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Kuwaiti female journos excel in reporting, attracting high views

Passionate... seeking non-traditional stories

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KUWAIT CITY, Oct 13, (KUNA): Kuwaiti female journalists have excelled in their reporting specially during the coronavirus pandemic, mingling with people smoothly thus making their stories interesting and attracting high views.

It was their passion that made them seek non-traditional stories, giving them a growing popularity.

Radio broadcaster Jenan Al-Zaid said she joined Al-Qabas newspaper's online service in 2019 and did a report about begging in Kuwait.

Speaking to KUNA, Al-Zaid said she discovered her passion in investigative reporting. It is adventurous but absolute fun, she said.

She began her investigative reporting, she added, about so-called "thieves market" in Jleeb Al-Shyokh Area, where she also accompanied police forces to report on campaigns against violations by restaurants and coffee shops.

"This report resulted in the locking down of the area for three months. At this instance, the journalist feels how important her role is in covering important issues," said Al-Zaid.

She said she did not feel being threatened while reporting in dangerous areas because once she held the



Bibi Al-Khodhari

microphone she felt with "courage and a great desire to hunt the corrupt ... the desire to achieve something block any feeling of fear."

Al-Zaid admitted she was threatened because of her reports but that would not stop her from doing what she loved.

Hadeel Al-Musaileem said it was

her childhood dream to be a journalist, and found out that the passion was in reporting about different kinds of topics, like sport stories in which she gets to meet with people with a winning mindset.

Speaking to KUNA, Al-Musaileem said her family were standing by her and were also providing feedback on

her programs.

Dana Al-Uwaisi said she worked in media since she was 15 years old but was restricted with the traditional type of media.

She joined Al-Qabas online service and began genuine reporting.

She told KUNA her reports about popular restaurants have great impacts among Kuwaitis and expatriates. It made viewers realize how customers were loyal to a certain restaurant because of the service it offered.

Some Egyptian and Jordanian restaurant owners thanked them for educating people about their food "which is a culture that bring people closer," she said.

Al-Uwaisi said she also loved reporting about environmental issues and how dumping of wastes was damaging the environment.

Dana Al-Bahar, a journalist in Sar-mad media network and a Mass Communication graduate, said her dedication and hardwork made the others acknowledge her work.

Al-Bahar said she loved political program, covering the 2020 parliamentary elections which was a great experience for her.

Bibi Al-Khodhari, meanwhile, said she enjoyed field reporting because it was an opportunity to interact with people.

Al-Khodhari hoped to have a personal contribution to media in Kuwait, Gulf and Arab regions in order to make a positive change.



Radio broadcaster Jenan Al-Zaid



Hadeel Al-Musaileem



Dana Al-Uwaisi

Dr Sabreyah on The Guest Show

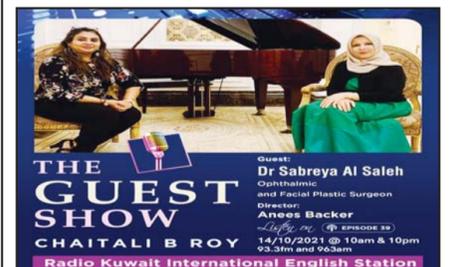
Dr Sabreyah Al Saleh is an extraordinary woman. She rose from simple beginnings to become one of Kuwait's most prominent and pioneering ophthalmic and oculofacial plastic surgeons. Striving for perfection is in a way Dr Sabreyah's trademark. No matter what she does, as a doctor, a surgeon, an entrepreneur or a designer - all of which she is, she has strived for perfection.

After graduating from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dr Sabreyah trained in London, Edinburgh and New York. An ophthalmic surgeon by training, she went on to specialize in oculofacial surgery.

She is the first Kuwaiti woman doctor to specialize in oculofacial, plastic and orbital surgery. Her work as a surgeon has helped countless patients ranging from severe trauma and critical cases to women who want to better their looks. Known as the queen of eyelid surgeries in Kuwait, she was the first Kuwaiti doctor to have clinics in Kuwait, Dubai and Ireland. After putting her trademark on the eye and facial reconstruction surgery, and helping set up the plastic surgery unit at Royal Hayat, Dr Sabreyah Al Saleh opened her own centre of excellence called Royal Victoria Medical Centre at Sabah Al Salem.

Dr Sabreyah has lived life on her own terms. Going against norms, she married a non-Kuwaiti, a relationship she celebrates and treasures after 25 years of companionship.

On The Guest Show, Dr Sabreyah speaks of her personal and professional journey, her great love for reading, her natural gift for music, her overriding passion to be the best at anything she attempted, her journey of mastering both ophthalmic and oculofacial surgery, and once again, her need to push the boundaries to do the best for her patients, her deep and enduring love for her husband, and her unique ability to synthesize the traditional and the classic, the simple and the exotic. Tune in this Thursday.



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