

## Court Cases

## Blogger gets one year jail

## Contractor acquitted of causing death of worker unintentionally

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KUWAIT CITY, July 28: The Misdemeanor Court acquitted a contractor who was accused of unintentionally causing the death of a construction worker in a building under construction due to his negligence and failure to observe the safety conditions instructions.

Defending the contractor was Lawyer Jarrah Al-Enezi who explained that, "The distinguishing element of the crime of wrongful killing is the pillar of the error. If there is no error, there is no punishment and the act is considered accidental. If the act is accidental, it cannot be considered a crime."

According to the rulings of the Court of Cassation in this regard, the injured is mistaken if he has failed to take necessary measures of endangering his life or lost foresight when working. "My client had fulfilled all aspects of security and safety, and the fate was inevitable".

**Pay damages:** The Civil Department at the Court of Appeal obliged a landlord to pay 15,000 dinars in damages to another party for concluding a preliminary contract to sell the property and retracting the contract afterward, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Details of the case are summarized in what lawyer Meshal Bin Shafi requested on behalf of the plaintiff that the landlord should pay 5,000 dinars as deposit before making another payment equivalent to 5,000 dinars, coupled with a penalty of 5,000 dinars, making a total of 15,000 dinars. He confirmed that the martial paper was issued by the person who signed it unless he frankly denies what was

attributed to him in writing, signature, stamp or imprint, as civil law stipulates that contract is the law of contractors, and neither of them may be independent by denouncing it or amending its provisions.

Bin Shafi added a deposit of 5,000 dinars was paid in favor of the property owner, and that his client was surprised by the discontinuance of sale, which led him to institute the lawsuit. The law also stipulates the withdrawal of the owner entails twice the value of deposit, and "as our client paid 5,000 dinars, the value climbed to 10,000 dinars".

**Blogger gets jail:** The Criminal Court sentenced the owner of Twitter account "Zajran Snap" to one year in jail with hard labor and 1,000 dinars bail bond to temporarily suspend enforcement. Also, the court fined the defendant 2,000 dinars and acquitted him of broadcasting false news, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

He had denied in the investigations several charges, the most prominent of which was broadcasting false news about the internal situation of the country, against the background of publishing news about the coronavirus and abusing government agencies in it.

It is noteworthy the State Security officials raided the grandfather of the accused's house in Andalous region and confiscated several phones he used in managing the account before his arrest. He was ordering coffee at a shop in Al-Reqaq area when security officials nabbed him in possession of some ID cards that authorized him to enter sensitive places such as the National Assembly, the Amiri Diwan and other sites, including the Protocol Hall and the Amiri Airport.

It is note worthy the accused is currently unemployed. He was a student of the "incident scene officer program" at the Saad Al-Abdullah Academy for Security Sciences.



Al-Enezi



Brigadier Essam Nayef Essam chairs the meeting.

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## National Guard Health Crisis Cell holds meeting

The Health Crisis Cell of the National Guard held a meeting, under the chairmanship of Brigadier Engineer Essam Nayef Essam as the third stage kicked off for the gradual return to normalcy following the approval by the Council of Ministers, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Brigadier Engineer Essam Nayef said the National Guard, under the guidance of the Guard's senior leadership, has since the

beginning of the health crisis had taken all precautionary measures to guarantee better health and safety for its employees, and provide them with all healthcare, to help them perform their duties fully during these exceptional circumstances, with support from various government institutions.

He pointed out the National Guard has prepared a plan for the gradual return all its units

to work in line with the instruction issued by the Cabinet, ensuring that the National Guard plays the role assigned to it, while fully adhering to procedures and rules for gradual return and following the preventive health requirements to combat the corona virus.

He stressed the importance of adhering to the implementation of health requirements, divergence and non-complacency in procedures.

# Many traffic citations issued as cameras trap speeding motorists, reckless drivers

Court rejects former MP Harbash appeal against jail

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**KUWAIT CITY, July 28: The Court of Cassation rejected the appeal submitted by the former MP Dr Jama'an Al-Harbash against the two-year imprisonment ruling, which was suspended for three years at a bail of KD 3,000. He was accused of repeating the infamous speech of former MP Musallam Al-Barrak.**

It is worth mentioning that the Court of Cassation earlier ruled in the same case, rejecting the appeal submitted by 14 citizens and political activists. It upheld the appeal judgment of imprisoning them for two years with hard labor, and set the bail bond as KD 3,000 to suspend the ruling.

The 21 defendants include former MPs and political activists, who were accused of spreading or quoting from the infamous speech titled "Enough of Frivolity" delivered by the former MP Musallam Al-Barrak at the Erada Square. According to the judiciary, this speech contained words that are deemed offensive to the entity of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait.

Al-Barrak had served a jail term of two years with hard labor for delivering such a controversial speech but all other defendants had denied the charges leveled against them.

**Eye on traffic violators:** The traffic sector of the General Traffic Department (GTD) continues to pursue violators of the traffic laws using the latest technology – with the help of surveillance cameras installed in vital areas of the country, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to a clip published by the General Traffic Department on the Ministry of Interior website, dozens of traffic citations have been issued for reckless driving, speeding and driving crisscrosses frequently changing lanes and endangering the lives of other motorists.

The clip shows how the cameras documenting the violations following which the Intelligence Unit of the GTD impounds the violating vehicles and tows them to the ministry garage.

**Grocer robbed:** Police are looking for two unidentified persons for impersonating Kuwait Municipality inspectors and stealing KD 950 from a grocer, reports Al-Anba daily.

An Egyptian grocer in his complaint to the Khaitan Police Station said two men wearing dishdasha entered the grocery and introduced themselves as municipal inspectors. They began examining the food-



Gas leakage said to be the cause of fire.

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## Driver critical as fire wrecks SUV

Fire-fighters controlled a fire that totally destroyed the vehicle of an unidentified expatriate in Hawalli, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The cause of the fire is believed to be leakage in the gas cylinder. As a result of the fire the man

behind the wheel and another passenger seat suffered minor burns.

The driver's condition is believed to be critical.

The fire was put out by firemen from the Hawalli Firefighting Center.

## Headquarters for employees

## Co-ops pledge to maintain 120 schools they used

KUWAIT CITY, July 28: Within the framework of societal partnership between government agencies, the cooperative societies ensured the maintenance of approximately 120 schools that they used as headquarters for their workers during the beginning of the coronavirus crisis, reports Al-Anba daily quoting informed sources from the educational sector.

Sources revealed the cooperative societies confirmed to the Ministry of Education the maintenance of schools which they borrowed earlier for the accommodation of their workers. Sources said the cooperatives affirmed their willingness to repair damages if any and maintain the school buildings in general even if there are no damages.

Sources affirmed Assistant Undersecretary for Educational Development and Activities Faisal Al-Maqasid is exerting tremendous efforts and coordinating regularly with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor to retrieve the schools. Sources added Al-Maqasid and his team are working continuously with

other parties to retrieve all schools used by cooperatives in order prepare them for the next school year.

Meanwhile, the Public Relations Department of the Kuwait Municipality said the Safety Department of the Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate Municipality branch made several field trips throughout the governorate to check the validity of licenses of companies and limit the encroachments on government property.

In this context, Maisa Bushehri, director of the Safety Department in the Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate branch, explained the trips carried out by the department's inspectors during the past week resulted in 52 warnings being issued to a number of companies for various reasons.

For its part, the Public Relations Department called on citizens and residents to call the hotline 139, which works around the clock, or communicate through the municipality accounts on social media or via WhatsApp 24727732 in case of any complaint.

stuffs in the shop and accused him of selling expired goods.

The Egyptian added the two men asked him to wait inside their vehicle and when he refused, they forcibly pulled him out and locked him inside the vehicle for 5 minutes, and then they returned to the vehicle and asked him to leave.

He added that he discovered the men stole 950 dinars from the cash box.

**Drug smuggling foiled:** The air

cargo customs men recently foiled an attempt to smuggle 100 grams of marijuana via the postal parcel which arrived from America, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the contraband was hidden inside a box of potatoes. The parcel arrived in the name of a Kuwaiti, who has been arrested and the contraband has been referred to the General Department for Drugs Control (GDCC).

A customs source told the daily that "the customs inspector at air freight department suspected the par-

cel which arrived via a courier company. To the surprise of the inspector the box contained potatoes and after opening the box, he found nearly 100 grams of marijuana hidden inside."

The source added, following the discovery of contraband, according to the customs laws and the procedures followed, a customs report was prepared. In cooperation with the customs investigation team and in coordination with the GDCC of the Ministry of the Interior, the owner of the parcel was arrested and referred to the competent authority.

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Subscriber services center being disinfected.

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## Positive case forces closure

The subscriber services center at the Ministry of Communications, in the Jahra Government Mall building was closed after one of the employees of the department tested positive for Corona virus, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The Ministry called on the visitors to

ensure compliance with the health requirements, noting that the Customer Service Department at Al-Sulaibiya Branch served as an alternative center during the 3-day closure period.

The department was sterilized before work resumed.

## News in Brief

**KNG to free inmates:** Kuwait National Guard Undersecretary, Lieutenant General Hashim Al-Rifai, on Tuesday ordered release of imprisoned guards who have been held for disciplinary offenses, on the occasion of the upcoming Eid Al-Adha.

The National Guard said in a statement the order came in line with instructions by the National Guard Chief, His Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah, and the KNG Deputy Chief, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's State-owned gas firm on Monday inaugurated a fuel station in the country's Jaber Al-Ahmad residential area, the fourth in a string of similar facilities the company has recently opened nationwide.

The new gas station is one of 18 plants set to spring up across the country, most of which will be in residential areas to meet consumers demand for fuel, Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) said in a statement.

Sabah Al-Ahmad and Saad Al-Abdullah residential areas were also among the new locations for these gas pumping stations, added the statement, highlighting the "modern" architecture used to construct the environment-friendly facilities, all of which were equipped with "cutting-edge" solar panels.

The station in Jaber Al-Ahmad also includes an adjacent convenience store, ATM machine and an auto repair shop, amongst other miscellaneous services, the KNPC statement added.

**Two electrocuted:** Two expatriates working in the field of electricity mainte-

## KD 83m cost

## SAB nods tender

KUWAIT CITY, July 28: The State Audit Bureau has approved the tender for the maintenance and repair of main pressure transfer stations (132/300/400 kV) of the Ministry of Electricity and Water at a total cost of KD 83 million, reports Al-Jarida daily quoting sources.

Sources said that through this tender, the ministry will strive to update and develop electrical transmission networks as an important component of the network. Sources explained the network is responsible for transferring energy from production stations to secondary distribution stations located in residential areas to ensure these stations are fully ready for operation.

Sources revealed the tender was distributed to several companies specialized in this field, with the aim of expediting the completion of these works.

nance, were electrocuted in two different areas – the Jahra Industrial Area and Al-Mutla'a, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to a security source, a 26-year-old Syrian died in Jahra. He was working in a garage and while the Egyptian resident who died in the Al-Mutla'a died while working on a power transformer at the Al Mutla'a Residential Project.

Their remains have been referred to Forensics.

**5 held doing drugs:** The Ahmadi police have arrested five young people who are believed to be in their late teens – two men and three women – for consuming Larica pills, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

## MoH plans to reshuffle health offices heads

KUWAIT CITY, July 28: The Ministry of Health intends to reshuffle the heads of health offices, as well as the administrative and financial attachés abroad, in the coming period, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Sources disclosed that new names will enter the list for the first time, including the manager of the office of a senior official in the ministry who is expected to head the Korea Health Office, which was contract-

ed recently to send Kuwaiti patients there. Sources said other names will be assigned, while some administrative and financial staff will be assigned in the health offices and others will return to Kuwait.

Sources added the ministry is seriously considering opening a health office in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in view of the experience of patients sent to competent hospitals in these countries.