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'Syria the last man standing'

"AFTER the (Sykes-Picot Agreement - 1916) drew the map of the 'New Middle East' to divide the Arab East, the US intelligence later used its two poles, the former National Security Adviser (Zbigniew Brzezinski) and (Bernard Lewis) and then (Shimon Peres - his book The New Middle East), to break up the entity (Arab Middle East)," **Abdullah Khalaf** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"They drew the maps of the New Middle East based on divisions, and hostility to demolish the Arab countries in the name of the Arab Spring which was the work of the then president Barack Obama.

"This time, with this uprising, they targeted the Arab republics based on Brzezinski's book between two generations and the book, Maps of Partition.

"There is a Jewish writer who drew up the partition documents: Buram Beg, and they drove the Arabs to go to Afghanistan to train in martial arts to destroy the Arab entities after acclimating them to the use of hashish under the pretext of being able to stay up late to recite the invocations and supplications.

"The maps showed the division of Egypt into four states, Iraq into four, Sudan into four, Syria into four sectarian regions, and Lebanon into eight sectarian constituencies, four Islamic, and four Christian. In Lebanon, the collapse of the division threatening the end of the state has begun.

"The world writers wrote about changing the maps of the new Middle East, and few books were published in our Arab world on the plight of the East and its division.

"The Lebanese media writer Sami Kulaib translated a book by a French writer on the (Arab Spring) conspiracy, and Muhammad Al-Zein wrote about it to divide the Arab world, and the demolition weapon in the hands of those he called the Afghan Arabs, from which al-Qaeda, ISIS and Ansar Allah were born.

"Among them are mercenaries from Europe and Arabs; from distant countries they entered Iraq, Syria and Yemen, and the Egyptian army withstood the conspiracies of partition with its valiant army, and Iraq is still resisting partition, as well as Syria, which was swept by the winds of partition, and the movement of sects and social strata to turn the Syrian map into smaller than states, but it withstood the partition and normalization.

"Syria is the only country among the Arab world that did not extend its hand to an international loan and did not import American wheat, remained content with its wheat and its crops, which it exports to Iraq and neighboring countries.

"Israel was unable to bend its arm and it did not bow, and it was not in need of international loans, and now the estrangement of Arab rulers has begun to fade away from the Syrian entity with the removal of obstacles to Arab rapprochement to restore friendship and love between Arabs as it was throughout history.

Also:

"The new academic system, which is based on dividing one semester into two groups (A) and (B), has many advantages that benefit the school, the faculty, the family, the students, as well as the community," columnist **Dali Al-Khamsan** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"Approximately, the teacher's ability to communicate information and explain the curriculum with ease as well as the positive psychological impact on the student in feeling comfortable, energetic, lively, and the desire to come to his school after a rest day, as well as what the family feels about following the children on their day of rest, reviewing their lessons, preparing for the next school day.

"This is in addition to eliminating the phenomenon of usual traffic congestion due to the completion of the numbers of students and their entry into their schools at the same time and at all stages, which causes major traffic jams, and this we did not see this year thanks to

the new study groups system.

"Many parents are calling for the continuation of this system because of its many benefits. The Ministry can introduce physical, artistic and musical subjects as weekly subjects for students, while reducing and modifying curricula to suit this stage, creating many and varied job opportunities for Kuwaiti graduates of both sexes to join and work in teaching and to ensure the Kuwaitization of this profession.

"A successful academic year by all standards, we hope that it will continue after the epidemic has receded, thanks to God."

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"To maximize revenues, reduce expenses, and develop government services provided to citizens and expatriates, we have to get out of the fund, free ourselves from obsolete ideas, get rid of stagnation and monotony, keep pace with development and creativity, and think about investing State assets for the benefit of society," columnist **Tariq Al-Derbas** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"Everyone knows and sees how the State suffers from the deterioration of services provided to citizens and expatriates, in addition to the inflated expenditures compared to revenues.

"Everyone is also aware of the pioneering role of youth centers in the governorates and residential areas, and their impact on investing the youth's energies, empowering them, integrating them, developing their skills, raising awareness and educating them.

"However, we have witnessed a significant decline over the past years in these centers and their role in controlling young people, which led to the emergence of strange behaviors that society is not accustomed to, as a result of the absence of the role of the main incubators for young people.

"Because I trust Minister of State for Youth Affairs - Young Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Mutairi, I asked him to adopt the proposal to invest in developing youth centers through Public-Private Partnership Law No. 116 of 2014.

"I expect that the participation of the private sector in such centers will contribute to developing their services, activating them, and presenting creative ideas that keep pace with young people and their aspirations, far from routine and traditional government work."

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"Positive results of the recently concluded national dialogue have started to appear on the horizon. This dialogue succeeded and it seems that the realization of its goals has embarked on the path of implementation, including the Amir's pardon for those convicted in opinion cases," columnist **Yousef Al-Hajji** wrote for **Annahar** daily.

"The participants in this dialogue shouldered the responsibility for the sake of Kuwait. They were able to get the nation out of the bottleneck and end the state of 'tension and political anxiety' that we suffered in the past years, which affected achievements and development as we kept on lagging behind neighboring countries in all fields.

"This state of tension also halted or significantly delayed the development train.

"I am confident that the development train and the realization of the aspirations of citizens will be launched as per the directives of His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince, along with the coordinated efforts of the legislative and executive authorities. The train will cross Kuwait and pursue neighboring countries in various fields.

"The sports issue has been put on the right track with the support of the political leadership and government, as well as parliamentary support through the development of a long-term plan and study to find solutions to sports issues such as total professionalism, facilities, investment in sports clubs and federations, and dedicated work in sports."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb



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Selling meds from 'home'

Taxi driver robbed

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 26: The Public Relations and Security Media of the Ministry of Interior said during a security campaign in the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh and surrounding areas, security-men are said to have arrested an unidentified Asian for running a fake dispensary in Ishbiliya, reports Al-Rai daily.

The security sources said police have also arrested two other persons (one of them holding Article 20 residence) for posting advertisements in the social media offering various types of services including nursing and domestic workers. After rectifying the correctness of the information, police arrested one of the men from his apartment and the other in Salmiya.

The security sources said the campaigns are carried out upon directives from the Ministry of Interior Assistant Undersecretary for Residence Affairs Major-General Anwar Abdul Latif Al-Barjas, and the General Department of Residence Affairs Investigations to flush out illegal residents and outlaws.

The arrested men have been referred to the deportation center. The department has called on residents and citizens to call 97288200-25582555-97288211 to report suspicious activities.

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Taxi driver robbed: Police are looking for three unidentified Arabs who robbed a Pakistani taxi driver, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to the daily, the suspect asked the driver to take them from Khaitan to Saad Al-Abdullah city and then back to Khaitan. After reaching Khaitan they pretended they do not have the change and one of them climbed out of the taxi and went to a grocery shop while the other two waited for him inside the vehicle.

Two officers acquitted

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 26: The Court of Cassation, headed by Counselor Abdullah Al-Jassem, has acquitted two officers of all the charges in the so-called Malaysian Fund case, reports Al-Rai daily.

The officers Col Sheikh Faisal Al-Salman and Col Nasser Al-Tayyar were accused of 'security leaks' by the State Security Agency.

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Expat assaulted: A forty-year-old Filipino expatriate has filed a complaint with the Dasma Police Station accusing a Kuwaiti, born in 1947, of assaulting her, reports Al-Anba daily.

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'A Perfect Day' by AUB Alumni



The AUB alumni chapter in Kuwait organized on the 23rd of October 2021 the AUB4BeirutRun. The AUB4Beirut Run kicked-off at Marina Walk and took runners through beautiful seaside views along the Gulf road - Kuwait. Around 55 participants started running from 'Prime and Toast' until the Scientific Center for a distance of 6 Kms. Based on social responsibility and patriotic belonging to our beloved charming city Beirut, AUB alumni, their families and friends came together and raised funds to support AUB students' fund back home. There was a positive cooperative

spirit among participants, that reflected the value-added that alumni diaspora can generate for their university.

AUB alumni chapter in Kuwait is committed to maintaining a robust social responsibility ties with AUB headquarters in Beirut. It supports youth initiatives, sustainability, and health and fitness. This is one of several upcoming planned events aiming to bring financial aid and support for our Alma Mater. It gives a great pride that AUB alumni chapter in Kuwait has been an active partner for AUB worldwide alumni initiatives.

Dasman Bilingual School raised Awareness of the World Mental Health Day



Mrs. Samar Dizmen

Dasman Bilingual School celebrated World Mental Health Day to raise awareness of mental health issues exacerbated by the pandemic. The Superintendent, Mrs. Samar Dizmen, delivered a touching message to all students, parents and staff saying: "World Mental Health is a day where we highlight issues surrounding mental health and how important it is to utilize strategies to help people who struggle and suffer from mental health problems.

Dasman Bilingual School is an exciting and inclusive place to learn. Staff, parents, and students share in opportunities to think critically, make a difference in the lives of others, and work through meaningful problems and rich tasks. Our focus is on equity, math, literacy, mental health/wellbeing, and modern learning. We build relationships as partners with open communication focused on helping each student reach personal excellence. At DBS, our diversity gives us strength and optimism."

Mrs. Dizmen said that, "We want our students to have the skills, attitudes, and mindset that will serve them well throughout their school careers and beyond. We want our community to know that reaching potential, developing trusting relationships, and becoming responsible citizens are keys to success. "

"We at DBS ensure that the safeguarding and welfare of our students and staff are core to our decision-making strategies. In keeping with the fantastic community spirit that we already built in school, we pledge to provide our learning community the support needed to deal with mental health issues to mould well-rounded individuals to become productive citizens of the Kuwaiti society."

Mrs. Dizmen added that "At Dasman, we respect our differences and accept people for their individuality. Staying true to ourselves, we do what is right for our school community. We own

up to our mistakes and learn from them. We set goals and work to achieve them; effort is what makes greatness. We respect our teachers, our community and our peers.

"Protecting the planet is a necessity. There is no room for rumors and bullying at DBS." The future starts here! concluded Mrs. Dizmen.

Mr. Raymond Noronha, the High School Principal said, "This pandemic has caused us losses on many forefronts: social, economic and most importantly, the loss of our loved ones. As we resume in-person teaching and learning during the 2021-2022 academic year, we focused our efforts during the World Mental Health Day to raise awareness amongst students and staff about mental health issues. Students were engaged in meaningful conversations during their lessons and the role of counsellors and support staff across the school was highlighted."



Mrs. Rihab AbdelKhalek

Mrs. Rihab Abdel Khalek, the Middle School Principal said, "Middle School Division participated in Mental Health Awareness Week during the week of October 10-14, 2021. Our Middle School staff, which includes two counselors, planned and implemented daily activities that permitted students to see the importance of their mental health in school and in their daily lives. Some of the activities that the students participated in included creation of feelings wheels that gave the students an opportunity to see how they can deal with their feelings in different ways, a study of the brain to see how the different components are important to mental health, providing artistic opportunities to make posters with mental health well-being sayings and pictures, teaching the students how to meditate and take some time each day to reflect on what they learned about mental health awareness and having open discussions that allowed students to share their feelings and daily stress. We are very proud of our students and staff for their participation



Mr. Raymond Noronha

and their heartfelt dedication and engagement throughout the week," concluded Mrs. Abdel Khalek.

Dr. Athary Ajail, MS Counselor, said that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on people's mental health. Some groups, including health and other frontline workers, students, people living alone, and those with pre-existing mental health conditions, have been particularly adversely affected. Many extenuating factors affected our students' mental health state such as studying from home, little



Ms. Athary Ajail

contact with teachers and friends, anxiety about the future and fear of losing someone important. All these factors affected our students' mental health during the pandemic, so it is very important as school to raise awareness and share coping mechanisms with our students. We also wanted to reduce the stigma around youth mental health issues and for all to see it as a medical issue. Every year, during the mental health day, we make sure that we do exiting and positive reinforcement mental health activities with our students. Even when we were online last year, we conducted mental health challenges for our students.

Students, teachers and parents were all impressed with the variety of activities. Students felt "safe", "comfortable", "relaxed" and "happy". Students continue to implement mental health activities at home such as meditation and reading out positive sentences. Students also increased their interests in emotional development and coping strategies," concluded Dr. Athary