

Other Voices

Madam, choose the right path

By Ahmad alsarraf

Mrs Rana Al-Faris has succeeded Mrs Jenan Bushehri as Minister of Works. The latter, the first woman to assume the Ministry of Works and the bravest in her contemporary history has performed to the best of her ability. We stood with Jenan, because she stood against every corrupt person and cut him down to his size, and was able to implement and fix what was not possible for those who preceded her.



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Based on our belief in Kuwaiti women and their right to take up senior positions, we will also stand with Rana Al-Faris and support her with all our strength. Madam, you have one of the two tracks: one to register your name in an honorable historical record or fall in the category of the unknown.

The first track: In order to succeed and keep your position with the least possible headache is to keep on saying 'Yes' 'It is done' 'it is possible', and when you leave your house every morning on your way to the ministry or for a meeting of any of the two councils, leave behind your conscience similarly as one former imam kept his ten million dinars, he claimed he had found in the cupboard of his mother and 'vanished' completely from political life.

You have to satisfy the MPs and listen well to their requests, even if they are conflicting. Someone may ask you to help him get a tender for a company of his relative, and another may ask you not to award it except to his relative, so try to do the impossible in order to satisfy both parties ... even if it means swallowing a bitter pill.

Do not rush to fill vacancies with someone you trust, and keep them vacant, no one will be hurt. A deputy, colleague, or president may surprise you with a request to find a job for someone, thus positions are kept vacant for this purpose.

Do not bother with rubbish slogans such as 'the right person in the right place', as this does not give either give bread or butter but will cause you great harm. The government apparatus is filled with thousands of incompetent people in the wrong positions, and the increase of the heads of the departments here and the manager there, and an assistant undersecretary between them. This will not be the end of the world especially since you will find this is the case with some, if not all, of your colleagues.

Try to benefit from your position from what you can get. What is available today or the moment may not be long after that, in other words carpe diem, seize the day and take the occasion of the moment before it passes.

Try to convince yourself that the high ministerial position you are in has not been chosen by you, and therefore you are free from adhering to its ethics! Being convinced of this feeling will greatly facilitate the cases of remorse, when you hit the pillow at the end of a tiring day.

As for the second track, it is more difficult, but it is shorter, more fair and equitable, and it lies in a nutshell in completing the path your processor has begun. Madam, you have to continue fighting corruption, the political leadership, and His Highness, the Prime Minister will support your efforts. The position is not lasting, so do not lose your beautiful reputation or your respect for yourself.

Corruption forces are large and strong, but they are not immune to those who want to confront them, and this is what your predecessor "Janan" had done so well.

She was able to stop the corrupt companies and corrupt offices from working with the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, and this may have cost her the ministry, but she did not lose her battle, she broke the walls and broke into the dens of corruption, and you must now eliminate those inside. You have two tracks, and you can choose one of them, madam.

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Police hunt for 'missing link' as aged man detained for holding two women hostage

'Jewel thief' released; Filipina dies in fall; Indian commits suicide

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 28: A Kuwaiti, who is believed to be in his 60s, has been detained in for interrogation for allegedly assaulting two Asians and detaining them inside his apartment in Salwa against their wish, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the case was registered under the title 'coercion' and 'illegal detention' until it became clear the victims had been verbally and physically abused.

A security source said this happened when an unidentified Filipino called the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior and said he had heard a distress call from someone saying 'Help Me'. He said he heard this from someone living in one of the apartments in the same building.

The source said when the caller was contacted he confirmed hearing the words and gave police his address.

Following this a number of securitymen came were sent to the building by the district commander and when they knocked on the door of the citizen's apartment, he asked from behind the closed door if they have a search warrant.

Within minutes the men armed with a warrant from the Public Prosecution and threatened to break the door. Sensing the seriousness of the issue, the man opened the door and found two Asians women with assault traces on their bodies.

After they were rescued, one of the victims said she met the citizen and the latter offered her a job and told her to visit him in his apartment. For fear she requested her friend to accompany her and as both of them reached the apartment, the Kuwaiti reportedly detained and assaulted them.

The case is being investigated to know the full truth because the police think there is a missing link because of the circumstances of the case - detention and assault.

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Woman thief released: The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has released the wealthy Kuwaiti woman who was caught after she stole a diamond ring, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The source said the woman was released on bail after she returned the stolen diamond ring and paid 10,000 dinars to the shop in 'damages' after he waived his right to pursue two cases which were filed against her.

The source said the suspect was referred for investigations after committing her last crime. She was arrested in the parking lot of one of the commercial complexes in downtown Kuwait City as she got behind



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Mol personnel carry the body of Retired Major General Abdullatif Faisal Al-Thuweini to be buried. Inset: Al-Thuweini.

Kuwait bids farewell to Mol's Abdullatif Al-Thuweini

On Friday evening, Kuwait bid farewell to one of the distinguished personalities of Ministry of Interior - retired Major General Abdullatif Faisal Al-Thuweini who died at the age of 93, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

He was a former undersecretary of the ministry, and had contributed to the building of the nation and the shaping of the ministry. The body of the late ret. Major

General Al-Thuweini was laid to rest at Sulaibikhat Cemetery. The burial procession was attended by a huge number of people led by state dignitaries, personalities and top officials including Minister of Interior and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh, and the ministry's Undersecretary Lieutenant General Essam Al-Niham among other officials and personnel of the security agencies.

The late Al-Thuweini worked in the security circle from 1944 until 1982. He was instrumental in the development of the security sector. In 2015, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Muhammad Al-Khaled issued a decision to name one of the police academy buildings at Saad Al-Abdullah Academy for Security Sciences in honor of the late Al-Thuweini.

her expensive vehicle.

She was taken to a police station and during interrogation she confessed to committing the theft and handed police the stolen diamond ring which she was wearing.

According to sources, the woman fainted during investigation and was unable to deny the charges. She said she suffering from kleptomania in spite of her immense wealth. She added, she wants to stand tall in society and spends a lot of money during her appearances at social events.

During her interrogation she said she did not expect to be arrested because of her modus operandi.

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Filipina's death probed: The Ministry of Interior has opened an investigation into the death of a Filipino migrant worker who was fatally injured after falling from the fifth floor of a building in Fintas, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the incident was reported to the police by an Egyptian caretaker of the building. A security source said when the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior received a report police and paramedics rushed to the spot and found the victim still alive and rushed her to the Adan Hospital. She was admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) but doctors failed to revive her.

Police interrogations are continuing. In the meantime, the remains of the victim have been referred to Forensics.

On the other hand, an Indian is said to have committed suicide by hanging inside a power transformer located next to a hotel in Mangaf.

Acting on information police and paramedics rushed to the spot and saw the corpse of the man, born in 1994, dangling from a rope.

An investigation is underway to determine the cause of suicide.

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Bid to kill sister: Police have arrested two young men for allegedly attempting to kill their sister, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the security sources, the guards manning the gate of the National Assembly were taken by surprise when two girls crashed into the Parliament building gate and sought help saying, 'My brothers want to kill me'.

At this time two men in hot pursuit of the girls also arrived at the location who were promptly arrested and handed over the area police station for interrogation.

Police later discovered the suspects had rammed into the vehicle of their sister several times in a vain bid to force her to stop but she managed to escape from them and sought help of National Guard manning the Parliament building gate.

The young men were reportedly chasing their sister over some dispute.



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National Guard Undersecretary Lieutenant General Hashem Al-Rifai talking to the injured officer in the hospital.

Al-Rifai visits injured officer

National Guard Undersecretary Lieutenant General Hashem Al-Rifai stressed the need to use all resources in support of the National Guard personnel to ensure their safety in light of their commitment and service to the nation, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Lieutenant General Al-Rifai made the declaration while visiting Sergeant Salem Abdullah, member of the Fifth Battalion of the Protection Brigade, who was admitted to Jahra Hospital for treatment due to injuries he sustained during training.

He was accompanied on the visit by the commander of protection and reinforcement, Brigadier General Hamad Salem.

Reassuring the health status of the injured officer, Lieutenant General Al-Rifai conveyed to him greetings from the Supreme Command of National Guard and its affiliates represented by His Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali, head of National Guard, and Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad, deputy head of National Guard, wishing him speedy recovery.

He also thanked Sergeant Abdullah for his efforts, diligence, and keenness to excel in training and task performance.

People still falling prey to fake calls

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 28: The phone-fraud gangs continue their criminal activity and in the latest stint another Kuwaiti became the prey of the gang which managed to steal KD 221 from her account, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said the woman who is in her 40s has filed a complaint with the Daiya Police Station.

Meanwhile, an unidentified motorist who lost control of his vehicle and collided with a cement road divider on the Sixth Ring Road has been arrested by the police and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and trafficking in booze, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to security sources police have found in his vehicle three bottles of imported booze.

When the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior received a report on the incident police and paramedics rushed to the spot and discovered the man behind the wheel had escaped injury but the car was damaged, and the driver was high on alcohol.

And, the Jahra police have arrested an unidentified Kuwaiti who had been sentenced in absentia to five years in prison on charges of trafficking and consuming drugs, reports Al-Rai daily. The drug addict who was arrested in Sulaibiya resisted arrest, but he was overpowered and handed over to the Central Prison authorities.

The arrest came after police received information on his whereabouts in the area. The person was seized while driving in the area and when police asked him for his ID, he pretended to have forgotten it at home.

Northwest never ending achievements
"Northwest Bilingual School" got accredited by the Middle States Association (MSA)



A celebration was held at Northwest Bilingual School in the presence of its Academic staff and school members under the occasion of the school recognition from the Middle States Association (MSA). The Chief Executive Officer of Al-Wazzan Educational Group, Mrs. Lujain Al-Wazzan, congratulated on this occasion the efforts and the hard work of all the employees that resulted in this achievement. Moreover, she expressed her pride in obtaining this recognition and emphasized that the journey won't stop here, and requested all school members to continue the efforts that are in the favor

of the school and its students.

From her side, the Superintendent of the school, Mrs. Zeina Sabbagh, expressed on this occasion by saying "We are meeting today to highlight one of the school's most important achievements as this accreditation indicates that the school meets the standards and criteria set by the American Accreditation Authority, including faculty qualifications and advanced educational curriculums, excellent student services and high quality education that we provide to our students"



News in Brief

Sponsor son robs maid: The Farwaniya police have taken into custody an unidentified young man for stealing the money of an Ethiopian maid, reports Al-Rai daily.

During interrogation he said he needed the money so badly that the money the maid had saved from her salary was like a lifeline for him.

The daily added, until now the Farwaniya police have been receiving complaints from citizens about maids stealing their money and jewelry, but this case seems to be an exception when the Ethiopian maid working for a Kuwaiti family filed a complaint against her sponsor's son saying he was the only one who had entered her room when she was busy with work.

A security source said the young man was summoned for interrogation, he denied stealing the money but subsequent investigations revealed he is the one who needed the money very badly.

He told police, he thought no one would suspect him. However, action has been taken against the young man.

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Hiding between the legs: Police have taken into custody an unidentified Kuwaiti for attempting to illegally leave the country, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the daily, the man who has a travel ban because he is wanted by law in several cases, was attempting

to leave the country in a vehicle by hiding between the legs of his two sisters who were sitting in the back seat.

The man was arrested by security officers at the Nuwaiseeb border post at the last checkpoint.

The daily added, when an officer saw the nervous look on the faces of the two sisters, he politely asked them to step out of the car and were shocked to see their brother hiding near their legs.

The driver of the vehicle is believed to be their relative.

The daily added, the suspects have been arrested and referred for interrogation for attempting to help a 'criminal' to escape law.

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Asian held taking bribe: An Asian employee working for the Ministry of Health has been arrested for accepting bribe to complete a transaction in favor of the company, reports Al-Rai daily.

A security source told the daily, the arrest came after the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) received information from officials in the Ministry of Health about the incident when the Arab employee complained to the ministry officials that the Asian employee was asking for a bribe to complete a transaction.

The daily added, the CID men then set a trap for the employee and caught him in the act. He has been handed over for investigation.