

Court Cases

Arabic dailies case adjourned

Senior officials acquitted of beating his maid to death

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KUWAIT CITY, April 24: The Criminal Court has acquitted an assistant undersecretary of beating his Asian housemaid to death.

The defense counsel, Attorney Khaled Al-Enezi, argued against the allegation; saying his client did not beat the maid. He said the testimony of another maid against their sponsor was false, asserting the second maid had a fight with the victim up to the extent of using sharp object to attack the other. When his client returned from work, his wife informed him that the maid in charge of food refused to prepare lunch due to the fight, so he just opted to have a nap in the room. He suddenly heard noise from the ground floor of the building, so he knew the maids had resumed the fight again.



Al-Enzi

According to the lawyer, his client's tight schedule, owing to his position, did not give him the opportunity to intervene in the problems among maids. He then demanded for the acquittal of his client due to the absence of incriminating evidence.

Case adjourned: The Complaints Section of Administration Court presided over by Judge Ahmad Al-Habeeb adjourned to April 29 the two petitions filed by Al-Watan and Alam Alyawm newspapers against the judicial decision that was issued to suspend their publication activities for two weeks.

The government's lawyer Ali Munawer requested the court to reject the petitions, as the decision taken by the Fast Track Court was temporary and was issued while investigations were ongoing due to the necessity of the situation, as a final verdict is not required to be

issued in such cases based on Article 15 of the Publication and Press Law 3/2006.

Lawyer Munawer indicated that the violations committed by the two newspapers were cited before the secret parliamentary session, affirming that all newspapers were treated in the same manner in the implementation of the law.

On the other hand, counsel to Al-Watan Lawyer Rashed Al-Rada'an and counsel to Alam Alyawm Lawyer Sultan Al-Qahtani requested the court to accept the petitions and annul the decision taken by the Fast Track Court. They based the petitions on Article 164 of the Procedural Law, stressing that the decision lacked the necessity factor.

Ruling revoked: The Misdemeanor Section in the Court of Appeals, chaired by Judge Mohammed Al-Khalaf, revoked the ruling of the First Instance Court that had previously sentenced a customs broker to one month in jail with hard labor to be followed by deportation for stealing mobile phones from a local telecommunication company.

Attorney En'am Haider, who represented the accused in court, provided documents related to the mobile phones dispatched from the company and a certificate from the Customs General Department. She then asked the court to acquit her client and treat him with utmost compassion.

The higher court overturned the verdict of the lower court and acquitted the accused after a thorough analysis of all the pieces of evidence and arguments presented by both sides.

Hearing put off: The Court of Appeal adjourned to April 30 the appeal filed by the Public Prosecution and several lawyers, Jaleel Al-Tabakh, Hassan Al-Matrouk, Mohammad Bu Hamad and Ismail Al-Sahaf against the verdict issued by the Court of First Instance, which acquitted Abdullah Al-Nafeesi of allegedly causing division in the society and offending the Shiite sect.



Special Forces members land on an oil tanker during the drill.

Joint operation to rescue hostages on oil tankers

In line with directives from the Deputy Premier, Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, the Ministry of Interior conducted a drill to rescue hostages inside oil tankers.

The ministry collaborated with Kuwait Oil Tankers Company (KOTC), Ministry of Defense,

General Department of Coast Guard, the Directorate General of Special Security Forces and US Special Forces Teams.

The Undersecretary of Interior Ministry Lieutenant General Sulaiman Al-Fahad attended the event. Meanwhile, the chiefs of GCC

Land Forces held the 14th coordinating meeting recently in Kuwait to discuss cooperation and joint defense drills and exercises in future. Representatives of Land Forces from the GCC countries and a delegation from the GCC General Secretariat attended the meeting.

The Chairman of the meeting and Deputy Chief of Defense Staff Lt General Mohammad Al-Khodhar opened the meeting by welcoming the participants. He affirmed that such a meeting is aimed to enhance the level of alertness of the Land Forces in combating war in the region.

Kuwaiti biker dies in collision; Lebanese falls dead on street

Screams foil bid to kidnap Arab woman

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KUWAIT CITY, April 24: A Kuwaiti citizen in his 30s died when his motorbike collided with a vehicle and overturned on Al-Bida'a Roundabout.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about the accident, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the location and discovered that the Kuwaiti biker died on the spot. His corpse was referred to the Forensics Department while a case was registered for investigations.

Man falls dead: A 34-year old Lebanese expatriate collapsed and died due to cardiac arrest while he was walking near Sharhabeel Street in Hawally area.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about an unconscious man near Sharhabeel Street, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the location and discovered that the victim died due to cardiac arrest.

His corpse was referred to the Forensics Department and a case was registered for investigations.

Suicide attempted: A 45-year old Egyptian expatriate tried to commit suicide by swallowing large number of pills.

According to security sources, when the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior received information about an Egyptian expatriate lying unconscious inside his flat in Farwaniya area, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the location and referred him to Farwaniya Hospital.

A case was registered against the Egyptian for attempting to commit suicide.

Agencies add:

Screams save woman: The Hawally police are looking for an unidentified person for attempting to kidnap an Arab woman, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to security sources, the suspect offered to drive home the woman and when the latter refused the offer, she told police the man literally attempted to bundle her in his vehicle. The incident happened in Salmiya.

The woman works in a shop selling cosmetics and was walking her way



Lt. Gen Sulaiman Al-Fahd with the fresh graduates

Moi photo

Graduating officers celebrated

The Ministry of Interior organized a graduation ceremony for the fifth batch of officers with the rank of lance corporal in the Institute of Support Services, which is affiliated to Saad Al-Abdullah Academy for Security Sciences. The event was held under the patronage of Ministry Undersecretary Interior Lieutenant General Suleiman Al-Fahad with the attendance of sev-

eral other ministry officials. During the ceremony, Second Lieutenant Dr Fidha Ali Al-Qudeihi was honored for academic excellence and Second Lieutenant Tayyiba Anwar Al-Essa for his sports achievements. The oath-taking ceremony was conducted by Academic and Examinations Affairs Head in the institute Lieutenant Fatma Salem Anbar.

home. The motorist driving a black color vehicle allegedly pulled by her side and offered to take her 'home'.

The suspect reportedly escaped on foot when she screamed for help.

Flower shop hit: Police are looking for an unidentified person who allegedly broke into a shop selling flowers at the Al-Bida'a Roundabout and stole the CCTV camera, a laptop and KD 1,000, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The owner of the shop has filed a complaint with the Rumaithiya Police Station.

Personnel from the Criminal Evidence Department have lifted fingerprints to identify the culprit.

Motorcycle stolen: The Hawally

police are looking for four police impersonators for stealing a motorcycle belonging to a Kuwaiti juvenile, reports Al-Anba daily.

The juvenile's father has filed a complaint with the Maidan Hawally Police Station. In the complaint the father said his son was playing behind a hotel in the area and four persons riding in a car stopped by, showed their fake IDs, accused the son for not carrying motorcycle documents and stole his motorcycle.

Pakistani robbed: A Pakistani man has filed a complaint with the Fahd Al-Ahmad Police Station accusing an unidentified person of impersonating police and stealing his money (KD 310), reports Al-Anba daily.

Police are looking for the suspect. Meanwhile, a Kuwaiti woman

Meanwhile, the undersecretary and other officials attended the final rehearsal of the 18th batch of graduates with the rank of First Sergeant at the academy. The main objective of the rehearsal was to observe the level of preparation of the academy and other concerned sections in the ministry regarding the graduation ceremony.

working at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has filed a complaint with the Zahra Police Station accusing an unidentified person of stealing her handbag from her office. The bag contained KD 50, reports Al-Anba daily.

Egyptian cheated: An Egyptian man has filed a complaint with the Maidan Hawally Police Station accusing an unidentified person of fraud and swindling him to the tune of KD 186, reports Al-Anba daily.

In his complaint, the victim who works for a printing shop said the suspect entered his shop and asked for KD 20 change.

When the man pulled out the money from his pocket - a bundle of bank notes - the suspect grabbed the money and escaped.

Man beats woman in traffic spat

Woman says raped by young man in Jula'aia camp

KUWAIT CITY, April 24: An unidentified woman, who is believed to be in her 20s, has filed a complaint with the police accusing a young man of taking her to a camp in Jula'aia and raping her, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The complainant has been referred to the Forensic Medicine Department and the suspect has been summoned for interrogation.

Meanwhile, a Kuwaiti woman has filed a complaint with the Salmiya Police Station accusing a compatriot of assaulting her, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to the complainant the main cause of the incident was the right of way.

The daily did not give more details.

'Killing' with car: An Arab woman has filed a complaint with the Farwaniya Police Station accusing her ex-husband of attempting to kill her by running over her with his car due to personal conflicts, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Police will summon the suspect for investigation.

Maid hurt fleeing: An unidentified Ethiopian maid who fell from the third floor balcony of her sponsor's apartment while attempting to escape has been admitted to the intensive care unit of the Adan Hospital, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added the incident happened in Fintas.

Acting on information paramedics rushed to the spot and took the maid to the hospital.

Woman swindled: A Kuwaiti woman has filed a complaint with a police station accusing her sister and her brother-in-law of fraud and swindling her to the tune of KD 70,000, reports Al-Rai daily.

In her complaint, the woman said the suspects convinced and lured her to join an illusory project - opening of a restaurant which allegedly would cost KD 150,000 - and after taking her share of the money, the brother-in-law left the country.



A tractor destroys the confiscated tea leaves.

4 tons of 'old' tea leaves confiscated

The Emergency team of Capital Municipality confiscated 4 tons of expired tea leaves from a food store in Shuwaikh Industrial Area, reports Al-Qabas daily. Head of the team Tareq Al-Qattan affirmed that such inspection campaigns on food stores and shops will continue for seizing expired food products, and issuing citations

against the violations. Meanwhile, he affirmed the keenness of the authority to ensure the safety of all food products by holding such campaigns and ensuring that the food outlets and stores comply with the conditions and regulations allotted by the Municipality in this regard.

News in Brief

Ten vehicles seized: Farwaniya traffic officers seized ten vehicles, arrested five individuals and withdrew 35 number plates of heavy vehicle during a traffic campaign that they launched in Khaitan area against the parking of heavy vehicles in residential areas.

According to security sources, the Assistant Undersecretary for Traffic Affairs at the Ministry of Interior Major General Abdul Fattah Al-Ali instructed Farwaniya traffic officers to issue traffic citations against the violation of parking heavy vehicles in residential areas of the governorate.



Al-Ali

Caught red-handed: The Jahra Night Squad has arrested five Kuwaiti teenagers for stealing scrap from a shop in Amghara and another Kuwaiti who was wanted by law in a civil case, reports Al-Rai daily.

The suspects were caught red-handed. They have been handed over to the concerned authorities.

Criminals rounded up: The Farwaniya police have arrested eight people who were wanted by law in connection with fraud and financial cases and an Asian who was staying in the country illegally for four years during a campaign in Firdous and areas surrounding the Farwaniya Hospital, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The sources said securitymen have arrested five more people who were wanted by law in connection with various cases and two Kuwaitis wanted in criminal cases, one of whom had been sentenced in absentia to eight years imprisonment.

All those arrested have been referred to the concerned authorities.

Angry Kenyan: An unidentified Kenyan has been arrested by the police for insulting and attempting to beat a Kuwaiti employee of a petrol company, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The daily said the incident happened at an unidentified location when the official was on a field tour of petrol stations affiliated to the company.

The complainant added, he saw the Kenyan not on duty and when after some time he showed up, the official scolded him

71 bottles seized

Liquor peddlers held

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KUWAIT CITY, April 24: Ahmadi patrol officers have arrested two Asians for trafficking in alcohol.

While on routine duty in Mangaf, the officers noticed the agitated look of two Asians inside a car. They escaped on foot when police approached them, but the officers chased and arrested them.

The officers then found 71 bottles of locally-brewed alcohol from the car and the suspects were referred to the concerned authorities.

In another incident, Ahmadi police officers rushed to the parking lot in Adan Hospital after the Operations Room received a call about two Kuwaitis who appeared disoriented. Police found out the two citizens are wanted by law - one has been sentenced to 15 years in prison and the other for evasion of debts and fines. The two brothers have been referred to the relevant security department.

Duo arrested: Police have arrested two Egyptians for consuming and trafficking in drugs, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said the Hawally police saw one of the suspects attempting to escape after seeing a police patrol.

When police stopped him, an officer discovered he was under the influence of drugs.

Police then checked his vehicle and seized hashish, heroin, marijuana, bottles of alcohol and KD 800 cash.

Police have referred both men and the seizures to the competent authorities.

and the suspect allegedly got angry. The worker will be summoned for interrogation.

Two held with arms: A Kuwaiti citizen and a Syrian were arrested for possessing a weapon, number of bullets and a hand grenade in Sulaibikhat area.

According to security sources, Capital securitymen were at a security checkpoint in Sulaibikhat area when they stopped a vehicle without a number plate in front of it.