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'Status quo to persist despite optimism on national dialogue'

"IT IS a known fact the Jews through their dialogues and negotiations are known to tilt towards dividing the difference or the negotiation over any issue into two parts, keeping one in their favor and the other in favor of the other party," columnist Dr. **Khaled Ahmad Al-Saleh**, wrote for *Al-Rai* daily.

"However, they start with their part by confirming that this is non-negotiable, as such they start negotiating over the other party where the outcomes of the relevant negotiations and irrespective of its outcomes, will certainly be in their favor, because they are sure they will get the slice of the other half also.

"Will the proposed Kuwait dialogue use the same tactic? Will the government discuss the opposition's issues, and reach a compromise solution with it, forgetting the government's issues that should be put on the discussion table like the opposition's issues?"

"I hope that the people's interlocutors start with the issues of the state that were and still are the core of the dispute and on top of these issues is the conflict of interests in the administration of the state. Suspicions are responsible for all that delay in the administration of the state for decades.

"Tenders for the benefit of minorities, and parachute appointments that made many diligent people turn to diwanias and intermediaries instead of laboratories, factories and farms, and unresolved chronic issues, such as diversified sources of income, demographics, housing issues, different salary scales, delays in recruitment and many others, because the people who are responsible to solve these issues are the stakeholders who benefit from the continuation of those issues.

"The idea of the national dialogue must be represented by the title it bears, which is the title given by His Highness the Amir, and this means that it should be a national dialogue and not a legislative dialogue and not a dialogue that satisfies a specific party, whether it is legislative or executive, a dialogue in which one party does not seek to overpower the other but takes into account the interest of the homeland and not the interest of a small part of the country.

"Of course, as usual, many will be busy directing this dialogue, just as the hungry are busy dragging a loaf of bread to their side, and among those busy people are those who are directed by the government, and some of them directed by those with influence and interests, and very few will be patriots who

see the danger at the end of the tunnel.

"They know the opportunities presented by His Highness the Amir must be exploited to rearrange the Kuwaiti house for the benefit of all Kuwaitis, especially the youth of Kuwait, who feel frustrated and helpless in light of the spread of discrimination and attempts by some to empty the treasury.

"If the dialogue succeeds, we will all open a new stage in a new Kuwait that is racing with its sisters in the GCC countries towards civilized development. The signs of the dialogue's success are strong political will, transparency in the proposal, the participation of multiple sectors and those that question the dialogue.

"These are all signs of the success of the national dialogue, but if the dialogue fails, its first signs will be ambiguity and letters of courtesy, and articles of thanks and reverence with paid advertisements to announce the success of the failed dialogue. These are signs of the failure of the dialogue that will keep us as we were."

Also:

"For over a period of time Kuwait is in an imperative need of a blanket national reconciliation – a reconciliation on political, popular, economic and social levels, because the ruling power during this period has monopolized the management of the affairs of the state and the decision making process," columnist and legal expert **Mohammad Al-Moqatea** wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.

"This period has witnessed the imposition of restrictions on the freedoms of the people sometimes through unfair legislations issued by the National Assembly. Take for example the enactment of laws in the name of electronic crimes and the audio-visual laws under which many individuals and politicians were pursued for expressing their opinions and this resulted in a strange phenomenon which was unknown and not heard of in Kuwait – the 'political prisoners'. This phenomenon has aggravated on a daily basis until an unbelievable number of people or the phenomenon migrants where this had started aggravating day by day to such an extent it had reached to an unbelievable number for a small country like Kuwait.

"Apart from the above, this period has witnessed, the stripping of the powers of their natural roles and this has resulted in paralyzing the state institutions and apparatuses to such an extent we found some cases of denigration and political and executive takeover has taken place where some political parties have cooperated and started imposing their wills on the different affairs of the state joints. This state of weakness and political dispersion currently

prevails among the local political powers as well as among the institutions of the civil community, which have assisted the relevant parties to achieve their domination, particularly since we know that the civil community has always been playing a vital role in terms of achieving the necessary balance in Kuwait.

"Meanwhile, it can be observed that the absence of the political and economic balance among the parties which are involved in maintaining such an equation of balance throughout the previous decades surfaced during the tenure of the two consecutive Parliaments in 2013 and 2016 respectively which are considered the worst terms of the National Assembly in the country's parliamentary history, because they have been bargaining over the country's basics, gains, constitution and freedoms, as such we found how the country, witnessed a fearful setback during the recent years, let alone this has coincided with the freedom of the press and media and created a kind of panic and fear among local newspapers to such an extent they have backed away from its support to the freedoms and the democratic system as it had done before.

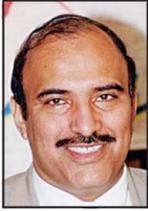
"However, in the wake of all of these circumstances and ramifications, an imperative need for national reconciliation has emerged, particularly under the aggravation of the political crisis which has reflected on the activities of the National Assembly, where it has simply been stripped of an overwhelming majority and this has hampered the decision-making process although the majority can boast three-fifths of the elected parliament members. This happens because the government is uncooperative government.

"Such being the case, issues such as amnesty, freedoms and reforming the election system has been nipped in the bud, and the national values are in steady retreat, while corruption has spread in all joints of the system and theft of public money has increased.

"In other words, what is happening today under the title of the so-called 'national dialogue' is not in line with the fact, because the dialogue has its own nature, conditions, parties and topics which are not applicable to what is currently happening, and because what is happening at the moment, is just political bargaining or may be political negotiations for ending political crisis more than a blanket national dialogue.

"Anyway, in spite of the above, we hope that these negotiations will bear fruit and those involved will come out with a real solution to help achieve the interest of the homeland and the citizens and close the files of which the citizens are tired of and do what is beneficial to the state and the citizens."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb



Khaled Al-Saleh



The accident in which the Egyptian man died.

Egyptian dead; one still missing

An unidentified 48-year-old Egyptian, died in road accident in Abdali while on his way to Kuwait City. He allegedly collided with another vehicle which killed him on the spot, reports *Al-Anba* daily.

Acting on information police, paramedics and firemen rushed to the spot and referred the corpse to Forensics.

The incident has been reported as 'Accident Death'.

Meanwhile, the Public Relations and Media Department of the Directorate-General Fire Department (DGFD),

stated that the efforts of the firefighters and marine rescuers are still continuing in the search of the last missing person – part of the 10 men – who drowned off the Al-Bida Beach Friday evening, reports *Al-Anba* daily.

The administration explained one of the three persons who were rushed to the intensive care unit (ICU) of a hospital in critical condition died in spite of valiant efforts by a medical team while the other one has been discharged and the third is moved to the general ward.

Brothers jailed, sisters freed

Citizen acquitted

By Jaber Al-Hamoud
Al-Seyassah Staff and Agencies

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 10: The Court of Appeals acquitted the Kuwaiti owner of a company of the charge of human trafficking during the implementation of a work contract with the US Army in Kuwait to facilitate provision of visas for a large number of expatriate workers.

The Public Prosecution charged the accused and others with forming an organized criminal group for bringing the victims from their country to Kuwait through fraud and deception, and obtaining large sums of money from them by deluding them of the existence of job opportunities for them inside the country. The suspects carried out these activities by taking advantage of a contract concluded between the US Army and the company of the first defendant to provide 585 workers for educational and training services for the benefit of the US Army in Kuwait.

During the court session, the defense counsel to the first defendant Lawyer Jarrah Hadi Al-Enezi explained that his client, who pleaded not guilty to the accusations against him, faced complications and intransigence by the Inspection and Labor Department. The company file was closed, which made it unable to complete the administrative procedures he had started for registering workers.

The lawyer added that the investigations conducted were faulty and invalid given that the prosecution did not present tangible evidence, let alone the absence of the elements of the crime and criminal intent of his client. The court responded to the defense of Lawyer Jarrah Al-Enezi, and acquitted his client of the charges of human trafficking and illegally recruiting migrant workers.

Sister kept captive: In its first hearing, the Criminal Court sentenced three brothers to imprisonment, and released three sisters on bail of KD 20,000 each, on charges of kidnapping, threatening, and detaining their sister in a jail-like compartment in order to take away her freedom of movement.

According to the case file, the victim told a maid who frequented her that she had been subjected to detention in a jail-like room following disputes with her family, and asked her to report her suffering. Immediately, the Public Prosecution commissioned the Ministry of Interior to investigate the matter.

By ascertaining the situation, the Public Prosecution obtained permission to raid the house, liberate the girl, arrest her brothers and sisters, initiate a criminal case against them. It coordinated with the concerned authorities to provide her with adequate housing.

Fake maids office raided: The General Department of Public Relations and Security Media Department at the Ministry of Interior said during a raid on fictitious domestic workers hiring offices, 12 persons who were reported absconding by their employers – nine of them whose residence permits had expired and two without identification papers – have been arrested, reports *Al-Anba* daily.

The raid took place upon instructions of the Assistant Undersecretary for Residence Affairs at the Ministry of Interior Major-General Anwar Al-Barjas in the context of the efforts exerted by the Department's Investigations and the Violators Follow-up Department to keep a tap on the fictitious domestic workers hiring offices.

The daily said the raid happened in the suburb of Farwaniya after receiving information that these offices were offering illegal workers for employment on hourly and daily basis.

From King

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It is at that time the water-man, who was released from prison, told the king about Yusuf with whom he had shared his dream. The king then asked him to go to prison to meet Yusuf in order for the latter to interpret his dream.

Yusuf explained the dream, and presented the correct solution. The water-man returned to his king and told the king what Yusuf said. The king then ordered, "Bring him to me", and he honored Yusuf.

The king of Egypt asked him what he wanted, and Yusuf said, "Put me in charge of the treasuries of the earth, for I am a knowledgeable guardian".

It is customary in the United States of America, France, Germany and other developed countries that each new president brings with him a team of new staff and advisors, and does not seek the assistance of anyone who was in the era before him.

This is due to the fact that if those people had succeeded in their jobs, they would have succeeded in winning a new term for their president, or at least their party would have won the elections. Seeking help from those who are outdated or have expired, especially those who see nothing from such sensitive positions except the benefit of their families and themselves or their political currents, represents the beginning of the collapse of states.



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Lieutenant-General Khaled Al-Mekrad during a tour after the opening of the center.

'Fourth center opened this year'

The Chief of the Kuwaiti General Fire Brigade, Lieutenant-General Khaled Al-Mekrad, said that the Independence Center in the West Abdullah Al-Mubarak area is the fourth center to be opened in the new areas this year.

In a press conference on the occasion of the opening of the center on Sunday, under the patronage of Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, Al-Mekrad added that other centers will be opened soon to complete the (firefighting) plan for reducing the period of response to accidents.

He explained that this would also achieve community security, be-

cause fire stations are considered a safety valve for all citizens and residents to preserve their lives and property.

For his part, the head of the force for the combat sector, Major General Jamal Badr, said that the design of the center came in a modern and typical way that suits all the needs of firefighters, providing them with the utmost levels of service and comfort.

Badr added that the building contains training and lecture halls, gyms and swimming pools, and will cover the entire West Abdullah Al-Mubarak area and the surrounding areas, and will support the rest of the fire stations in cases of major accidents. (KUNA)

Other Voices

Who's going to bell the cat?

By Ahmad alsarraf

"You should have refrained from issuing such defective decisions, especially as they were issued regarding activities that were never practiced but rather prohibited in accordance with the decisions of the Council of Ministers in this regard, particularly during the difficult period of the Corona virus which caused the disruption of work in all ministries and State institutions."

Accordingly, your authority's withdrawal of this decision is not considered a favor but rather a duty and a correction to what it did when it decided to spend on activities – if they were originally practiced – under these difficult circumstances punishable by law for violating the decisions of the Council of Ministers issued on banning them.

As for the two resolutions (4144/2021) of May 27, 2021, regarding the disbursement of financial rewards to participants in the last ten days of Ramadan for the fiscal year (2020-2021) and (4147/2021) of May 27 2021 regarding the disbursement of financial rewards to the participants in the summer clubs for the year (2020-2021), the Civil Service Commission (CSC) confirms the incorrectness of these two decisions, both of which were issued regarding activities to be practiced at that time that go against reality and logic.

The question that arises here is "What activity can be practiced while all mosques are closed, and there is a total ban imposed in all parts of the country? In addition, by reviewing the statements attached to your two decisions, the subject of the violation, it was found that the majority of the expenditures are for secretaries, administrative

supervisors, employees, what role is entrusted to these?

This is with reference to the fact that your authority has previously inquired about the permissibility of disbursing the reward for cultural and preaching lessons to the Kuwaiti Imams by means of remote communication (online) – the CSC replied in its letter No. 16-08-2021 stating that it is not permissible to grant this reward to those who carry out the work of cultural lessons and preaching who have done their work through this medium (online), and accordingly your authority should have adhered to this principle in all activities.

However, in violation of this principle, it issued two disbursement decisions, and this cost the State approximately 240 thousand dinars, which was unlawfully disbursed to 1,195 employees whose names were mentioned in the statements attached to the two aforementioned decisions.

Therefore, the CSC confirms that the violation is still present, and requires the necessary correction, along with providing it with evidence of the recovery of the amounts that were unlawfully disbursed to those included in the two resolutions subject of the violation.

It is a severe criticism, unequivocal accusations of harming state funds, explicit violations of Cabinet decisions, and unjustified waste of public funds. What is even more painful is that the party which directed the accusation is strictly a government body, and the accused party is neither a sporting nor an artistic body, for example, but rather the Ministry of Awqaf, which is entrusted with the matter of inciting righteous morals, defending values and preserving religion.

After all that, no decision has yet been issued to punish those responsible for this scandal and many others similar to them, and we are still waiting for someone to move, such as the prosecution or Nazaha to investigate the matter.

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