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'Lessons from October war ... force only option to take back lost land'

"THE Sixth of October War or the Tenth of Ramadan War as it is known in Egypt and other Arab countries, or the October War as it is known in Syria, or the Yom Kippur War as it is known in Israel, was a war waged by Egypt and Syria in 1973 against Israel, and it was the fourth Arab-Israeli war," columnist Adel Nayef Al-Mazal wrote for Al-Anba daily.

"The Sixth of October War began with coordinating two sudden attacks on the Israeli forces, one of them from the Egyptian army on the occupied Sinai front and another from the Syrian army on the occupied Golan Heights front. The second hour in the afternoon of Saturday, October 6, 1973, was the hour that was hoped for and worked for and awaited by the Arab and Islamic nation as a whole, from the ocean to the Gulf. They formed the first wave of crossing waves, then a flood of infantry and armored forces, and behind this majestic crowd the army of a million fighters.

"Egypt was living one of the most glorious days of its life, and on the Syrian front was artillery preparation, 3 infantry and armored divisions rushed to sweep the Golan Heights, and the world was taken by surprise and the glorious scene of Arab power turned its eyes to Cairo as the command center for military and political action.

"President (Anwar el) Sadat, may God have mercy on him, was at the heart of that historical picture and was waiting for the crossing process in the Suez Canal, which everyone feared, and praise and thanks be to God. The Arab soldier had achieved a miracle on any military scale. He has conquered the largest water barrier in history and eliminated the myth of the invincible Israeli army. When the Arab nation celebrates the October victory, we must remember the years of defeat and remember that we have enemies who are waiting for us and seeking our destruction.

"The great victory achieved by the Arab forces in Egypt and Syria proves beyond any doubt that Arab cohesion and Arab solidarity is the first basis for any Arab victory after God, and that we know that Arab solidarity is manifested in times of hardship and adversity.

"By stopping the pumping of oil to countries that are in solidarity with Israel, and one of the lessons learned from the October war is that what was taken by force can only be recovered by force. Neither conferences nor negotiations can restore the Arabs their rights or their sanctities that have been trampled upon.

"We have to arm ourselves with knowledge and strive for it and seek it at all times and from everywhere, and that we all remember the sermons and lessons and that we are able, God willing, to reclaim Palestine and liberate Al-Aqsa, the destina-

tion of the Prophet, peace be upon him, if we return to God Almighty and work with His Book and the Sunnah of His Messenger and each of us becomes the master of his own decision, not accepting dictates or conditions of others."

Also:

"This week, I read an article by the honorable Professor Ahmad Al-Sarraf commenting on the position of Laith Shubeilat, one of Saddam Hussein's supporters and a supporter of Saddam's occupation of Kuwait," columnist Abdul Mohsen Mohammad Al-Husseini wrote for Al-Anba daily.

"Thank you, Professor Al-Sarraf, for devoting an entire article to respond to Saddamist agent, Laith Shubeilat, who led demonstrations in support of Saddam Hussein's occupation of Kuwait.

"Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, may his soul rest in peace, held several events and conferences to support humanitarian work, and everyone in the world witnessed his humanitarian stances. Sabah Al-Ahmad also organized several events, and yes, Kuwait hosted 3 conferences to support the Syrian refugees and a conference for the reconstruction of Iraq.

"So, Laith, you attacked Kuwait for nothing but a hidden hatred that you carry in your heart against Kuwait. That is why we in Kuwait do not issue any political statement because your matter has become completely exposed. This is Kuwait today practicing all its humanitarian and national political efforts.

"Mr. Shafiq Imam worked for a long time in Kuwait and we knew him as a writer in one of the Kuwaiti newspapers. I sufficed with what Mr. Ahmad Al-Sarraf explained to you about the issue of naturalization.

"Kuwait did not skimp on any expatriate who lived in Kuwait for a long time and provided services and was sincere in his work, and they obtained Kuwaiti citizenship. Kuwait has not closed the door in the face of those who want to be part of the Kuwaiti fabric, and there are many who have obtained the Kuwaiti citizenship, including Palestinians, Egyptians and the rest of the groups.

"But Kuwait does not allow those who want to benefit after obtaining citizenship to benefit from the services that Kuwait provides to its citizens. You were supposed, Professor Shafiq, to record your memoirs about your period of stay in Kuwait. I do not think that Kuwait has fallen short with you, and in conclusion, I can only thank Professor Ahmad Al-Sarraf for this clarification to those who try to offend Kuwait. Kuwait will remain a country of security and peace for everyone who lives in it. Among the sayings of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, may his soul rest in peace I repeat, 'Our homeland is a trust in our necks, and we must preserve it, adhering to our democratic approach, which we have accepted, and our constitution, of which we are proud.'"

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"Congratulations to the people of the sisterly country -- United Arab Emirates (UAE) -- for the opening of the World Expo 2020 Festival, as this event symbolizes messages of love, tolerance, goodness and cooperation between 191 participating countries and peoples of the world including their present and future," columnist Dr Hind Al-Choumar wrote for Al-Anba daily.

"Perhaps, the esteemed brothers who wrestled over troubles and played on divisions without justification will now learn lessons around us and devote themselves to building the homeland and achieving the desired development that Kuwait deserves in all aspects of life. We hope they will learn from the unity of the UAE and its impact on development and realizing the aspirations of the citizens.

"The dream has come true in terms of development projects, because wisdom prevails and everyone avoids calls for division and unjustified disputes. We must learn a lot from them because life's challenges are big and multiple. Therefore, visionaries and initiators must take charge of the important things to achieve development.

"The World Expo hosted by the UAE was supposed to be held from Oct 20, 2020 to April 10, 2021, but it was canceled due to the Corona pandemic, following the World Health Organization's instruction to cancel conferences or celebrations for fear of further spread of the virus. This international exhibition is held every five years in a developed country. The UAE won its hosting at the conclusion of the previous session, which was held in Paris."

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"Many political blocs welcomed the invitation of His Highness the Amir to hold a dialogue between the legislative and executive authorities in order to address issues concerning both authorities," columnist Dr Abdulmohsen Hamada wrote for Al-Jarida daily.

"Certainly, the dispute between the two authorities and its transformation into a conflict as it happened last year will hinder the development and reform processes.

"It is difficult to succeed in the development and reform processes in light of this conflict that is harmful to the interest and reputation of the State. Some believe that the State does not need to conduct any dialogue.

"This opinion is being promoted by personalities who love Kuwait and its interest. With due respect to those who expressed such an opinion and our trust in those who adopted it, we want to stress that we believe in the importance of dialogue. For dialogue to succeed, all parties must adhere to its etiquette -- the most important of which is respect for each other."

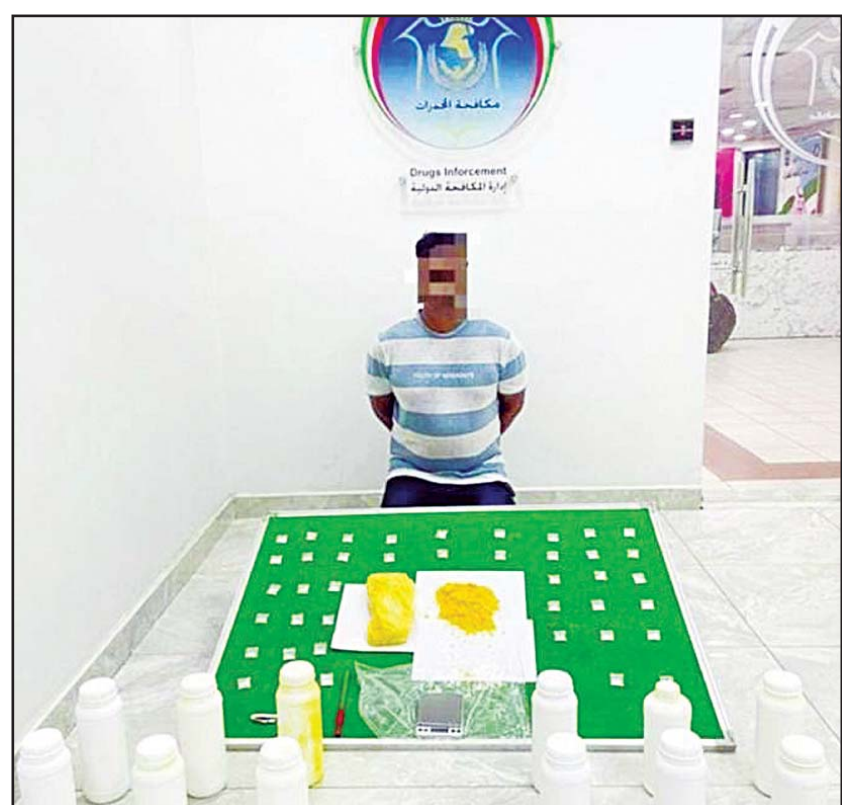
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Adel Al-Mazal

Heirs win property lawsuit

Road company sent for probe



Top : The suspect with the contraband seized. Above: The counterfeit goods seized by the customs.

By Jaber Al-Hamoud
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KUWAIT CITY, Oct 13: The Supreme Court obligated a Kuwaiti woman to pay the heirs of a deceased Kuwaiti woman KD 320,000, which was the value of a property that she sold under an official agency when the deceased was admitted in the hospital. The court also obligated her to pay KD 2,000 as moral compensation for the damages sustained.

According to the case file, Lawyer Abdul Mohsen Al-Qattan, who was representing the heirs, explained that the woman had died in 2016 and her inheritance was limited to his clients based on an inheritance determination. She was hospitalized in 2015 until the date of her death. During her period in the hospital, the defendant sold the property owned by the hospitalized woman under a preliminary contract for another person. Since the amounts were not delivered to the plaintiffs despite amicable requests, they resorted to filing a lawsuit.

Regarding the plaintiffs' request to receive compensation for material damages, the court explained in the rationale for its ruling that it has been decided by the Court of Cassation that the basis for the compensation for material damage is a breach of the financial interest of the injured party. The damage is real, and it has either already occurred or its occurrence in the future is verified. The burden of proving the damage rests with the injured party and to elicit its availability or non-availability falls within the authority of the subject court without a penalty as long as it has established its judiciary on justified reasons.

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Road firm under probe: The Public Authority for Roads and Land Transport (PART) said a statement Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology, Dr. Rana Abdullah Al-Fares, issued decision at dawn Wednesday, to refer the company in charge of the maintenance of the King Abdulaziz Expressway to the Public Prosecution, reports Al-Rai daily.

This happened following the tragic accident that killed a Kuwaiti as a result of a manhole cover which was in safety lane on King Abdulaziz Expressway.

Minister Al-Fares also ordered PART to form an urgent and impartial investigation committee. This is in addition to suspending from work the PART Director-General, as well as the suspension of the Director of the Highway Maintenance Department at the authority in what the statement called 'public interest' until completion of the investigations by the Public Prosecution.

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Work permits renewed: The Deputy Director-General of the Public Authority for Manpower for the Labor Affairs Sector, Abdullah Al-Mutatah, announced the renewal of 666,000 work permits during the period from January 12 to September 30 this year, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Al-Mutatah added in a television interview that during the Corona pandemic, about 59,000 workers left the labor market voluntarily, in addition to others from government shelters.

He stated that the authority's system contains 111,000 thousand special files for companies and 180,000, employing 1.4 million workers.

He pointed out that during the above mentioned period, 146,000 workers sought transfer from one company to another.

Kuwaiti women to join army as regular forces

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 13: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali will soon issue a decision to allow Kuwaiti women to join the Kuwaiti armed forces, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Reliable sources told the daily the decision will allow Kuwaiti women to serve the army alongside their male brothers. The women are expected to be inducted as officers and non-commissioned officers in the support services sectors of the Ministry of Defense, such as medical services and other departments and sectors of the Kuwaiti army.

The first batch, the sources said, will consist of between 100 and 150 women, who will be nominated for the officers and non-commissioned officers' course.

Other Voices

'We don't need foreigners?'

By Ahmad alsarraf

I get up in the morning and find breakfast is ready. I thank Gemma and leave the house in my car that Carl cleaned. I drive it to the nearby gas station and fill the tank with petrol. I hand my Sri Lankan friend Ranta my bank card and half a dinar to see a smile on his face.

I head towards my office, find a cup of coffee waiting for me with the morning greeting from Olfat. My phone rings and the housekeeper tells me the fridge isn't working, and the air-conditioner in the hall is making a strange noise. I call Al-Hasawi Company to repair the refrigerator, and another call to Mr. "Sabouni" to maintain the air conditioner.

I go back to reading my messages, but it seems that this day will not pass peacefully, as the Indian supervisor "Manaf" entered to tell me that the water supply has been cut off.

I called a relative who works in the office of the undersecretary of the Ministry of Electricity and Water and he called the network maintenance company in Sabhan, and within half an hour Pakistani workers came and the problem was resolved.

I left the office in the afternoon to go shopping. The Iranian baker in cooperative society was ready to hand me extra sesame bread. I entered the Co-op and asked the Bangladeshi worker to help me push the trolley and find my things off the shelves.

On the way home, I remembered the dental cleaning appointment at Dr. Husam. I found a message from him waiting for me apologizing, and that his Nepalese assistant "Hanta" will take care of the cleaning.

I walked out of the clinic to a bakery, where, two days before, I had ordered a birthday cake for my granddaughter, Laura, and a cake for the other granddaughter, Jazzy. Filipino saleswoman Joy was generous in her insistence on contributing to the feast with a small bag of chocolate bars.

On my way home, I felt the steering wheel was tilting to the left strongly, and within moments a sign appeared in front of me informing me that there was a malfunction in one of the tires. I changed my direction to the workshop of my Syrian friend "Hamo", and he took care of the matter, and within minutes I was on my way home with a smile on the face of Hamo.

In the afternoon I went to the fairgrounds to take the third dose. I found that the majority of those who cared

for me and tens of thousands of others were of multiple nationalities.

I left happily, heading to the lawyer's office to follow up on an opinion case that was brought against me. Counsellor Hamdi Sabri received me, and confirmed the strength of my position, and that "Jalal" would take care of the matter, and asked the Bangladeshi tea boy Abdul Salam to make coffee for me.

I ended my tiring day by going to Al-Yousifi's electronics store, where I bought from the Lebanese salesman a TV set with a huge screen, and Maroon promised that he would personally come home to supervise its installation.

When I got home, the cook told me that the outside kitchen sink was overflowing. It was seven in the evening. I called the Co-op sanitary workshop, and they immediately sent Saad, an Iraqi plumber who did the job well.

When I put my head on the pillow, I wondered what would it be like if all of these were not around me, this is nothing but thousands of craftsmen, doctors, drivers, nurses, X-ray, MRI and SONAR technicians, farmers, clerks, salespersons, butchers, electricians, welders, painters, construction workers, and crane drivers, and operators of paving machines, and tens of thousands of unknown people working at power stations, water distillation plants, and oil fields, working all hours of the day and night in the open, and in extreme conditions, in addition to tens of thousands of security guards in the most dangerous and sensitive places, so that we may be blessed with all these services, then an ignorant person comes and says, 'We do not want Egyptians, we do not want the Indians and we do not want foreigners'.

These ignorant people are the first to shout, blame the government because services have deteriorated, employment has been lost, and wages have risen.

Hated of foreigners, expatriates or residents -- whatever you call them -- is a phenomenon that exists in almost all countries of the world without exception. Most of the simple people view these immigrants with suspicion and a security and social burden, and they constitute a competition for them in the labor market. Some also believe that their presence puts pressure on services and infrastructure, other than their security problems.

The solution is not to expel the foreigners but rather to apply the law, to toughen the punishment for residence traders, facilitate the entry of those the state needs and deport the unemployed, and this is not impossible, if you exclude the interests of the influential.

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Drug pusher nabbed in Fahaheel

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 13: Personnel from the General Department of Drugs Control (GDCC) have arrested an Asian drug pusher and seized from him 10 kilos of chemical derivatives, 100 grams of Shabu and a sensitive electronic scale.

The department said the arrest came after the security received a tip-off from a police agent following which the suspect's home was raided in Fahaheel and the man was taken into custody.

According to a statement issued by the Public Relations and Security Media Department of the Ministry of Interior, the man admitted to trafficking in drugs. The contraband and the Asian have been referred to the concerned authorities.

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Fake goods seized: The customs officers at the air customs warehouses, which are affiliated to the Department of Public and Private Customs Warehouses, have seized counterfeit branded clothes and pens, reports Al-Rai daily.

The General Administration of Customs explained in a statement that the seizure came within the framework of the directives issued by the Director

of the Customs, Counselor Jamal Al-Jalawi, to check, inspect and follow up on the incoming consignments to the country to prevent prohibited materials entering the country.

The sources added after the shipment arrived from a Gulf country and after it was taken to the air customs warehouses it was subjected to a thorough check and officers found the goods -- approximately 5,600 pens and 600 pieces of clothing -- were counterfeit carrying well-known brand names.

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Hunt for arsonist: An unidentified person reportedly set fire to three cars which were parked in front of the house of a Kuwaiti in Siddiq, reports Al-Rai daily.

A security source said "initial investigations indicated that it was a case of arson because police found traces of petrol in the area. According to security sources, the son of the owner of the house told police there was a dispute between him and some people and pointed a finger of accusation against them. The fire was put out by the area firemen.

The suspects have been summoned for interrogation.