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'Brave decisions needed to steer education train to right path'

"TODAY WE are facing a difficult reality that requires an educational revolution that can correct the great deviation in the educational sphere in Kuwait which is suffering at various levels and preparatory stages, leading to the university that came out of respected international classifications – like the universities of countries caught up in civil wars, to be complemented by the Ministry of Education that hit the education sector from its foundational stages," columnist **Waleed Abdullah Al-Ghanim** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.



Waleed Al-Ghanim

"In this connection a shocking educational report published by Al-Jarida this week, that third-grade students in Kuwait are not good at writing their names, and 30% do not know how to hold a pen. These are the fruits of mismanagement of the educational system during the Corona pandemic and the absurd decisions adopted by the Ministry of Education over the course of a year and a half to show us the extent of the tragedy in one of the most important pillars of building societies and nations, which is education.

"We have spoken and written repeatedly from the beginning of the Corona pandemic that the Ministry of Education is leading the country into the unknown, and that its handling of the pandemic conditions is clearly below the level of the event, and education has lost the initiative, and has been unable to adapt to the emerging conditions, and has not been imitated even by the simplest experiences around us, and has resorted to easy and destructive solutions such as extended holidays, distance education, online tests, and disruption of an entire school year.

"Kuwait today suffers bitterly from the consequences of these sad turmoils, a situation that Kuwait did not suffer even in the catastrophe of the treacherous Iraqi invasion of 1990 or in re-education after liberation in 1991.

"Anyway, there is no problem without solution, and there are no chronic complications and whatever the difficulty of the situations, but it would have been possible to manage the relevant issues and eventually correct the path in addition to bringing back the train of education into the right railway track, but it is needless to say that the required solution, will not come easily, rather these will be in need of brave decisions and real steps to be issued by the authorities which are capable to appreciate the greatness of the responsibility, let alone that these will be in need also of a specialized educational and academic leaderships to deal with the educational sector and eventually be aware of the deterioration volume which is currently facing the educational aspect and

having a national vision for rescuing the education.

"We do not demand much. Rather, we demand the most basic rights of the citizen and the rights of the sons of Kuwait, which the constitution requires for every Kuwaiti in Article 40, which stipulates that 'Education is a right for Kuwaitis guaranteed by the state in accordance with the law and within the limits of public order and morals...', and we can only say something 'Our children and the future of our country are entrusted to you, and what trust is this?' God bless us all."

Also:

"It seems the academic situation in the country is going well a week after the beginning of the school year in all Kuwaiti schools despite reports on minor cases among students – not exceeding the fingers of one hand," columnist **Abdulrahman Al-Awwad** wrote for **Al-Sabah** daily.

"The plan laid down by the Ministry of Education came to fruition. We must raise the hat to its officials for their elaborate work and tremendous efforts. We should not forget the role of the Ministry of Health and other parties that contributed to the safe return of our sons and daughters to school after an absence of 18 months due to the Corona pandemic which hit the whole world and disrupted all forms of life, including education.

"Here, we must point out that interruption of the children's formal education deprived them of many sciences, which they would have harvested had it not been for the need to enter the distance education system.

"Since the situation is constantly improving and education has returned to its previous era, it is important to stress the need to compensate for the academic loss and pay attention to the information that students missed, especially the important information a person needs in his daily life. This information should not stop at the gates of science and education. We hope the situation will continue to improve, and that the children continue their school journey safely without any inconvenience. We ask God to help school administrations, teachers, students and parents coordinate their efforts for the future of this generation that has been greatly affected by the pandemic."

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"The 86th meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the Eastern Mediterranean started a few days ago. This is an annual meeting held in the region, aside from the meetings of the Executive Council and WHO," columnist **Dr Hind Al-Choumar** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"In the midst of the world's pains due to the poor performance of health

systems, which appeared recently in the management of the Covid-19 file, health has never been under attack by different systems. Instead, corruption issues related to health have become clear for everyone.

"Amid such clamor and tension, there have been calls for reconsideration of international handling and coordination on health. This is in addition to finding a new mechanism, instead that of WHO, to avoid mistakes and improve the performance of the current organization or lay down its new mechanism.

"Many opinions have been expressed, some are specialized and others are related to the arrangement of the international house and organizations and their role. But the question remains and we may not find an answer, especially those who did not benefit from that and chose the position of spectators, as well as those who are not represented in international organizations.

"Some of those who attended did not benefit from the decisions, plans and programs recommended by the organization. However, some of them did not deal with such recommendations as they should have done as manifested in the failure to have tangible achievements in the plans and programs or the failure to realize goals."

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"None of us has not experienced forgetting something or an event. Such an experience is often easy to ignore as you usually find what you are looking for or relive an experience. However, when this is repeated, you start to worry!" columnist **Dr Naji Al-Zaid** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"With age, forgetfulness becomes frequent and its scope expands. The fear of memory loss begins. You do not want to have dementia or Alzheimer's -- both of which can lead to total memory loss.

"What if one day, scientists discover a very simple blood test to look for a small molecule or RNA factor -- any mRNA which are several compounds found in the blood that contribute to building protein, especially in the brain. Scientists discovered that increasing three of these compounds could be useful in diagnosing memory loss diseases.

"The experiment was done on humans and experimental mice. They found that the compounds can be used as an accurate indicator in predicting memory loss two or three years before it occurs.

"This research opens new avenues for preventing diseases related to low neurological capacity that leads to frequent forgetfulness and amnesia. It could also pave way for finding early treatment methods for these serious diseases, which have spread in this era."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

Court orders ex-MP's arrest

Appeals ruling Nov 28



The Indian Ambassador to Kuwait Sibi George called on Lieutenant-General Sheikh Khaled Al-Saleh Al-Sabah, Chief of General Staff of Kuwait Armed Forces, recently and discussed interalia, bilateral ties, ways of enhancing cooperation in various fields especially in the domains of defense and security, and other matters of mutual interest.

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 19: In a step towards the final settlement of the case of bribery, abuse of influence, and visa trade - a case that is infamously known as the "Bangla MP case", the Court of Cassation, during its session on Sunday, ordered the arrest of former MP Salah Khorshid.

The former MP is due to be referred to the Central Prison for the execution of the sentence issued against him by the Court of Appeals, which sentenced him to seven-year imprisonment with hard labor.

The court also set the session of November 28 to decide on the appeals submitted. It decided to release MP Saadoun Hammad, who was acquitted.

During the court session, which was preceded over by Judge Ahmed Al-Ajeel, the defendants Hammad, Khorshid and others were represented. Their defense counsel requested their release and the suspension of the execution of the sentences issued against them until the case is decided.

At the end of the session after hearing the court's decision to refer him to the Central Prison, the health condition of former MP Salah Khorshid worsened. He was immediately taken to a hospital.

In another judicial matter, the Court of Appeals decided to adjourn to November 8 the case, which is known as "ambulance tender bribery case", filed against the deputy head of the Central Tenders Committee and a businessman. The Criminal Court had sentenced the deputy head of CTC, who was arrested by Interpol after his escape, to ten-year imprisonment, dismissed from his job, and ordered the return of KD 290,000.

The second defendant "company manager" was sentenced to four year imprisonment, and imposed the payment of guarantee of KD 4,000 to suspend the sentence. The third defendant "middleman" was acquitted of all charges leveled against him by the Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha).

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Verdict upheld: The Court of Appeals upheld the verdict issued by a lower court, which acquitted 20 citizens including MP Ahmed Al-Shahoumy and MP Youssef Al-Gharib who participated in the by-elections of the Al-Awazem tribe in the First Constituency.

The court rejected the appeal submitted by the Public Prosecution, which had previously decided to allow the release of the defendants on payment of a bail worth KD 1,000 each.



Ministry of Interior officials present a commemorative shield to Lt Gen Khaled Al-Mekrad.

Bid to protect citizens, residents

DGFS, MoI discuss cooperation

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 19: Chief of the Directorate-General of the Fire Services (DGFS) Lieutenant General Khaled Al-Mekrad, received the Director of Operations of the Coordination Command at the Ministry of Interior Major-General Dr. Muhammad Al-Daihani and the Assistant Director of the Coordination Command, Major-General Wael Al-Roumi and the accompanying delegation, to discuss aspects of cooperation between the DGFS and the Coordination Command in security work and to enhance cooperation and interaction in the area of integration in the implementation of joint duties, reports **Al-Anba** daily.

On the occasion of the visit, the Deputy Chief of the DGFS for Combat Sector, Major-General Jamal Badr Nasser, gave a visual presentation of the most prominent modern technological plans and systems that support the decision-making process during crisis and disaster management and the services provided by the fire forces to provide community protection to citizens and residents.

At the end of the visit, the Director of Operations of the Coordination

Command presented a commemorative shield to Lieutenant-General Khaled Al-Mekrad.

Family rescued: Acting on information, firemen rushed to a house in Sabah Al-Salem, put out the fire to the house and rescued some family members who were trapped on the upper floor of their home, reports **Al-Rai** daily.

Without going into details, the daily said the family was rescued with the help of a ladder.

The cause of the fire is not known.

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Kuwaiti hurt: An unidentified Kuwaiti was injured following a collision between two vehicles on the Al-Ghazali Road Monday morning, reports **Al-Rai** daily.

The daily added, the motorist of one of the vehicle was trapped inside his vehicle and police sought the help of firemen to rescue and hand him over to the emergency medical personnel who was then taken to a hospital.

The daily did not give more details.

2,739 expats deported

Panel to study 2022 Amiri pardon

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 19: The Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali has issued a decision to form a committee to study the names of those who can be released on Amiri pardon in 2022, reports **Al-Anba** daily.

The committee which will be headed by the Attorney General, Counselor Muhammad Al-Duaij will have Dr. Manayer Al-Ajran from the Amiri Diwan, Director of Criminal Execution Prosecution Mishaal Al-Ghannam, his assistant Dhari Al-Mujil, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Correctional Institutions Affairs and Sentence Execution Major General Talal Ma'arafa, Brigadier General Nasser Al-Yahya from the Sentence Execution Department, Colonel Juqi Hammoud Al-Hamidi from Legal Affairs at the Ministry

of Interior, and Colonel Khaled Al-Daihani from the Judgment Execution Department as members.

The decision states the committee is responsible for lay down the rules and regulations for the Amiri Amnesty Decree for the year 2022. The decision stipulates the committee work begins on the day of the issuance of the decision and must submit a report to the Ministry of Interior for a follow up on the procedures related to its provisions.

Meanwhile, the Correctional Institutions General Administration, through the Department of Deportation and Temporary Detention Affairs at the Interior Ministry, recently issued statistics showing that a total of 2,739 expatriates were deported from Sept 1 to Oct 17 (47 days) for committing various violations, reports **Al-Qabas** daily.

News in Brief

Condolences expressed: Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah sent on Tuesday a cable of condolences to his US counterpart Lloyd J. Austin over the demise of former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell.

In his cable, the minister recalled Powell's honorary stands and efforts in supporting legitimacy of Kuwait during his participation in Operation Desert Storm in 1991. (KUNA)

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Bilateral topics discussed: Kuwaiti Minister of Trade and Industry Dr. Abdullah Al-Salman met Tuesday with Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Commercial Arbitration Centre (GCC-CAC) Tareq Al-Shumaimry on topics of mutual concern.

Speaking to KUNA on the sidelines of his visit to the GCCAC in Bahrain, the Kuwaiti minister underscored the significance of joint coordination and cooperation with the arbitration center.

The GCCAC chief, in turn, elaborated the center's work and accomplishments since it was launched in March 1995, saying that it was established under an international agreement between the GCC leaders, and declared during a GCC summit in Riyadh in 1993.

He also expounded the arbitration center's activities and services offered to customers, as well as the commercial conflict resolution mechanism. The GCC leaders (GCC Supreme Council) approved the establishment of the GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre and the Centre's Constitution at the 14th Summit Conference held in Riyadh between 20-22nd December, 1993.

The Centre is considered a regional arbitration authority which is independent from the six GCC member states, including the host state. It has an independent legal entity and enjoys administrative, financial and technical independence. The center is considered one of the GCC organs. (KUNA)

Followers tuned in LIVE on Marina platforms, company gave away valuable prizes

Zain celebrated launch of iPhone 13 lineup during biggest virtual event

Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, celebrated the launch of the all-new iPhone 13 lineup during the biggest virtual event of its kind, broadcasted LIVE over the hugely popular Marina Media Group platforms with thousands of followers tuning in.

The event, presented LIVE by a group of Marina FM stars, witnessed the launch of Zain's newest plans for Apple's latest smartphones. The plans feature the best competitive offerings for Zain customers on the company's biggest and most powerful 5G network.

With the presence of Zain's executive management, the company hosted Marina's stars in its main headquarters in Shuwaikh, including Muhannad Abdulrahman (Mic Mbalta3), Fahad Kameel, Rawan Al Marzouq, and



Zain offers latest generation of iPhone over the biggest 5G network with flexible plans and amazing benefits

Humoud Adel. The event was broadcasted via the biggest media platforms, including Marina FM 90.4, Marina TV, OSN, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, and Marina's app. Zain also hosted Kuwaiti photographer Abdulaziz Al Suraiya, who Apple selected as an

ambassador to promote the new iPhone 13 lineup's cameras, to showcase the new devices and their best features.

The company celebrated the occasion with its customers by giving away many valuable prizes, including the all-new iPhone 13 as a mega prize. The event's hashtag also placed first among social

Thousands of followers joined the event along with Marina's stars

Event's hashtag placed first among social media trends

media trends after the huge interaction it witnessed from followers.

Zain unveiled its new iPhone 13 plans for smartphones, which offer more benefits and more value, including a wide range of the latest smartphones, 5G Internet, and other exclusive benefits.

Last year, Zain received 'Kuwait's Fastest Fixed

Broadband Network' award for Q1-Q2 2020 from Ookla, the company behind the renowned Speedtest Internet testing platform, and the global leader in transparent Internet testing applications, data, and analysis.

The announcement comes to reinforce Zain's leadership in the Kuwaiti market by offering the largest and most powerful 5G network in Kuwait. Since commercially launching fifth generation wireless technology (5G) back in June 2019, Zain was the first operator to offer 5G technology in the GCC region via the Kuwaiti market with nationwide coverage of all areas. The company succeeded in designing the first integrated network for 5G services built on a world-class infrastructure, ultimately transforming the telecom sector across the country and region.