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'Weapons made in past to fight wars ... now wars made to sell arms'

"IN THE past, they used to manufacture weapons to fight wars, but now they may make wars to sell weapons," columnist, professor at Kuwait University's Political Science Department and an advisor to Human Rights Watch (HRW) **Dr. Ghanim Al-Najjar** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

When the Soviet Union disintegrated in the late 1980s, 15 new/old states emerged from under its cloak, as well as 6 from Yugoslavia, and the day will come when Palestine will come into existence, free and independent. Our time seems to be the time of the emergence of states, not their disappearance. Approximately 30 states came into existence, an average of one state each year. To make the picture clear, most of Afghanistan's neighbors were affiliated with the Soviet Union, which now became Russia.



Dr Al-Najjar

"The optimists were hopeful at the time, because a new international order was about to be born, with new concepts, such as humanitarian intervention. "The station for the first experiment with these concepts was Somalia, and the Security Council issued a resolution to address the famine militarily, and America was at the forefront, to fill the void, and called it 'Operation Restoring Hope'. It was remarkable that the same name was used, in Yemen, so that the cadres of the American 'Rangers' fell in the alleys of Mogadishu. President (Bill) Clinton did not hesitate at the time to withdraw, so the process ended, the 'desired hope' was lost, and the features of the imagined international system were lost.

"It was the mid-1990s, and the search for an identity for a new international order became the responsibility of the victor in the Cold War, who was supposed to be the United States. The 1990s was the most ambiguous era in the history of international relations, with no personality and no refuge.

"The events of Sept 11, 2001 came to represent a new way out. President George W. Bush did not delay in announcing a new system to the world, based on either being with us or against us, not a middle road, as it is based on a new war, called the Global War on Terror (GWT).

"The joints of the decision in America at that time were in the hands of the "neo-conservatives", an extremist, hard-line, right-wing group that believes in violence to restore America's role, most notably Richard Perle, the Prince of Darkness.

"In this context, came the invasion of Afghanistan, then Iraq. The strange thing is that the US State Department has been working for years on the 'Project for the Future of Iraq', and hundreds of Iraqi personalities participated in its drafting, under the supervision of Tom and Eric, and the project came out with details on how to manage Iraq after the fall of the regime.

"However, when Iraq was invaded in 2003, the neo-conservatives took

over the leadership, and the US Department of Defense refused even to see that plan, and Iraq under US Governor Paul Bremer turned into something else."

Also:

"Recreational tourism means moving from one country to another in search of spending free time for recreation and rest, enjoying the atmosphere and getting to know new cultures, obtaining psychological and mental satisfaction by visiting archaeological and ancient areas, or visiting and enjoying beaches, cultural, artistic, recreational and social activities, and marine and land sports," columnist **Abeer Mubarak** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"Tourism has become an important economic, social and investment option, which countries are interested in and spend millions on, to attract tourists from all over the world, a very important economic turning point due to the direct and indirect impact on many industries and other economic activities.

"It is an industry and a craft. There are those who know its secrets and are able to develop it, while others improvise and do nothing in this field and cannot. They lack the spirit of competition, so ideas remain without exploitation, for the absence of tourism as a concept and industry, and it is replaced by failure and the disappearance of wealth.

"We are a people who deserve joy and achieve happiness away from the pressures of daily life. The joy industry is very complicated, but it begins first with knowing what we have, and how to use what we have? How do we market it to ourselves before others?"

"The task is difficult after this pause and absence from the tourist map, especially since our brothers in the Gulf have preceded us with great strides, but at the same time it is not impossible, and the starting kick is possible, as we have always been the first.

"Why are we today more like 'People of the Cave'? Dear Touristic Enterprises Company your entertainment projects are not in line with Kuwait's vision '2035'.

"We deserve a public policy and a new management for tourism and entertainment as an industry, with an innovative mentality that possesses intellectual creativity that looks forward to the future and leadership and not to look at what is under its feet.

"In order to reduce the severe bleeding that we lose in tourism abroad, we only need to highlight the deposits of our heritage wealth and exploit our marine wealth and our beautiful marine islands, nature, and desert nature that can be exploited by desert eco-tourism and wild sports, and presented in an attractive modern manner, with the best service provided. We can exploit and deepen it through the marketing of our leisure tourism industry."

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"On the occasion of the first anniversary of His Highness the Amir Sheikh

Nawaf Al-Ahmad – may God protect him – assuming the reins of government, succeeding His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah – may God grant rest to his soul, we extend our congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Nawaf," columnist **Dr Hind Al-Choumar** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"We must remember the great people who believed in God's decree and destiny. The transfer of power was carried out in a civilized manner that reflect the authenticity of the Kuwaiti people and their heritage. The authenticity of nations appears in times of adversity, as it happened one year ago.

"Now, we must read challenges that require a united stand behind the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad. We must not allow division between us. The contract between the ruler and the ruled in Kuwait is peculiar and it is the safety valve with which we have been able to overcome adversity.

"Kuwait is strong with the arms of its loyal sons and their determination to maintain national security and stability. We yearn for development through the unity of the nation's sons behind the wise leadership.

"Health, education, scientific research, women's freedom and access to a privileged position among countries throughout the world is not possible unless everyone unites around their wise leadership and gets involved in collective action."

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"The Touristic Enterprises Company has a bigger name... Even its name in English suggests luxury and that it is wonderful. It has everything a tourist or expatriate dreams of a place to spend fun and beautiful times!!" columnist **Dr Naji Al-Zaid** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"The company makes one think we have something that impresses the tourist and the expatriate with the following as evidence:

1. Entertainment City... (closed)
2. Skating Rink... (closed)
3. Dancing Fountain... (Closed)
4. Towers... (closed)
5. Public parks... (neglected)

"These are facilities supervised by the company. It is possible to add the zoo, Diwaniya of Nabat Poets, Diwaniyat Al-Bahar, and others..."

"I forgot that we have a land for exhibitions that does not have any exhibition in order to be classified as a tourist attraction because its exhibitions are seasonal and limited, unless we consider what is currently happening inside it as a tourist exhibition worth visiting – the queues of those taking Corona vaccine."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

Kuwaiti Pavilion at Expo '20 Dubai a 'national & Arab source of pride'

Kuwaiti journalists commend Kuwait Pavilion



Al-Dhifeeri during the meeting.

KUNA photo

By Fawaz Al-Otaibi

DUBAI, Oct 2, (KUNA): A number of Kuwaiti media figures and journalists on Saturday opined that the Kuwaiti Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai is a "national and Arab source of pride" and mirrors an "integrated" image of Kuwait's heritage, reality, accomplishments and aspirations for sustainable development.

Speaking to KUNA while touring the Kuwaiti booth, they said they were impressed by the pavilion's exterior architectural design and interior contents which reflect Kuwait's past, glorious present and promising future.

Al-Kuwaitiya Editor-in-Chief Zuhair Al-Ebad said Kuwait's participation in this world event is an "obvious message to the world that Kuwait is steadily heading towards a bright future".

He added that the Kuwaiti section caught the eyes of visitors, and Arab and world media representatives thanks to its fruitful activities which were organized on Friday evening.

Pride

Almajlis TV Director-General Suleiman Al-Samhan believed that the highly visited facility is actually a source of pride and an exceptional chance to manifest Kuwait's heritage and culture.

He boasted that Kuwait's great humanitarian role and efforts, through Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and Kuwait Red Crescent Society and other relief bodies, are highlighted at the pavilion.

He regarded Kuwait's present in the expo as proof of its ability to promote its accomplishments, especially regarding its response to the globally spreading novel Coronavirus (Covid-19).

Al-Anba Managing Editor Mohammad Al-Husseini said in a similar statement to KUNA that the striking interaction of the public and visitors with the Kuwaiti heritage paintings during the Kuwaiti section's activities is deemed a source of pride and success for the organizers. The Kuwaiti pavilion manifests an integrated picture of Kuwait's history, development, economy, society and world humanitarian role, in addition to future aspirations, Al-Husseini pointed out.

On his part, Kuwaiti Electronic Media Union's Chairman Faisal Al-Sawagh considered Kuwait's participation in this world exhibition, in addition to the continual visits of Kuwaiti delegations to the pavilion, as a big opportunity for communications and meetings with several world institutions and companies willing to forge partnerships and open new horizons.

He highly commended the role of Kuwaiti young people in delivering the message of Kuwait embodied in the banner: "New Kuwait ... New Opportunities for Sustainability".

Eye-catching

Representing His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi opened the Kuwaiti Pavilion at Expo 200 Dubai on Friday evening.

Themed "New Kuwait ... New Opportunities for Sustainability", the Kuwaiti pavilion, which is located at the Sustainability District of the Expo, features the eye-catching and striking products and notions of various Kuwaiti institutions. The pandemic-delayed Expo 2020 Dubai was opened last night, bringing together 192 countries to show off their cutting-edge products as well as peculiarities of their history, folklore and heritage.

Themed: "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future", the event, which takes place from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022, highlights music, architecture, technology and culture from around the globe as part of its packed events calendar.

The event will provide all attendees with the opportunity to celebrate the history and achievements of other countries. It will also bring together the world's brightest minds through its Program for People and Planet, which gives visitors of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to enjoy and make the most of this exceptional event.

'Support continues'

Kuwaiti Dy FM attends UN-led talks on Sudan

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2, (KUNA): Deputy Foreign Minister Majdi Al-Dhifeeri led on Thursday Kuwait's delegation at international talks on the situation in Sudan, held on the United Nations General Assembly fringes.

At the meeting, co-chaired by the UN and Norway, the ambassador highlighted the importance of attaining stability in Sudan, and the support Kuwait continues to contribute towards this goal. "Kuwait supports the efforts of the international community to ensure the success of the transitional government's endeavors to achieve security and stability in a manner that achieves the hopes and aspirations of the brotherly Sudanese people," he added.

Also:

KHARTOUM: World Bank President David Malpass said Thursday the bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), the US, the UK and France are ready to help Sudan overcome its economic trouble and to have smooth democratic transition.

Malpass made the press remark following a meeting with Sudanese Prime Minister **Abdulla Hamdoug** in Khartoum, saying that both sides had discussed the current economic situation in Sudan.

The World Bank's chief noted that he was accompanied during his Khartoum visit by a high-level delegation seeking to help this Arab country overcome its difficult stage. (KUNA)

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the panel and the concerned institutions to discuss the traffic issue.

Al-Saqaabi explained that the reason behind his plan to call for the meeting is the government's failure to implement the recommendations of National Assembly during the special session on Jan 9, 2020 after the death of Kuwaiti cyclist Saad Al-Subai'e because of an accident on Sheikh Jaber Causeway. He added more than 20 recommendations were presented that time, including the allocation of lanes and tracks for cyclists.

He asserted the government is not concerned about sports in general, and cycling in particular, despite the rising number of cyclists in the country. He said Qatar allotted a 34-kilometer cycling track, while Saudi Arabia announced its plan to establish a track more than 134 kilometers long for cyclists within its 2030 development. In Kuwait, cyclists are facing the danger of losing their lives due to the absence of cycling tracks.

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