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GTD gets tough on boys driving without license

Gunfire used to disperse fighters

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 27: The Deputy Director-General of the Directorate-General of Traffic for Education Affairs, Brigadier-General Sheikh Fawaz Al-Khaled, said that juveniles driving vehicles without obtaining a driving license is a crime punishable by law, reports Al-Jarida daily.



A juvenile caught driving without licence.

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Officer from the Public Relations and Traffic Awareness Department at the General Traffic Department, Major Abdullah Buhassan said the Education, Planning and Research Departments during an extensive traffic campaign in the Al-Qurain Markets issued 312 various traffic citations and arrested 22 juveniles for driving without license and handed them over to the General Department of Juvenile Criminal Investigation Prosecution. During the campaign 12 cars and 3 motorcycles were also impounded for violating road safety rules and regulations, said Buhassan.

Al-Khaled told the daily the campaign was implemented by the Education, Planning and Research Departments, under field supervision of the Assistant Director-General of the General Department of Traffic for Planning and Research Affairs, Brigadier Khaled Mahmoud, to support the security services in the Ministry of Interior in general, and the General Traffic Department in particular in the face of strenuous efforts to stop juveniles from driving without obtaining a driver's license and blamed the family for allowing the juveniles to commit such violations which can no longer be tolerated.

He went on to say the concerned authorities, whether in the traffic sector or the General Department of Criminal Investigation – Juvenile Police Department, have of late monitored a noticeable increase in juveniles either causing serious traffic accidents or committing serious traffic violations as well.

On the reasons for the sudden field campaigns organized by traffic departments, Al-Khaled said the education, planning, research and technical affairs departments are working in the field to support their colleagues in the Licensing and Traffic Department which is a heavy traffic security burden, so the senior traffic officers decided on the field support.

Gunfire breaks fight: Acting on information members of the Special Forces rushed to a park in Jahra, and fired in the air to break up a bloody fight between group of young men

who refused to listen to orders from police, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the fighters were armed with knives and the forces could not control them because their number was big.

When police fired in the air they dispersed but securitymen managed to arrest four of them and take them to the area police station.

Police are interrogating the men in custody while efforts are underway to arrest the rest of the suspects who fled the scene when police fired in the air.

Corpse found: The decomposed remains of an unidentified person found in an open area off the Sixth Ring Road, opposite Sulabiya, have been referred to Forensics, reports Al-Rai daily.

The security sources have registered the death as 'suspicious'. The Public Prosecution has been informed of the incident.

'Tolerance, amnesty ... stability'

"THE amnesty was issued recently by HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah was neither the first of its kind, nor will be the last since other amnesties were issued even prior to the issuance of the country's constitution," columnist, a professor at Kuwait University's Political Science Department, an advisor to the Human Rights Watch (HRW) and the Chairman of the Arab Fund for Human Rights, **Dr. Ghanim Al-Najjar** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"In this connection, we elucidate that post the bloody events of the Legislative Council in 1938, many of the Council members, including the late Abdullah Thunayan Al-Ghanim, we pray to Almighty Allah to bestow his mercy upon him, who later on went on to become the speaker of the Constituent Council that issued the country's Constitution of 1962 had been sent to jail for a period exceeding four years.



Dr Al-Najjar

"Not just that, the verdicts were issued against some members who had fled including the secretary of the Legislative Council, the late Khaled Al-Adsani, we pray to Almighty Allah to bestow his mercy upon him, who also contributed to the negotiations that resulted in the Kuwaiti Constitution and later on became a minister, and went on to write a book to document the experiment of the Council.

"Meanwhile, after the late Sheikh Sabah Al-Salem became the ruler he issued consecutive amnesties all of which were political in nature -- some of them became famous while others not.

"In other words, in the Constitution of Kuwait, the amnesty issued in favor of those who were convicted by judicial verdicts, became something usual followed prior to the celebrations to mark the National Day where both the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Justice used to prepare lists that included the names of those covered by the amnesty and the same was referred to His Highness the Amir for endorsement, given the fact the lists were reviewed and revised, and although, these were not necessarily without observations to be made on it, they were issued as a final decision, and nobody would comment on them, because this fell within the absolute power of HH the Amir, pursuant to Article No. 75 of the country's Constitution.

"But the most two problematic amnesties, that were issued by Ruler Sheikh Sa'ad Al-Abdullah, we pray to Almighty Allah to bestow his mercy upon him, prior to the end of the martial law term on June 26, 1991 where the relevant amnesties reduced the capital punishment to life imprisonment in addition to the reduction of some other sentences for those who were convicted of involvement in crimes that were perpetrated during the invasion of Kuwait, and the reduction of sentences was carried out in response to international pressure and most of the individuals who were released then had left the country.

"While the second wide amnesty, was issued by the late Amir of the country, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad, we pray to Almighty Allah to bestow his mercy upon him, whereby all the verdicts which were issued against some individuals prior to the invasion including those who were convicted of crimes committed against the state security, with the exception of the intentional murders, the details of which cannot be completed in this short article.

"As a matter of fact, since then many amnesty decrees have been issued, which are mostly not void of cases of political dimensions, either related to individuals or groups, but the problem here lies in the fact that most of the relevant cases were not under the microscope of concentration, rather I can assure that many of those who were covered by the relevant amnesty were unknown to the political community.

"And whereas, the amnesty, represents an absolute power for His Highness the Amir, as such this doesn't require any construal nor to be followed by review or become a source for opinions over who deserves and who does not deserve to be pardoned, particularly in terms people who can be divided into those who are 'satisfied' and those 'not satisfied', 'resentful and angry', but legally speaking such arguments will bring no change on the ground, except agitate and upset some people and there will be tension in the community.

"Anyway, the Amiri Amnesty has been issued and I think this incidentally coincided with the International Day of Tolerance, but it is needless to say both tolerance and amnesty shall remain the features of the stable and secure communities, and as such we pray to Almighty Allah that this will be so."

Also:

"Nihad Haddad, 'Fayrouz', The Nightingale of the East, turned 86 on Nov 21. Since 1952, she has been delighting us with her mountainous voice, O neighbor of the valley, with more than 800 songs, which she sang with her sad voice, the sounds of minarets and church bells, and about Al-Quds Al-Sharif, her voice reached the end of the world," columnist **Mohammad Juma'a** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"If you talk of Lebanon ... Fayrouz must cross your mind, for she sang for the child, the mother, the hope, the homeland, sadness and joy. She was a singer and actress in theater and cinema. She is part of Lebanon and one of the pillars of Baalbek. She is the cedar of beautiful Lebanon as we know it, Sarkis estate, and the fragrance of pine trees in the early morning.

"The ancient Beirut, the giant rock of Raouche and the rocks of birds, Nejmeh Square, Solidere, the ancient Sursok Palace, the Mohammed Al-Amin

Mosque, the Jeita Grotto and other memories of the seventies, unforgettable memories, many are lost and disappeared, but the nostalgic sound "Fayrouz" lives on.

"Where is the Paris of the East? Where is Lebanon wounded by its family and lovers? Where is Mount Lebanon and the wonderful views of the sea, the city of Baabda, Aley, Beiteddine, Jounieh, the district of El-Matn and other cities where we used to meet our friends at cafe tables and the fragrant scents of beautiful orchids, the Martyrs Square and the Red Saray in Tripoli, which is the bride of the sea?"

"This is the Lebanon that we knew with the military gait among the gendarmes (internal security forces), who knows Lebanon does not forget its sophisticated and educated people with an ancient history thousands of years ago. Read the history to know Lebanon better..."

"Oh God, protect Kuwait, its people, its Amir, and its Crown Prince from all evil. Ameen."

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"The selection of ministers for the next Kuwaiti government (the fourth), God willing, will be better than the previous governments, because our beloved country - Kuwait - deserves competent nationals who take into account the interests of the nation and citizens in general. They should not commit violations, negligence and corruption. They should not work for the benefit of their party, group and relatives," columnist **Abdallah Abduljader** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"Ministers should have the qualification and experience related to the functions and work of the ministry they are in charge of. Their files and biography must be clean. They should fear God and work for the best interests, progress and development of our beloved country. They must solve all the problems and concerns of the Kuwaiti people.

"We hope the fourth government will explain its work program clearly and explicitly. The program must include matters and tasks that have been delayed and postponed in the previous programs concerning the country and citizens. They must be adopted and implemented within the tenure of the government in order to prove to the Kuwaiti people that it is serious and that it prioritizes the interests of the country and citizens.

"Following are some examples of governmental action:

* Eliminate and prevent corruption, execute judgments on the corrupt and recover the money they embezzled whether inside or outside Kuwait.

* Focus on the speedy adoption and implementation of economic reform, find alternative sources of income to solve the budget deficit instead of relying on one source of revenue - oil, and partnership with the private sector.

* Equal salaries between government agencies with affiliated and independent budgets to ensure that Kuwaiti graduates receive a salary similar to other graduates with the same qualification, specialization and job. This can be done through the strategic alternative salary policy.

* Encourage and support Kuwaiti graduates to work in the private sector by ensuring security and stability for them in terms of financial support, training and qualification for skills that develop their performance and benefits granted by the private sector such as health insurance, travel tickets and bonuses.

* Solve the problem regarding educational outputs which do not match the needs of the labor market by canceling certain courses offered by Kuwait University and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) in order to focus on specializations that the labor market needs."

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"The return to normal life after the Corona pandemic has begun. The elections of non-government organizations (NGOs) has also started to return, along with their developmental role in the honorable competition between candidates," columnist **Dr Hind Al-Choumar** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"Some NGOs have taken action that do not affect the precautionary measures as they have worked through virtual communication. In this aspect, awareness should not be affected, considering there are certain means and tools to communicate with the community and broadcast awareness messages, such as websites and modern means of communication -- all of which have not stopped during the pandemic.

"Rather, the published studies have shed light on challenges that the health sector is facing after Corona. This entails intensifying efforts to raise public awareness through NGOs working in the interest of the public, considering the non-traditional practices like lesser daily physical activities, irregular eating of healthy foods such as vegetables and fruits. All of these practices are risk factors leading to heart disease. Awareness should be raised on the importance of reducing the consumption of salt, fats and sugar, as well as stopping smoking and visiting the doctor regularly.

"Private messaging to raise awareness should be fresh, innovative and comprehensive without the need for physical gatherings.

"NGOs must innovate in light of the latest developments. Awareness messages must be revised and in line with the latest media developments.

"The Glasgow Climate Change Conference and published research in this regard revealed that the effects of climate change are closely linked with heart and chronic diseases. Nevertheless, media coverage on this challenge is still below expectation."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

'Not carrying license law violation'

Digital driving license 'not good enough': GTD

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 27: The General Traffic Department said merely presenting the 'digital vehicle driving' license on the 'My Identity' application is an offence and punishable by law, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily quoting security sources said Article 42 of the Traffic Law specifies a set of violations that may require the withdrawal of the driving license, and/or the violator of this law may end up in 15 dinars fine.

This is in addition to the fact that failure to carry the license is considered a violation punishable in accordance with paragraph 4 of

Article 36 of the same law, which indicates that "driving a mechanism vehicle without a driving license, or any other permit required by law or its implementing regulations" is a violation.

Since a decision was issued by the Council of Ministers regarding the approval of the digital civil card issued by the "My Identity" application which can be used for completing transactions at all government departments, the sources pointed out given the explicit and clear legal text, it is not enough to show the digital driving license and not carry the original saying in the case of the

civil ID, the issue is different.

The sources confirmed that despite the announcement that the "My Identity" application will help motorists to show the digital driver's license in lieu of the original document a number of traffic violations were issued for drivers who did not carry the original driving license and were carrying the digital license on "My Identity" application.

The sources stressed that any change in the procedures requires a legislative amendment to the traffic law, or a government decision to consider the electronic driving license.

Mol eyes new blood

'60-yrs-old tenure ends'

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 27: The Interior Minister Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali said the ministry will inject new blood in the security system and said those officers who have reached the age of sixty will be sent into retirement, stressing that this measure comes within the framework of the ministry's efforts to make room for the young officers, reports Al-Anba daily.

The sources said the decision will affect directors-general and their assistants or those without any position in addition to assistant undersecretaries, except in a very few exceptional cases, which generally means once a senior officer reaches sixty the legal period of service ends.

The sources added dozens of other senior officials also will be affected who are currently in service, pointing out that the financial privileges given to these personnel are fair, and those who are over sixty or the renewal period has expired must apply for retirement and not request for extension.

Meanwhile, the Al-Qabas daily has learned the fourth government of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled will see the assignment of a new minister to the 'interior' portfolio.

An official source told the daily the prime minister has two candidates from the ruling family, one of whom is from Mubarak's lineage and has held a diplomatic post in the past, and the second has held a security position. One of them is expected to head the Ministry of Interior in the next government.

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