Turajji sent a message to the Minister of Finance via Twitter in which he indicated that the process of saving the company and its facilities and restoring life to it should begin with the dismissal of its CEO, as the public interest cannot tolerate further delay.

He shared the discontent of a large number of Twitter users who stressed that the CEO is happy to close the Entertainment City.

They lamented that the next is worse in light of the fact that the administration wasted half a billion dinars of public money through the exploitation by investors of unlicensed spaces in its sites.

They explained that the company signed consultancy contracts worth 14 million but only one percent of the projects have been completed. The company wasted more than KD 654,000 on the VIP Terminal project, which was not completed and was canceled after years of useless and unjustified studies and consultations.

The Twitter users commented on the State Audit Bureau's report regarding the company's performance by saying, "Smile, it is a ruin!"

In addition, reliable sources indicated to the daily that the series of destruction in the company continues with the continued bad performance of the administration, especially when comparing its tourism projects in terms of development with that of the neighboring countries.

They said they wondered from where the company implements its projects and increases its capital.

'Contract money not paid for 8 months' Care homes cleaning firm says will stop work

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 22: A company which provides cleaning services to people in two care homes in Sulaibikhat and Sabahiya has threatened to suspend work after the Public Authority for Persons with Disabilities' procrastinated in paying the contract money for about 8 months about 400,000 dinars, reports *Al-Jarida* daily.

According to sources in the authority, the contract with this company expired months ago, and a contract was signed with another company, but it failed to implement the terms of the contract, which prompted the authority to extend the contract of the previous company for about 8 months but failed to make the payment for the services provided to the two care homes and the 'old company' although it threatened to stop work, continued working from a humanitarian perspective and especially in light of promises given by the authority officials to make the payments, but has failed to fulfill its promise.

The sources stated the previous company faces more than one problem due to the delay in payments by the authority and the threat by its about 500 workers to go on strike and paralyze the work because they are not paid salaries for two months.

The sources added another problem is the company is unable to renew the work permits of its employees because the original contract with the authority has expired which exposes the company to legal problems with the Public Authority for Manpower.

It is noteworthy to mention there are about 743 inmates with intellectual, (mental and sensory) and (mental and kinesthetic) disabilities that are receiving care at the two centers.

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The Public Authority for Industry (PAI) has confirmed

PAAAFR cuts breeders subsidies

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 22: The Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) has stopped disbursing fodder subsidies to animal breeders because they have failed to pay the annual farm rents owed to the authority, in a move to urge them to speed up the payment, reports *Al-Rai* daily.

Well-informed PAAAFR sources said a 'block' has been placed on the files of animal breeders in the authority and all administrative procedures in this regard have been stopped, including stopping the disbursement of fodder subsidies until they pay the rents.

The sources explained there are hundreds of animal breeders in Wafra, Kabd and Jahra who have not paid the rents for several years, although the rent for one year is only 100 dinars.

PAAAFR is allegedly counting the number of farm owners in these areas who did not take the initiative to pay their annual rents in preparation to cut off the power supply after the expiry period of Nov 30, 2021, to pay the rent.

the allocation of land measuring about 50 million square meters for the Shaqaya Economic Zone or Economic City Project in accordance with the decision of the Municipal Council, reports *Al-Rai* daily quoting sources.

Sources said the Shaqaya Economic City will be established in an area measuring 100 million square meters as per the decision of the concerned authorities. Sources pointed out that PAI already received 50 million square meters and it is waiting for the other half of the allocated space.

Other Voices

Agony of an Asian woman

By Ahmad alsarraf

Radhat was sitting on a small bench kneading bread to put in the oven in front of her while her little daughter, and her sick father, waited.

Suddenly the door of the worn-out house, which was hardly good enough to hold a lock, opened and a boy enters wearing shabby clothes and said excitedly with his mouth full (he was eating something) Radhat... Radhat... the outpost has reported that your husband died in an avalanche in the Himalayas.

Radhat did not hear what the boy said, and she unconsciously threw all the dough into the oven, and collapsed crying with a silent groan. The news shattered her and the world in front of her eyes blackened.

She began to lament and was worried about the future looking into the distant world wondering who will feed her, her father and daughter and pay the electricity and water bills and how she will buy medicine for her father.

She lay semi-conscious on the floor, her father and daughter beside her unable to do anything, and they did not know how to help her in her hour of distress.

After about a month or so, the same boy came back and told her to accompany him to the post office, for there are those who are looking for someone who wants to work in Kuwait.

Radhat arrived at the Kuwait Airport at three in the morning after a long and tiring journey, along with more than fifty of her female compatriots, after two days of walking for hours from the mountainside village, and then on mules to the nearby city, and then by bus to the capital, Kathmandu airport, and Kuwait via Dubai.

The company representative was waiting for the group at the airport, where he cleared their documents very slowly, adding to the pain and hardship of travel.

Three hours later, they found themselves in a building that they later knew was located in Mahboula, and found that four other women would share one bedroom, with a bathroom for every five rooms.

They started working the next morning, and the agreement was that the cleaning and contracting company would pay them 75 dinars as a monthly salary, along with housing.

The day the salary was received was a feast day that relieved some of her pain, her concern for her father's health, and her longing for her young daughter, who left her with her only sister to whom she sent all her salary, except

what was enough for her to buy a little food for a whole month, and she asked her sister to pay off part of the debt that she borrowed to come to Kuwait, in exchange for mortgaging her dilapidated house, in order to pay the equivalent of a thousand dollars in commission to the broker who arranged the work for her.

Radhat worked daily for 9 hours non-stop, and moving to the workplace in a ministry concerned with religious matters, and returning to housing, usually took about two hours and this drained their strength but the debts back home pushed the group to work with strange determination and patience in spite of no one showing mercy they carried on. All this happens – difficult living conditions – happens because of the greed of the so-called human traffickers although the government knows this, they are forced to accept the lowest offers.

It was a hard day when the supervisor among them told them that their salaries would be reduced from the beginning of the next month, and that the deducted amount would be collected and paid at the end of the two-year service, and whoever did not accept to should sign a document in this regard, in Arabic, thus the contract would be terminated and they would be sent back to their country.

The seventh months salary came with deducted amount then the salaries stopped being paid.

Neither Radhat nor her colleagues could stop working, and four months passed while they worked for free, with no hope of a breakthrough. In the end, they had no choice but to stop working and a fellow worker advised them to join him and seek the help of the Public Authority for Manpower.

PAM did not delay looking into the complaint, referred the company's owners to the Prosecution, and immediately contacted the Human Friendship Society, requesting its quick intervention and to provide food to more than 500 workers, most of them who were not paid salaries for several months.

How does this happen in a country that has dozens of institutions brimming with money?

Why don't the concerned authorities request an insurance policy from labor recruitment companies or others, so that their workers can benefit from it in purchasing their necessary requirements, if the company stops paying their salaries?

How long will these flagrant violations of their rights continue? Why does no one want to move to put an end to the greed of some companies that specialize in trading in humans and depriving them from their rights? Who helps Radhat, whose dreams were humbled and confined to obtaining her passport, and the price of a ticket to return to her young daughter and sick father?

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