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## 'Arab unity slogan forgotten, race on to mend ties with enemy'

"OUR Arab and Islamic world, despite its huge potentials is unable to provide the necessary protective shield to protect our Arab and Islamic cultural and intellectual identity," columnist and legal expert **Dr. Muhammad Al-Moqatae** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"In other words, the state still lacks the strategic plan required to maintain national identity and this can be ascribed to a set of factors which can be summarized as follows:

"First is the state of oscillation and contradiction that currently governs the public directions. In other words, it is the state which sometimes remains biased to the roots of its national identity as well as to its intellectual and cultural heritage, as such it hastens to adopt the same through its educational curricula and informational programs and writes the same in its codes and legislative documents, while sometimes relinquishes either partially or completely eventually consecrates imported or emergent cultures, just to keep abreast with some personal impression and a dire political bickering in the community which reflects the state alienation and reciprocal contradiction from time to time.



Al-Moqatae

"Secondly, the state of cultural breakdown and the civilization defeat before the tremendous Western potentials, so the state will be unable to commit to its basics or capable to protect its national identity under direct Western pressures and impacts which practice a terrifying presence against our national identity and cultural dominance and the promotion of its intellectual and cultural system.

"And thirdly, to find a cultural and intellectual path for both the state and the peoples motivated by the belief that the adoption of such a path shall bring stability for the regime and provides a qualitative leap towards development and nation building.

"Consequently, we in the Arab and Islamic world, have tried all the patterns of cultures and thoughts which the other nations had passed through, but this resulted in more setbacks, loss and alienation, not only at the national level, rather on the level of each state in the Arab and Islamic world and this had created a chronic state for both the cultural and intellectual vacuum.

"Apart from the above, there is another attempt aimed at mixing the religious concepts with some freak thought in order to accelerate the destruction process of the nation basics including that related to wearing the veil and the promotion

of such idea saying there is no specific verse in the Holy Quran related to the veil.

"Moreover, there are some people who are attempting to nullify the Prophetic (PBUH) Sunna as one of the source of legislation, although this source is confirmed through many Quranic verses.

"Besides, there some other people who tailor the religion to meet the requirements of a specific party or group and eventually consider others as having nothing to do with religion ignoring the fact about Islam's pluralism, given the fact pluralism and different opinions within the nation, constitute mercy.

"Meanwhile, we may have observed, that the slogan calling for Arab unity has been abandoned, to such an extent instigations come flying from all directions to abort the 'unity project' or ideas to this effect, let alone there is a hectic race to normalize ties with the usurping Zionist entity, while some others are currently attempting to delete Palestine and the Al-Aqsa Mosque from their Arab and Islamic depths and transfer the cause into 'just a local issue'."

**Also:**

"The State granted health insurance (Afiya) to its retired citizens as per law number 114 of 2014. This is one of the citizens' rights guaranteed by the Constitution, but the application of the law is done through an executive regulation specifying the diseases covered and not covered by the health insurance for retirees," columnist **Dr Hind Al-Choumar** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"We have not seen any specialized technical follow up to ensure the retirees obtain their full rights. They should not end in embarrassing situations, just because the policy does not cover some diseases or the coverage is partial.

"It is logical that common medical conditions among retirees are on top of the list of insurance coverage, such as Alzheimer's, dementia, palliative care and cancer. God forgive whoever made a long list of diseases not covered by health insurance.

"The result is robbery of the rights of retirees and the opening of backdoors to fraud. In the absence of technical medical supervision over the implementation of the wellness project, it turned into a distorted entity and the stakeholders were absent from its management for the benefit of retirees. By stakeholders, I mean the Public Institution for Social Security and Ministry of Finance, as well as an independent technical entity for health insurance.

"I invite retirees who enjoy the Afiya health insurance scheme, Public Institution for Social Security, Ministry of Finance and experts to conduct scientific studies in cooperation with Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences to shed light on the negative aspects of the application of the law and how

to overcome them through rational management."

"Relatively speaking, immunology is one of the modern sciences. It has developed and advanced a lot in recent years, especially in the two years of the Corona pandemic. This science is the main source of vaccines and immunotherapy methods," columnist **Dr Naji Al-Zaid** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"The latest surprising discovery by this advanced science is the cure for Corona disease - extracted from the blood of llamas and camels, both of which belong to the family of camels (Family Camelidae).

"Scientists have found that attacking the Coronavirus in either a llama or a camel results in very small immune particles called 'nano-antibodies' whose effect is very strong, as they stick to the virus and prevent its activity and spread.

"To prove this, the research team exposed experimental mice to Coronavirus, up to the point of contracting the disease, then they were injected or made to inhale a spray containing antibodies extracted from the blood of llamas or camels. Surprisingly, the mice infected with Corona completely recovered from the disease after six days."

"We all know, as it is no longer a secret, that there are forgers of various important official Kuwaiti documents. Also, we do not see the State working seriously in eliminating this phenomenon to at least restore its prestige," columnist **Yousef Abdulkarim Al-Zinkawi** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"We do not know why the issues on forgery or those with dual nationalities are not on top of governmental or even parliamentary priorities. Why does the government not present it to the Parliament to obtain support and coordinate the efforts of the two authorities in this direction?"

"No one knows why this issue is not the main focus of all members of the National Assembly, if they are really keen on fortifying the original Kuwaiti identity? We wonder: Did the two authorities, God forbid, fail in their efforts to expose the forgers due to the strength of the current of corruption?"

"Is it reasonable that we, Kuwaitis, know that there are hundreds of thousands of forgers, and that there are statements on their names and original nationalities - some of whom have not yet relinquished their original nationalities, yet our official institutions cannot summon them for interrogation in order to amend their status or withdraw their Kuwaiti citizenship and for them to leave the country?"

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb



Officials during inspection tour.



Firemen tackling the blaze.

### Check on KIA work commitment

Major General Muhammad Al-Enezi, Director General of the General Administration of Control and Inspection, and Major-General Walid Al-Saleh, Director-General of Airport Security, made an inspection tour of some departments to ensure the commitment of the securitymen to their work and to facilitate the affairs of citizens and residents during departure and arrival, in the presence of the Director of Airport Security, Dr. Colonel Ahmed Al-Sultan.

Meanwhile, Saturday evening, 4 firefighting teams controlled a fire that

broke out in a number of garages in the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh area, reports **Al-Rai** daily.

The Operations Room of the Directorate-General of Fire Department received a report at 10:32 pm stating that a fire had broken out in garages for repairing cars in the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh area.

The firefighters fought managed to control the fire on an approximately 1,000 square meters area, without recording any human casualties. The losses were limited only to material.

## Banks mull penalties for 'forgers'

'Taking license not easy'

**KUWAIT CITY, Sept 26: The Al-Rai daily has learned that banks are "preparing to adopt a new punitive mechanism, through which customers suspected of forging their loan papers and documents will be denied access to any new financing, pending the completion of the investigation."**

Informed sources revealed "in future persons on the 'black list of loans' will not be limited only to confirmed forgers, but also those suspected of forgery," pointing out that "according to this mechanism, the names of customers suspected of having obtained loans based on forged documents will be included on the credit information network (SciNet), and their names will be circulated among all financing agencies.

The sources explained "the forgery in documents include a salary certificate, work continuity, and other documents that customers need to submit to banks in order to obtain loans, or papers submitted in the name of fictitious companies."

Sources pointed out "just as all banking units and financial system are obliged to refer to the (SciNet) network to clarify whether the applicant has the right to obtain a loan or increase his financing area, or if he has exhausted the maximum lending limit and his installment, it will also have to refer to the network to ascertain whether the client is suspected of having forged any of the documents required to obtain a loan with another financing body or not.

The sources stressed that "according to this mechanism, if the name of the client is included in the list of suspected forgeries, he will be prevented from obtaining any new financing, or restructuring his loan, until the investigation is completed."

Meanwhile, Kuwait is the sixth country in the world considered most difficult to acquire a driving driver's licence according to **Zotobi's** website, reports **Al-Jarida** daily.

The list puts Qatar in second position as the easiest country in the world in terms of learning to drive; Mexico topped the list, Latvia ranked third followed by the United States in fourth place, and Canada in fifth.

Kuwait scored 4.05 out of 10, due to the minimum age of 18 imposed by the authorities to initiate procedures to get the learner's licence; while Bahrain stood at fourth with a total score of just 3.62 out of 10 appeared in the classification.

Several factors played a major role in delaying the classification of Kuwait, according to the website, including the cost of conducting a driving test, which is equivalent to \$71, in addition to the requirements to take a practical driving exam including medical tests.

The website did not give classification for other three GCC countries.

### Shearing wool

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He also discovered that three billion meters of land had been unlawfully seized, the price of which reached trillions of riyals. He therefore ordered the gathering of the corrupt, including princes, merchants and contractors, at the Ritz Hotel in Riyadh, and worked on recovering about two hundred billion dollars from them, in addition to the land they acquired.

The same happened in Qatar, the UAE, and other Gulf countries where rulers sought to put an end to corruption that had exhausted the state and its institutions and damaged its reputation externally. On the other hand in Kuwait, the corrupt flew with their money abroad. Some selective measures were taken against a few of them but they were like palliatives. Moreover, those who had gained illegally from the projects were not punished.

Your Highness the Prime Minister, the executive authority has many constitutional and legal powers that qualify it to recover the looted funds. It also has the popular power to support any action it takes in this regard. It only has to make up its mind and take its decision to avoid becoming another Lebanon whose money was plundered by a mafia political class and the people there were made to suffer under a crisis that was unseen since 1850. This is what is happening in Iraq and Iran as well.

Therefore, I call on Your Highness to confront the crisis head-on, and avoid referring the matter to committees and advisors. Remember the words of the late British Prime Minister Churchill - "If the government wanted to bury a case, it referred it to the committees."

Shearing sheep's wool is better than skinning lambs, as illustrated from the story of As'ad Pasha Al-Azm. By Allah, you will be immortalized in the history of Kuwait, and indeed the Arab history.

### Other Voices

## Money lost in 'Joseph' belly

By Ahmad alsarraf

Nations that do not write down their history and learn from it are doomed to repeat their mistakes.

After the dawn of the liberation of the homeland from the grip of the despicable Saddam and his forces, on February 26, 1991, after seven months of suffering and mental torture, we all expected that the government of Kuwait and people would be something different after having learned lessons that cannot be forgotten.

Nevertheless, with the cash flow from the first shipment of oil into our accounts, we forgot the invasion, the occupation, the lessons, and even the National Assembly's report on what happened on August 2, 1990, which held no one accountable for that painful event.

We decided to take advantage of the situation, and record the events of the invasion our way according to our visions, so we got into an agreement with a hobbyist who rides bicycles to undertake the mission of roaming around the world carrying the message of the liberation of Kuwait.

To finance his hobby, he contacted various major companies and institutions, asking them to provide sponsorship for the 'hero', in exchange for putting their badges or their company logos on the clothes the cyclist was wearing.

After "our brother" accumulated a good fortune, he announced the cancellation of the project on the pretext that the cyclist had broken his leg.

The sponsors' money was lost in the belly of Hajj 'Joseph' of Kuwait.

After the success of his first project, Joseph obtained a government house in which he hung drawings and electronic games, and he obtained for himself huge donations from various compa-

nies to support his project related to documenting the events of the invasion and occupation, and it became clear from my contacts at the time with the heads of banks and major companies, he collected nearly a million dinars, all of which went to his own account and his project ended with nothing.

The occasion to talk about this topic, which we have earlier touched upon, is the emergence of videos related to military actions carried out by the "national resistance" during the abhorrent period of occupation, including interviews with those who participated in shooting down enemy planes with Estrella missiles, and how they fired two missiles at an Iraqi civilian jumbo plane transporting equipment, weapons with Iraqi soldiers and officials on board, including Aziz Al-Noman, the governor of occupied Kuwait, who was killed in the plane crash.

It was later revealed, according to the plane's captain himself, that the plane was hit but did not crash, and Al-Noman was not aboard, and its engine was replaced with one that was stolen from Kuwait!

Although thirty-one years have passed since the liberation, a majority of those who remained in Kuwait at the time played no known roles in the resistance and are still alive among us and have remained silent and are stingy with their testimonies leaving the space for narrators (who played no role) to narrate what has nothing to do with the truth.

The story of the occupation of Kuwait, the resistance, the executions, and the overwhelming popular and official rejection of the occupation in any form deserves to be documented as it is an unprecedented human experience and it is unforgivable to be forgotten in this unfortunate manner.

We repeat: Nations that do not write down their history and learn from it are doomed to repeat their mistakes. Is there anything to be ashamed of, of that history?

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Millions gone in 'bad' roads

## Mol blames PART for its losses

**KUWAIT CITY, Sept 26: The Ministry of Interior now bears the consequences of the mistake committed by its public works counterpart and the Public Authority for Roads and Transportation (PART) three years ago -- the improper implementation of road projects,** reports **Al-Rai** daily quoting sources from the security sector.

Since November 2018, the Traffic Sector has stopped recording violations related to the breakage of windows of vehicles as per the official directive after the crisis of flying gravel on streets and roads due to the rain; especially in light of public criticism at the time and failure to penalize drivers for traffic violations they were found to be not guilty of, sources explained.

Sources pointed out that in the past, the fine for front window breakage was KD30 and the number of such violations recorded reached 500,000 per

year. Sources said the fines collected then was estimated at about 15 million annually, which means the State treasury lost about KD45 million during the three-year period of improper implementation of road projects.

Sources disclosed that "after the repair works on many roads across the country and in view of the reluctance of many motorists to repair the windows of their cars, it is necessary to impose fine on this violation, especially since the failure to maintain the vehicle comes with risks for both the drivers and other road users."

Sources added "the major maintenance works on roads and streets when curfew was imposed due to the Corona crisis will soon show results, especially now that the rainy season is fast approaching. These works were aimed at preventing the recurrence of the flying gravel crisis."