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A Palestinian infant burned alive



Here is a message to all parties who agree with Israel normalization, the message is written by the blood of Palestinian infant who burnt alive by Israel.

Alba Labour Union sends cable of thanks to HRH Prime Minister

Alba Labour Union had sent a cable of thanks to His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa for his wise decision to postpone the plane to scrap meat subsidies. It hailed the wise decision which reflects the Premier's keenness on addressing citizens' grievances, taking into account the prevalent circumstances. Alba Labour Union hailed the Premier's dedication, ever since he took over as Prime Minister, to achieve social welfare and subsidise basic commodities, so as to ensure citizens' living conditions are not affected.



Ramadan football tournament is concluded

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Shaikha Hayat Al Khalifa

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o Alba workers sign the loyalty petition.

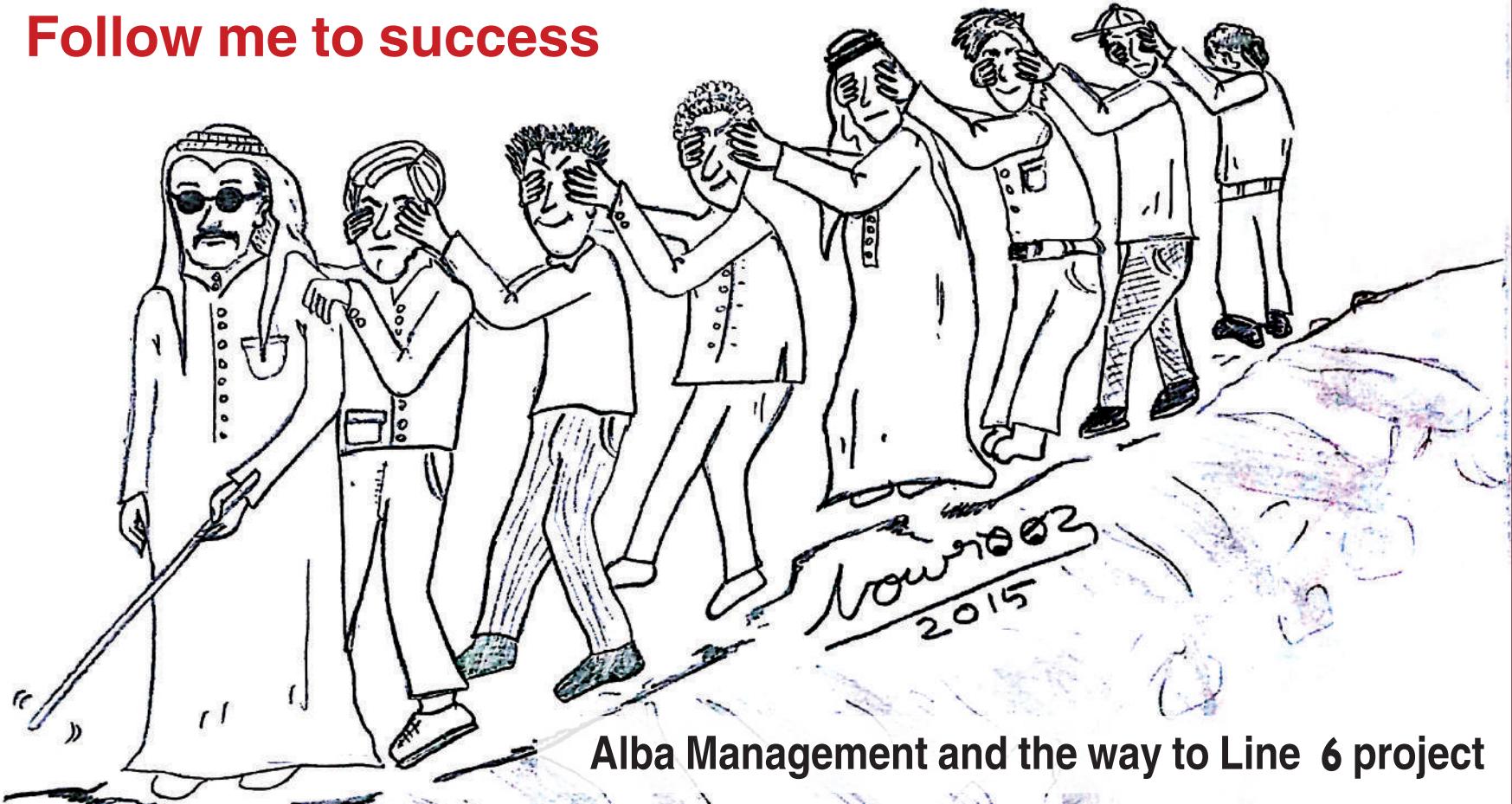
Alba Labour Union launched its national campaign against Iranian Interferences recently expressing their full rejection to everything that touches the loyalty and belonging values to Bahrain and its wise leadership in a national firm stand against all that threatens the security and stability of the Kingdom.

Union announced its national labour campaign in line with the campaign launched by Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation (BFLUF). The workers successively flocked from all over the company departments to renew their loyalty and stand against the foreign flagrant interferences in national affairs.

Alba workers expressed their solidarity with their union to stand together behind the wise leadership led by His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, and HRH Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander Prince Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Chairman of Alba labour Union, Ali Al Binali assured that Alba workers condemn Iranian Interferences in Bahrain's affairs; he added that working class in Alba support the Interior Minister Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa's calls for patriotic stances against Iran's interferences.

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Alba Management and the way to Line 6 project

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Hussam Bin Isa: the workers have all the support and appreciation

Head of HRH Premier's Court Shaikh Hussam bin Isa Al Khalifa received Yaqoub Yusuf Mohammad, Chairman of Bahrain Free Labour Union Federation (BFLUF). They discussed the efforts done by the government to support the workers and protect their rights as well as Federation activities in the upcoming period.

Shaikh Hussam bin Isa Al Khalifa assured during the meeting on the support and appreciation workers received from the government. Also, he assured on the government commitment to provide the necessary conditions that qualify the workers to continue their national role in the process on the comprehensive development process Bahrain is witnessing in all sectors and industries.

Also, he pointed that it is important for the participations of the Bahraini la-



o Shaikh Hussam bin Isa

bour movement in international events and conferences to reflect the reality of workers freedom and union pluralism. Plus, the participations must reflect the civilized image which is characterized by the Kingdom of Bahrain as one of the leading countries on the level of trade union and labour movement in the region.

40,000 beneficiaries to the retirees bonus

HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa commanded to give BD 360 bonus for retirees with salary of BD 700 or less during the current month of August, to award the retirees for everything they offered to serve this country. Also, to translate the national council concern to the retirees.

In implementation of the High Command the General Authority for Social Insurance and military pension fund initiated their part to limit the number of beneficiaries. Also, the completion of all necessary procedures to distribute of funds



to beneficiaries in coordination with the Ministry of Finance stressing on their full readiness for the disbursement of the bonus in line with August salaries. It is worth mentioning

that the number of beneficiaries in public sector reached 16,770 and 23,799 in private sector total of 40,569 for both sectors according to the authority database.

With Kuwaiti funding within the «Gulf Development» and at a cost of \$ 124 million

Minister of Public Works: developing Jaber Al-Sabah road by converting Alba roundabout within 3 years



o Alba roundabout in 2018.



o Developing Alba roundabout to 3 levels.

The Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs, and Urban Planning made an agreement with Kuwait Construction in partnership with Abdulla Ahmed Nass Corporation, whereby the ministry will implement the development of Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Road project (Alba and Nuwaidrat roundabout resection), by converting the roundabout to a three levels intersection of a total cost estimated at about \$124 million (equivalent to about BD 47 million).

The signing of the project agreement between the Minister Engineer Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf and the representatives of the two Kuwait Construction and Abdulla Ahmad Nass, happened in the ministry's headquarters. The work will begin during the month of August and until August 2018.

This project – funded by the

Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development within the Gulf Development Program – is most important and the largest infrastructure development projects in the Kingdom of Bahrain, especially in the road sector.

The importance of the project

This project is gaining importance because Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah road is

one of the oldest roads in the local road network, which links various industrial area in Sitra Island to the capital and seaports. In addition, this vital street connects traffic towards southern Bahrain. This project will also contribute to the support of the economic boom and attract investment in ways that enhance the revitalization of economic sectors in the country.

On this occasion, His Excellency Engineer Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf said: «This

project includes converting Alba roundabout to a intersection of three levels consists of a ground intersection managed with light signals, and a bridge of three lanes in each direction transmits the traffic along the Istiqlal Avenue and King Hamad Avenue. Also, another bridge above the previously mentioned bridge that will transmits traffic coming from the Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Avenue to King Hamad Avenue».

Dividing the project into two stages

He added that the work of the project also includes converting the current Nuwaidrat roundabout to the intersection of two levels, one ground managed by light signal, and the other is a flyover of three lanes in each direction that transmits the traffic along the



o Minister of works with Kuwait Construction.

Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Avenue. In addition to the development and expansion of large part from Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and Istiqlal, and King Hamad Avenue up to 96 Avenue and restricting entry and exit it to become one of specific ports. Also, to re-establish the 15 Street southbound from Nuwaidrat, and create a new dual avenue connects Ma'ameer industrial area with King Hamad Street South of roundabout Alba, as well as the development of the avenue leading to the oil and the ins and outs of Civil Defense and Bapco refinery.

He added: « The implementation of the project was divided in two phases, namely the preparatory work phase, which will be done by the Hafeera Contracting Company in the amount of approximately US \$ 10.5 million (equivalent to 3.95 million dinars). The work started during the month of November 2014 and to be completed by the middle of next August in conjunction with the start of the main stage. He pointed out that the preparations included removing the fences and buildings within the expropri-

ated land, and rebuilding the walls, as well as the processing of some electricity, water, and communications lines. In addition to the development of 2630 avenue in West Aaker that provides an alternative access for business owners and exhibitions customers, which lies north of Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Avenue between western entrance Aker and Nuwaidrat roundabout».

With regard to the main stage, he explained that it includes all the project work of roads and bridges, and that the work of this phase will continue for three years from next August until August 2018. He stressed on the time that the implementation of the project in his time schedule specified requires full coordination with the relevant authorities and jurisdiction of various services in order to convert the tracks.

Designs of the development

Furthermore, the Minister explained «The ministry has completed designs to develop the remaining part of Sheikh



o While signing the agreement .

Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah extending from Nuwaidrat roundabout from the south to the north bridge jacket, has been awarded the consultancy work on the International Association of Consultants (SSH / Hyder consulting). The list includes the design work is currently expanding Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on the street mentioned the extension, and the creation of five flyovers at major intersections with him, and the streets of services on both sides, and bridges for pedestrians to cross between the sides. Is scheduled for the end of the design by the end of the month of Septem-

ber 2016 work, and then will be tender for the implementation work».

Bapco refinery

His Excellency the Minister pointed that due to the presence of Bapco refinery Riffa station to generate electricity next to Alba roundabout, as well as the presence of major pipe water transferring pass the roundabout coming from the plant floor to desalinate water.

All these components will require coordination with the relevant authorities to ensure working according to the plan.

Developing Alba roundabout to three levels at a cost of 47 million dinars

- The first level (ground) traffic between all the main roads and reverse rotation.
- The second level serves traffic between Istiqlal Avenue to King Hamad Avenue.
- The third level serves traffic between Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah Avenue.

Source: website of the Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs, and Urban Planning
www.municipality.gov.bh



Batelco Union is threatening to withdraw from GFBTU

Dahneem: We offered the proposals and reforms with no response

Abdulaziz Dahneem, Chairman of Batelco Trade Union, stated in phone call with Alba Labour Union that union has proposed several proposals and reforms to the central board of General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions (GFBTU) with no response despite Batelco Union have announced its intention to negotiate and talk.

As for the withdrawal of the GFBTU, Dahneem did not deny the decision replying that withdraw decision is not out of the question. A letter was sent to inquire about the withdraw process and steps from federation. However, Batelco Union didn't not make up its mind yet and decide in this matter. He noted that "Federation is not immune to reforms and Batelco Union has initiatives to try reforming

the basic system of federation through principles of governance offered".

Dahneem explained "Batelco union initiative is based on four main points which are: first, each member in General Secretariat has the right to continue his position for a maximum of two consecutive terms. Second, General Secretariat member should be a representative in the general conference elected by his union. Third, general Secretariat membership to be annulled if his union withdrew from federation. Fourth and lastly, General Secretariat member should at least complete one term in his union". He considered these proposals would end and control the unorganized elections happening now.

In case General Federation refused proposals and reforms offered by Batelco



o Abdulaziz Dahneem

Trade Union, Dahneem states "Union won't mind if these proposals were rejected in democratic organized frame" assuring "Withdrawal won't be on our mind" before correcting it "But, these proposals in my opinion won't be rejected except who feels personal lost if implemented".

Dahneem assured that each union has its own conditions and threatening to withdraw from general federation might encourage other unions to follow along. However, the benefits of the proposal and reforms to general federation is more than losses.

Alba Labour Union Condemns Iranian Interferences in Bahrain

Based on our National responsibilities and in line with our commitments to support National Leadership led by His Majesty, king Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Alba Labour Union strongly condemn and reject all the forms of interference by Iran in the internal affairs of Kingdom of Bahrain, noting that such interference is considered as flagrant violation of sovereignty of the kingdom and it violates the United Nation charter and all the international Laws and norms. The statement which was made by Iranian officials is considered

as a flagrant and unacceptable interference, a blatant encroachment on its sovereignty and independence and a violation of the UN and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) principles.

These antagonistic political statements aim to threaten people of Bahrain, fuelling sedition and sparling chaos in Bahrain. Iran interference in Bahrain through launching misleading propaganda campaigns in media against Bahrain and supporting terrorist acts by smuggling weapons, explosives and ammunitions,

harbouring and supporting the escapers from the justice and training them in the Iranian militarily campaigns .We praised the efforts of Ministry of Interior headed by His Royal Highness, Sheikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa and his soldiers in protecting and maintaining the security of Bahrain and innocent people.

Alba workers reject all the Iranian interference which violate the international norms and Low and contrary the principles of good neighbourhood which Bahrain knees to achieve. Alba workers reaff-

firm standing by and supporting the National Leadership's efforts in maintaining the security and stability of Bahrain and Bahraini citizen. The approach adopted by Iran will strengthen our nationalisation and unit us to stand against anyone who attempt to divide us based on sectarian and religion. On behalf of Alba workers, we reaffirm our standing by the national leadership and we assure that Bahrain is one of the Arabic nations and it will remain under Al Khalifa government.

Alba Club has no AC despite the high weather



A while ago, when Alba Club events tent was established following the opening of Calciner plant in 2001. The tent was used in the opening ceremony then transferred to Alba Club to be used in the events hosted in the club. There were many events hosted in the tent either by Alba Company or Alba Labour Union. However, the tent was never improved to the better except in the last five years when an insufficient budget was set to improve it and have a better appearance to be used more in hosting events. The improvement didn't not include the air conditioners to provide appropriate atmosphere especially in summer. The current air conditioners doesn't suit the tent size not the amount of people visiting it.

The budget is always the claim

Alba Labour Union presented several proposals to resolve the problem of traffic congestion experienced by workers, both when they come or leave the company. Note that these proposals dated back to 2012 where they were discussed with the company's management. Union has offered these proposals through the weekly joint committee between union and the management. However, to this day the management did not decide yet and reject all proposals submitted under false pretences, once claiming budget issues and others that is the competent authorities' approval.

Despite that, union contin-

ued to provide many solutions that contribute in alleviation of such congestion. Plus maintaining the safety of attendance process and helps in the smooth flow of traffic to be more flexible while reducing the chances of accidents.

However, the management does not have the slightest readiness to consider the matter with due diligence as 3 years have passed and no intention is shown towards resolving this problem.

Although budgets are set annually to the projects the company is intended to implement, but, no budget is set to these proposals and work on resolving them like any other project...

Workers car parking in a bad condition

Alba workers suffer from a different in car parking other than the limited number of spots and having to park their park in wrong parking spots. The workers suffer from the bad conditions of the ground due to tree roots that were removed a while ago for safety reasons, however, the ground wasn't fixed. This problem was presented before without any cooperation from the management.



Alba Labour Union: Production can't be achieved by spying



One of the workers complained to Alba Labour Union that his manager asked him to spy on his colleagues to know every detail in the department. The worker refused to be involved in the espionage mission expressed to union representatives how upset he was especially when the administrative work in Alba reached a miserable point. As a result, the manager started to antagonize him..

The brave worker, who refused to spy on his colleagues, paid a visit to Union office, where he expressed his concerns and worries on the devious and tricky methods which reflect the administrative corruption and management's inability in dealing with its workers. Accordingly, Alba Labour Union warns this manager and anyone who antagonizes workers or wants to divide workers.



Air conditioners are broken since months

«Carbon maintenance» is suffering from lack of hygiene and negligence of utilities

Number of carbon maintenance 1&2 workers complained about lack of hygiene in the department. Utilities maintenance has fallen back which led to the accumulation of insects and rodents as a result of the pile up of garbage, and the emergence of unpleasant and unwanted smells.

Carbon maintenance workers pointed out to the absence of cleaning and welfare facilities materials such as hand soap and tissues in toilets, despite it's being importance to avoid lot of diseases and maintaining health. Washing your hand is considered one of the most effective methods to prevent the transmission of germs and contagious diseases.

The cleaner was asked about the reason for pile up of garbage and the contamination that the department is suffering from. He said that the company doesn't provide him adequate hygiene materials to clean the building.

On the other hand, carbon maintenance workers suffer as the air conditioners are broke down for more than a month. All supervisors were informed; however, no action has been taken so far despite the increasing in the temperatures during summer. Plus the exhaustion and fatigue they are exposed to due to working in the hot weather for long periods.

Carbon workers addressed another problem which is absence of privacy and inability to concentrate in their work due to the constant presence of contractors workers in their buildings. Meanwhile, the company's management launched a new health and safety campaign titled "Together we can beat the heat" aiming to increase awareness among workers. Yet, carbon maintenance workers wondered: isn't it better that the company's management and supervisors to solve health and safety problems instead of spending huge amount of money in campaigns and publicity?



«Senior» is only for the loved one...!!

The idea of promoting to a higher grade (senior) is kind of motivation, encouragement and a reward for the supervisors. The worker shall be promoted after being nominated by his manager as a result of his dedication and efforts in work. And the question raise here is that, what are the criteria that official take into his accounts when deciding which workers are eligible to promotion? Is the worker to be promoted due to his regular attendance?! Or is it due to the worker's excellence, creativity and well performance in the work?! .. Does promotion come after obtaining a high academic degree and training courses?!. Is it because the worker followed the health and safety procedures and he has no reported incidents and injuries in his file?!

The answer is: No, there are no such criteria that should be followed to promote supervisory grade to senior grade.. Therefore how certain workers in Alba got promoted and their pictures were published in social media?! Managers assured that promotion process is away from relationships, favoritism and common interests where it is based on objectivism and has nothing to do with personal relations or emotions. But the truth which is clear enough to everyone that there are no such criteria to be promoted to "senior" grade, unlike non-supervisory grade (less than 11), where the company set a criteria for non-supervisory grade, where the workers should passing the skill Matrix in order to be promoted.

Being promoted to "senior" is very important for the super-

visor where it gives him the motivation and inspires him to work harder; it creates a competition atmosphere among the supervisors. It is just like an award provided by the company to its loyal worker who served the company with passion and hard work; where he contributed in the company's success and progress. It is hard for the worker to see himself retiring without being "senior" grade and when he asked the management they would tell him that due to company's budget and profit, they won't be able to promote him!! The management should bear in its mind that the high profits and high productivity are achieved through worker's loyalty, dedication and hard work and he is the reason behind company's high profits. Ehsan Mohammad Baqr, who works in Reduction Line 2 as a shift supervisor, joined the Company on 5/7/1190, and served Alba for more than 25 years. He said "Should I work another 25 years to get "senior" grade?! Ehsan has served Alba without any boredom, he attended so many training course and got many golden card from Alba's CEO and certificates, even though his dedication, honesty and loyalty in the work didn't satisfy his officials in the department and he had not been promoted to senior grade, because it is clear that there are no policies or criteria which officials can refer to or follow when they want to promote worker, indeed the worker "Ehsan is standing by haplessly he can't do any things.. Ehsan said: I have spent my



o Ehsan Mohammed



o Hussain Ali

life serving Alba where it becomes as my home, my colleagues are like my family and they just like my brothers.. I believe that I had given my best in the work and I am not asking for more than what I deserve. I am sure that I have all the skills and experiences to be promoted to "senior grade". I don't want this issue to effect negatively on my performance and productivity at work..

The worker Husain Ali Malik agreed with Ehsan, Husain who works as shift supervisor in Reduction Line 1 and has served the company for more than 25 years since joining Alba on 23/12/1991, said that "Although I have worked in all Alba for so many years and I have good relations with all and my record file is so clean I have not been promoted yet to "senior".

Husain said "When I asked the management in Alba about the reasons behind ignoring my promotion request, they told me that their strategy on giving "senior" grade to workers is based on safety". He added "my safety record is clean I have not caused any

incident nor injury".. He added "they are changing the superintendent in our department constantly; they are just shifting superintended from one department to another and this makes them unable to evaluate the workers performance. As well as that, superintendent in this period want to perform well, do his best at work and he might just thought for his own interests. He might be hesitating in promoting any workers due to the fact he should contribute in reducing the company's cost.

Husain asked the management "Why the officials are ignoring our questions regarding the senior grade issue? Why they ignore us when we ask them do we really deserve the promotion?! Are we going to have a clear answer and justification for not being promoted yet or they will remain silent as usual?!

To sum up, the management should review the procedures of giving senior grade for supervisors and it should set rules or criteria for giving senior grade. It will be good idea if the management will form an independent committee to look on and decide which worker is eligible to get senior grade, instead of doing nothing and telling lies!!

► Labour problems

Between managers challenges and executive fancy

Alba management surprises us every day with the newest and strangest matters leaving Alba workers in shock and wonder as contradiction in all matters and actions undertaken by the administration is clear. Five years ago, under the auspices of Her Royal Highness wife of King of Bahrain Princess Sabeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, the park and its garden in Alba was opened, which was established by the previous management of the company, headed by Mr. Mahmoud Al Kooheji.

The park occupies a large area of land in addition to the Grand Garden, and includes a number of utilities, games and breaks for workers equipped with all means of comfort and relaxation. In the midst of this, we find the current executives management wants to build a new garden with a huge budget with various facilities that take away from the company budget. However, the current executive management seem to forget that Alba already has a large park that includes all the ways the comfort and convenience of the workers at the highest levels, so why the over spending on the new park? What are the reasons behind it??

Discrimination in allowances

Despite what carbon maintenance workers are suffering from troubles and hardship in different sections, they don't care and will not stop regardless of the troubles they face. However, some of them in different sections feel injustice as a result of inequity in the PCA calculated to them, as some receives it and some don't according to the desires of the managers. Although the nature and condition of work is the same for all workers, considering they all work in the same environment and conditions; meaning they all face the same troubles and difficulties. However, the department management follows discrimination policy in public and has double standards when giving the PCA for workers in the three fields.

The workers have raised their

demand to the department's management repeatedly to discuss this matter hoping to find a positive result. However, no answer was given to their demand as no one lifted a finger either acceptance or rejection, especially with the frequent change in the manager of the department making their case forgotten.

The department's management must take this matter into consideration. The workers hope and seek to be treated equally and fairly with no discrimination and injustice as their work conditions must be taking into consideration.

To the department's management, the workers run the production wheel not the department's manager.

Alba workers are waiting for the Water Cooler to work

This is the story of the water cooler that is located in the south gate, which is supposed to provide Alba workers with cold water, has never worked properly, since they brought it, what's more funny is that the management of Central Workshop put a sticker regularly to indicate that the cooler had been inspected in this date!! The story had begun since 3 months, when one of the workers from Casthouse complained that the cooler doesn't work and Union discussed the issue with the management.

Union representatives look forward to solve the issue as it is

not complicated issue and they believed that Central Workshop department would be able to fix it as soon as possible. Since that time the management have been informing us every day that the cooler was fixed so it works probably and it was under construction.

yet when we tried to use the cooler, it didn't work!! While the management sent us pictures showing that maintenance workers were working hard to fix the problem, the union sent a pictures back to the management showed that the cooler was covered with dust which means it still doesn't work!!

The non-medical insurance for emergency cases!!

A worker suffering a heart attack was transferred to Ibn Al-Nafees Hospital by the medical department after performing the necessary preliminary medical examinations. It was found that the worker needs to have Catheterization surgery and was transferred to Bahrain Defense Force Hospital, Cardiac center.

As the worker was being admitted to the hospital, he was surprised to know that insurance approval is needed. The nurse told him that the insurance must give approval before having the surgery thus he must leave the hospital till the approval is given.

The question in here is the Alba health care centre and its workforce need a training course in Salmania hospital emergency centre? Who is responsible for the complications and health risks the worker might face as he ordered to leave the hospital?

Globalizations not just one

Is globalization American? – This is a trending question often answered in the affirmative. Many equals globalization with Americanization in many cases it begins as reactions to dominate American lifestyle we are living instead of dominate globalized lifestyle taking over the world. This dominate accompanied by deep feeling of the injustice caused by the foreign American politics in many area of the world, especially in both our Arabic and Islamic world. Thus, the matter is becoming obvious: Globalization is Americanization.

But, this obviousness needs examination and analysis. Is Europe less interested in Globalization than USA? Weren't the first colonial waves in 15th and 16th century all European: French, British, Dutch, Russian, Italian, and etc.? Weren't these waves are an early form of globalization that lead eventually to rarefaction traditional social structures in poor countries imposing production patterns and exotic social and cultural context. Does France cares less in spreading Francophonie culture in geographic ranges than United States in spreading Anglo-Saxon exclusively American lifestyle? Does Japan cares less than America and Europe in perusing economic benefits in various areas in the world even if it didn't go to those areas via battleships and aircraft carriers? Is Russia, who have lost the cold war with the collapse of Soviet System in Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Baltic shores in the near Slovak term: Ukraine and Belarus, and the farthest: the Czech Republic and Slovakia less interested in

having an impact in the international balances?

Is the literate produced in America pure American literate? What about the American literati with African, Chinese, Latin, or other heritages? What explains that Egyptian origin chemist Zewail receives the Nobel Prize in name of America not Egypt? What makes Amin Maalouf, Born and raised as an Arab, literate to be read in French first before being translated to Arabic?! What do we say about a write born in France to Algerian parents she took all there genetics from even though can't speak Arabic. Then in her youth immigrated to America becoming a write in English: Is she an Arabic, a French, or an American writer? When she wrote her descendants biography which is divided on three continents and three cultures. This is globalization as well!!!

The French were the first to state the concept of "Cultural Exception" which is in essence to deliberate resistance targeted against Cultural Americanization to the globe. In a common phrases, it is an attempt to content the effects of cultural globalization which in fact dominate the American vision in the globe in terms of values, opinion, tastes. It is a pragmatic vision with no essence to it that can only shock the cultural traditions in a rich country such as France which the enlightenment philosophy and doctrines of rationality in 18th

and 19th century with prosper of new literate schools. A survey conducted by "le monde diplomatique" for its readers in France to define their age, career, political views. The distinctive matter the magazine stated in its analysis that Washington is counting on the new revolution in telecommunication industry to dominate on the media system, which already lacks credibility to lead the future industries and fully dominate the world. These data increase the conversion of media into a commodity keeping it far away from its true message to spread and enrich democratic dialogue. A large media "Cartels" are formed to purchase successful merging it in powerful global monopolies dominating media and information market to reification everything starting from sports and ending in arts and cinema. These media are capable to penetrate into economics and politics world converting media person into a Politian or vice versa to the point the events power it not determined from its self or empowered by the media. The magazine states that its readers in France demand more credibility and criticism to the new liberal policies and the destruction being spread in Europe suggesting new alternatives. This proves that the French, just like any other nation heading towards globalization, are not blindly. They realize that this globalization is not necessarily American. Even if France the first of state Cultural Excep-



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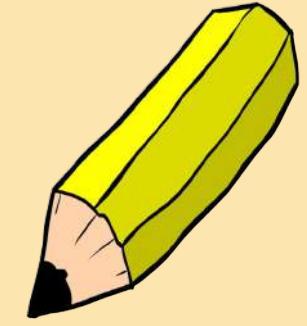
tion concept, they are not the only one benefiting from it. This can be said if we were talking at communities' level, each on its own. However, if we were talking on global level, we see wars being started by weapon companies' mafia as manifestation of the economic fundamentalism which won't hesitate to pay even millions of people to death as long as wars are generating constant income from arms trafficking. The goal is to achieve greater flow in the capital and goods that are looking for new markets and opportunities for investment not surrounded by protective walls, states to strain it with taxes, unprotected cheaper labour with minimum wage, or harsh condition to dismiss labour. It still interesting that the west did not find any fault to turn in traditional method including invasion and occupation. On the surface it means subjection the world, however, in its essence means promoting nations, organizations that didn't let the world to be led into this devastating option to humanity and environment. These are all amassing their forces, sometimes silently and sometimes openly to prove the idea of rights is alive not dead.

A worker's prediction

When injustice in the company
Reaches deep down
Policies are so
Weak
To establish a culture
Of stupidity
Obscurantist
And exclusion
That was created
With all of its ugly forms
And recently greedy forms
The noble worker
Have had enough
Surrounded with crisis
Biting his finger out of rage
In storms of programmed mess
Yes, programmed
I won't surprise you
Of I said
The conspiracy theory
Is living in every official conscience
Madly in love with presidency
Whether he had wiliness
Or not
He is thinking of putting this down
Or that one
Igniting the sedition in that one
And distorting that one reputation
Of course,
Everything I mentioned
We are convinced
Are in constant clash
Even if their throne
Is weak and about to
Collapse
If they didn't wallow
Like a prostitute on
The doors of union
Not only

Because union is defeating
officials
Who are arrogant and tyrant
But,
Because its approach
Demands and requires
Rights!!!!!!
And its policies should be un-
derlined and highlighted
This matter has its privacy
And it's going to be continued.
However,
I have a prediction
And my prediction
Won't be revealed
Until the right time
But, I will still whisper with
some of it
Yes
And this prediction is real
I say!!!!!!!
One of the manager is one of
the departments
In cooperation with someone
And in non-human manner
Was determined to find a posi-
tion
In his department
After a long race against time
And consultations with some
Fool parties
It was decided
The following
But,
To end this case
And let it flow normally
In his minor view
And to not be accused with
stupidity

Firstly,
A comic play must be created
In the name of
Intention filtration
Justice and equality
To please his god
The god of criminals
Secondly,
To pave the atmosphere
To create a hysterical state be-
tween the competitors
Bounding their heads together
Thirdly,
To break the special and out-
standing ones
By giving them insufficient
chance
To prove themselves
He creates, by his clowns
And some acrobatic movements
It is then he wraps their certifi
On their necks
Hangs them all
Suddenly,
Fourthly. .
Bringing the legendry clown
To take over the lead
Management honks are working
Around the clock
Praises were racing ahead
Exchanging congratulations and
blessings
For taking over the throne
Forcibly
With a sin and a crime
Till the story ends
Or till here I have said enough
With my prediction
And the details will be later.



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Manipulating with Alba in the middle of the day!!

I wanted to share with you some of manipulations in power station. WE are suffering from short age of work force and the manager is refusing to let anyone work overtime because of saving and budget claims; sometimes we have to be supermen to finish the work, however, in regards to the management staff who works in day shift, we see them working during holidays as overtime work with no specific need.

The question is if the operators worked overtime it is considered as waste in the department budget. While, the management staff overtime is not considered as a waste ?!

I hope you would consider this important matter as you know that the power station is the heart of Alba.

Abo Abed

Week of regression

In most of the developed countries which pay attention to sport you will find that they have schools and institutions to train players and develop their skills till they become professional and efficient athletes, we all know that, but do we know how the process is done?

I think, No,

Let me explain the situation briefly...

These schools and institutions are dependent on an influence of coaches and they have a team of professional, consulting, qualified and dedication team, where they have good experiences and skills that enable them to train and developed the athletes' skills. The team

consists of coaches and experts, where you will find fitness expert, and experts in physiotherapy and so on. But the most important experts is psychologists or counsellor, whose the only person allowed to intervene in all the fields, even choosing the right athlete who is the "most appropriate "intellectually" to be trained. Due to the fact that says, there is no connection between people who use the reactive part of their mind and those who use the second part of the mind "the analytical". From this point, could we ask, why don't we have such expert in Alba? We "really" need a psychia-

trist in Alba instead of all of these propaganda and bubbles which are called "SHE Week"... And I prefer to call it "the week of Regression", because at the end you will regret that workers wasted their time and you have wasted money on these campaigns while there are still number of incidents and injury where some of them are hazards, as we say "It is like we never accomplished anything"!! My message to the management,, stop doing showy and trumpery campaigns and stop turning your tongue,, try to study the mental conditions of the workers before shifting them to Carbon department

or potroom.. Management in Alba should decide who is the "right" to work at operation, casthouse or potroom department and who is using his analytical part so they can give tasks which need to be analysed...



Sultan Khairi



At the end of football tournament:

We wish to highlight workers athletic skills and invest in it



Guest of honor, Shaikha Hayat bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, the Chairperson of the Bahrain Federation for the Table Tennis, the member of the Bahraini Olympic Committee, gave a speech on the occasion of the end of the Ramadan tournament in Alba club. She thanked the tournament organizing committee emphasizing the role Alba is taking in refining workers athletic abilities. Also, she wished the interest to continue in cooperation with Supreme Council for Youth and Sports headed by Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to organize a Basketball tournament specific for women as it will complement the efforts done to improve sports with the support of private sector in Kingdom of Bahrain.

On this occasion CEO, Tim Murray, stated "Sports are very important in our lives thus Ramadan football tournament is considered one of the most successful tournaments held since I joined Alba. Thanks to those that contributed in the tournament success from organizing committee to workers and managers. Also, thank to Alba Labour Union for their

constant support to events and activities workers participate in.

Alba Ladies team had a speech delivered by Fatima Janahi which she thanked guests and executive management as well as Alba Labour Union. She stated "I'm honored today to stand in front of you in this ceremony that brings us back the path we been through under the leadership of Alba COO, Isa Al Ansari, as without his support to our team we wouldn't be able to reach this advanced steps that lead us to finals of a tournament held on a national level. Also, we acknowledge and value union constant supportive role, union had a significant role as always. Moreover, Alba Labour Union had a speech delivered by Chairman, Ali Al Binali, "The success of the tournament only happened due to workers dedication and the spread of sports spirit as well as cooperation between them. The workers are the real fortune to success and any company achievement. He valued the strenuous efforts made by Bahrain Basketball Association to refine

athletic skills.

Ali Binali added having unions is one of the gains of His Majesty King Hamad reform project and achievements are coming in this prosperous reign. We need more examples like MP, Nasser Al Qaseer, who struggled and fought hard to achieve the highest positions. Also, let it be known to every one Alba workers are fully supporting His Majesty King Hamad reform project as it will take Bahrain forward in light of the current challenges and difficulties

At the end of the ceremony, medals and prizes were distributed on the winning team starting with awarding the organizing committee and judges who contributed in its success. National women team (number 2) came in first place and was awarded with gold medal in Women Basketball

tournament followed by Alba Ladies team who came in second place and got silver medals. Mariam Fareed from Alba team was awarded best player in the tournament followed by Nada Malabes from Bapco team who won best player in three shots.



Do Not Sell Yourself cheap!!

I have not ever seen any worker entering Alba without wearing his uniform or at least wearing Alba's shirt or trouser and also I haven't seen any worker entering his workplace without wearing his helmet or safety shoes.

Unfortunately, I have seen many workers entering their workplaces and working for several hours without wearing eye protector, gloves or ear protector.

My question is: why do workers wear some of the PPE and refuse to

wear other?! Is it because of some of the PPEs are more important than others? Or is it due to the injuries and incidents which are only occurring in the head and feet?! What about the rest of the body, ears, eyes and hand, would they be safe?!

The answer is that safety is a culture to maintain and protect you from risks. Machines contain sharp edges which may harm your hand if you were not wearing gloves.

Even pumps, air compressor and fans would not be calm and their nose would not re-

duce if you had not wear ear protect. It goes same with eye spectacles..

The worker should take into his consideration the importance of wearing all PPEs and it must be one of his top priorities before doing any task in the workplace.

The work would not stop if -God forbidding- something bad happened to workers, nevertheless is

Therefore the workers are considered of great value to the company, and he should wear all PPE, he should not sell himself shortly as well as

the PPE.. and here "sell yourself short and sell PPE short" means do not underestimate the true value or worth of wearing PPE which are provided by the company to all workers in order to protect them from risks, and those who underestimate the value of PPE are actually underestimate their value.. May God protect all workers..

Written By:
Mahdi Al Sahlawi



PCA

Alba worker couldn't believe himself when hearing from the HR officials he received proficiency reward as a result of its uniqueness and excellence in his work or moving from department to another resulting in an increase in salary due the change in the nature of work. The worker is thrilled to share it with his family. as he begins a journey to find a suitable use for this amount to solve a problem or pay off a debt. With the difference in nature of work in different departments, the amount either increases or decreases due to the difference in work conditions, location, risks the worker might go through during work.

However, the worker is sad and regretting when finding out they will deduct from his salary as he transferred to another department due to change in nature of work, the conditions of the new locations, and the percentage of risks he might face which results in difference

in nature of work allowance. However, when a worker is transferred without any amount being deducted from his salary due his lack of knowledge in administrative and financial matters and officials in HR didn't inform him about this regard. The HR department is responsible of calculating allowances and deductions and the worker has nothing to do with it. the worker should not endure any of its consequences. One of Alba workers after being transferred to a different work station, the HR department found out that he doesn't deserve the PCA he has been receiving for the past 4 years. The officials have informed him to his shock that the company's management is demanding him to pay off the difference in the PCA he was remained receiving for the past four years. He is now standing helplessly failing to take an action or a solution to his problem especially that he is unable to pay the amount being claimed.

Accidents and Injuries during the Month of Aug 2015

Date	Place	Details of the accident	Notes	Evaluation	Results of the investigation
4/8/2015	Reduction	When one contract employee was shifting the metallic piece in bench vise table, suddenly the metallic piece slip and he got minor injury in his left hand index finger.	Emphasized on management to ensure the employees are using proper PPE.	Minor Injury	Found that employee was not wearing not using the proper safe hand gloves due to lack of supervision.
8/8/2015	Reduction Line 5 Room C	While the employee used PTA Crane emergency vertical ladder to enter the cabin to operate the crane for maintenance crew, he attempted to lift the emergency ladder up, but his right hand caught in between the ladder steps, causing pain and swelling.	Union representative advised the management to ensure that safely transferring the tasks by following permit to work procedure.	Minor Injury	Found that improper communication while transferring tasks and not following permit to work.
9/8/2015	Carbon Plant 1-2	While the Operator was clearing the Conveyor tail drum by his hand, his left index finger caught in-between the actuator plate and rotation sensor, caused cut wound on his finger.	Emphasized on the management to ensure that all the employee are carrying hand gloves all the times.	Minor Injury	Found that the employee was not wearing gloves for the task due lack of PPE Monitoring system.
13/8/2015	Workshop & Maintenance Services	Employee was trying to open the alumina drainage cover of point feed 254 with use of hammer & Chisel, while hammering the cover, accidentally the hammer hit his hand.	Emphasized on taking more interval rest during hot weather.	Minor Injury	Misjudged while hammering due to fatigue.
20/8/2015	Reduction Line 1-3 Room 5	During the normal tapping activity, while opening the hood for preparing the tapping hole, accidentally the hood gets touched with the hand near the elbow causing minor burn.	Union Representative strictly emphasized on close supervision to the new employees.	Minor Burn Injury	Lack of supervision on the new recruited employees.
21/8/2015	Reduction Line 1-3 Room 1	During metal tapping activity while writing the beam level in board, hit his right leg shin to anode trailer towing bar causing the injury.	Advised to revise the trailer parking procedure.	Minor Injury	Improper parking of Anode trailer.
23/8/2015	Procurement & Strategic Supply	While employee crossed near the building, the department the signboard was not fixed properly and to the bad installation of the frame caused cut in the employee arm.	Advised the procurement management to repair the damage part.	Minor Injury	Found the signboard was damage
25/8/2015	Reduction Line 5 Room C	While the operator leaned to hook the chain in the slab, he accidentally touched the pot raiser by his right upper shoulder as his shirt was wet the heat reached fast to his shoulder causing the 2nd degree burn.	Advised the management to ensure the new employees have received proper mentoring and training.	Minor Burn Injury	Found that the employee was exhausted due to fatigue and he lacks of experience.
27/8/2015	Carbon 1-2 Rodding plant 1	While the employee was trying to release the jammed overhead conveyor suddenly he lost his balance and fall down backward inside the empty container resulted right knee mild pain	Advised the management to review the maintenance quality for the conveyors.	Minor Injury and High Potential Nearmiss	Found that frequent failure to the overhead conveyor is the main reason of the incident.



Tips for the working women:

The working woman should know how to maintain her health. Thus, it is recommended to follow these steps that will make a huge difference in her life with a small effort.

Make sure you set time for exercising:

When we think of healthy life style the first thing that comes to our mind is to exercise. It is important to exercise regularly even during holiday days.

Drink a lot of water:

Dehydration, even if it minor, it can affect the body which may cause headaches and fatigue.

Never skip breakfast:

Studies show that the people who have breakfast in the morning feel more comfortable in compare to those who don't. This will result in more productivity during the day.

Recommended Crane Signals

The signaller should stand in a secure position where he can see the load and be seen clearly by crane operator, always face the crane operator if possible and make each signal distinct and clear.

Who can give the hand signals ??

- A person qualified to give crane signals to the operator.
- There should be only one designated signaler at a time.
- A crane operator should move loads only on signals from one signaler.



STOP



HOIST



LOWER



SLOWLY LOWER

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EMERGENCY STOP



OPERATION START



OPERATION CEASE

We call on comrades in (Waad Society) to change the name of the Palestine hall in their building

Palestinian Olive Oil" for sale"

The recent advertisement which was published in the social media by the Bahrain Society against Zionist Enemy (BSAZ) was source of sarcasm, dissatisfaction and ire for Bahrain citizens. BSAZ which is part of Waad Society has called Bahrain citizen through the advertisement to show their solidarity with the Palestinian farmers and support them by buying the "Palestinian olive oil (BD 45 per kg) and here, we have to explain to our readers that this advertisement is not more than a funny joke and sarcasm advertisement where they are just mocking our comrades in Palestine and us as well!! The initiative which was launched years ago by BSAZ in collaboration with Waad Society is contrary the principle of the honesty and trustworthy that supposed to be followed by all members in all political societies. The last position of Abdulla Husain who is member in Waad Society and member in the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions(GFBTU), lead Bahraini labour delegates in the 104th session of International Labour Conference (ILC) which was held recently on Geneva, revealed the truth and the mask, the truth is that Waad society gave up on supporting the Palestinian issue and their Palestinian comrades, when Abdulla Husain, the General Secretary of Arab and international Relations in the (GFBTU) agreed to put his hand in the Sharon Burrow's hand, and he agreed to be under the umbrella

of International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) who support and defend the General Federation of Labour in Israel (Histadrut)!! Why would Abdulla Husain agreed to follow ITUC while there is an alternative which is able to more cable to defend and support Palestinians which is World federation of Trade Union WFTU. So, in conclusion, we would like to say, there is no such a benefits from selling Palestinian olive, neither the Palestinian olive oil, while Abdulla Husain is sitting with Israelis' representative on one table, chaired by Sharron Burrow, the general secretary of ITUC. Abdulla's position is considered as a clear type of normalization with the enemy "Zionist", which soon, it would become their "comrade"!!

•Palestine Hall..

All in all, after revealing the truth, we would like to suggest to all our comrades in Waad Society to change the name of "Palestine Hall" in Waad headquarter, and to stop issuing fake statements that show the solidarity with Palestinian citizens, where the Palestinian issue can't be reduced in selling Palestinian's products "olive oil" or naming a hall with "Palestine!! But when the critical moment started, the action and words that were said in the international forums, reveal the truth and prove to all of that comrades in Waad society are wearing masks to hide their truth.. Last but not least,, let them change the name of the "Palestine hall" to "Offer Eini" which is the name of the ex-general secretary of the General Federation of Labour in Israel (Histadrut)!!



o Sharon Burrow



o Waad Society

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ساهمن في كسر الحصار عن الشعب الفلسطيني ودعم صموده

"Ali Al Dawabsha" a Palestinian infant burned alive by Israel



o body of Ali Al Dawabsha



o during the funeral

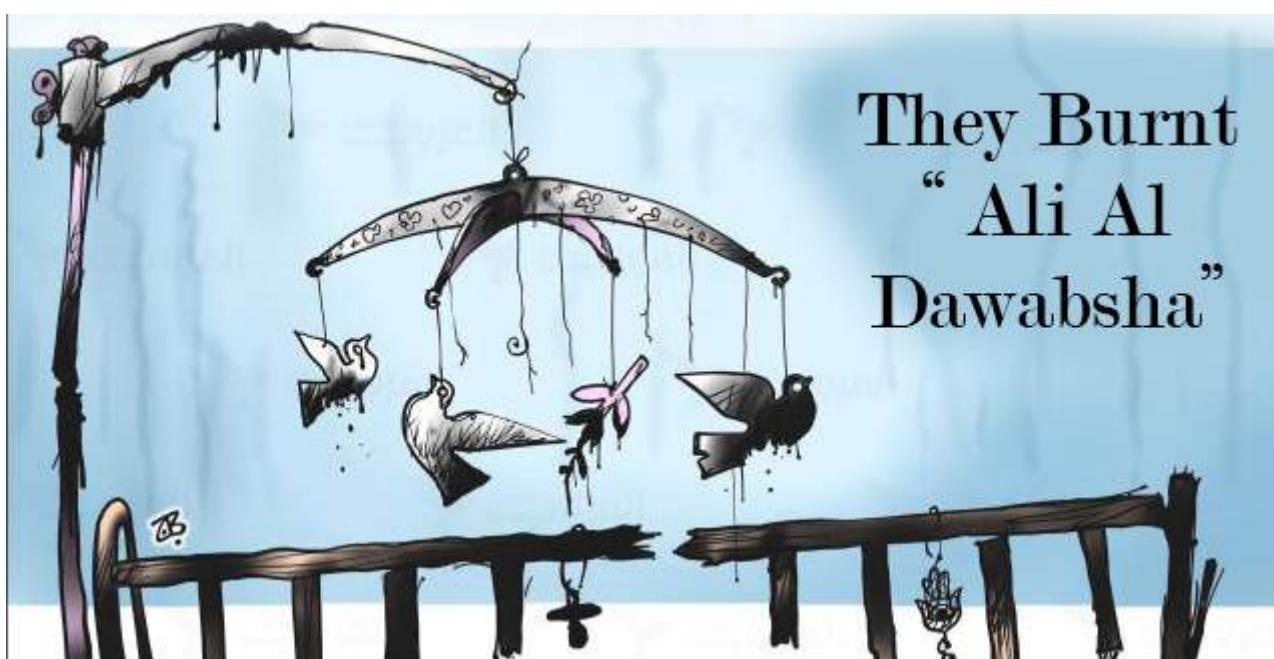
A Palestinian infant was burned to death when his family house was set on fire by alleged Jewish extremists. The infant died immediately and his family were critically wounded. The attack was condemned internationally and the Palestin-

ian government warned that it will file a complaint at the International Criminal Court. Ali Al Dawabsha who is 18 months old, died on 31 July 2015. His father Saad Al Dawabsha died after one week sustaining severe burns.

Burnt Palestinian infant is a message to Sharron Borrow and ITUC

Message to all parties who agree with Israeli normalization

Regards from Israelis written by the blood of the burnt infant



They Burnt
“ Ali Al
Dawabsha”



o Ali Al Dawabsha

Initiative or procrastination??

The reality says that the Democratic Progressive Tribune lives a crisis as it is stated in the Initiative (which it does not threaten the role of the tribune only but even its existence as an organization) and it is suggesting that the crisis is due to the fact of the resignation from the Central Committee or because of whom were called political idles?! This initiative did not state their resignation from the tribune entirely for political reasons and instead of reviewing themselves and acknowledging their abandon-

ment (especially after the 14th February events) to their scientific methodology because they got lost behind the ideology and the policies of an (authoritarian elite) in the organization, it pawned itself in favor of the vision and mission of the political Islam forces specifically Shiite as stated in the initiative; To confirm the intentions and the will of everyone to restore the unity of the tribune according to the ((message)) they worked on, and that has not been mentioned according to the political program and

the statute in the tribune?! And it pawned its organizational and political line depending on (as stated on the initiative) the clannish and individuality and the extreme treatises and the sectarianism to reflect the rest of the laborious according to their different national origins? And religions? And their geographic areas?? All that led it to make a (community crack) note here they did not use the term sectarian rift because it condemns them, and the results are as it is stated in the initiative ((it got reflected

,unfortunately even on the democratic progressive forces including our tribune)).



o Dr. Sami Salm

All this has led this assembly to suffer from isolation and a reluctance by members and supporters and thus led to many resignations in the cadres of the former political office, And the subsequent resignations are still plaguing this assembly even after the adjournment of the Sixth Conference (the failure) which instead of activating the principle of democratic centralism and self-revision and do the accounting relative to the size of the disaster ((the roundabout disaster)) and its impact on the tribune, It strengthened the control and the domination (authoritarian elite) and renewed the covenant in the assembly which led to other resignations of another Central Committee leading it to crack and thus vanish, In order to avoid this vanishing the assembly is now trying to prevaricate under the name of Initiative especially after they were informed of a project to establish a new political association for each national and democrats in Bahrain as an alternative to what is in the political arena of

associations currently including the democratic progressive tribune, being in denial and hide the distortions and imbalances in the political line in which is characterized by risk, adventure and populism practiced by this ((authoritarian elite)) as before, during and after the events of February 14th until now in a different picture named critical review document approved in May 2012.

Contradiction in the tribunes "initiative"

The initiative poses general loose sentences such as in page (2) : (reaching a political consensus that confirms an independent and unified policy) here the initiative did not talk about the features or what distinguish this unified policy and did not mention who is the forces on the other side?! this elite authoritarian don't to criticize those policies and the other forces, and the contradiction which is a deviation that has occurred in Altaqqdomi dem-

ocratic progressive tribune which has reversed a two-way in the political, organizational and intellectual side, The first trend sees that Altaqqdomi democratic progressive tribune has deviated completely from its political program and its statute (legitimacy) or (its independent policy) and from its progressive independent front and its intellectual structure, and the second trend which is still holding the authority of decision making in the tribune is still trying to not give it any importance and try to minimize it, as stated in the document papers: " The political office expresses deep regrets for the resignation of (some comrades) from the tribune" which the initiative (procrastination) paper is trying to reduce and confined to individuals and groups rather than a specific sides, and as it is stated (The central committee proceeded at its previous session held on December 3rd 2013 a special committee to call all the resigned comrades from the central com-

mittee and all the political idles from the tribune) and they did not explain to us what they meant by the political idles, did they resigned for the tribune permanently or did they leave the political matters?! The virtual therapy ((formal)) which has treated the deviation in the tribune paper (initiative) leading to another problem different than the standards and the ideal present of (Lenin) analyzes in facing the deviation that occurred in the party which have been treated through three steps: First : never link a deviation to a person or to a psychological reasons but must be treated according to its political significance level.

The resignation from the tribune and the associations procrastination

Second : when a political debate ends within an organization of an upper organizations of a party, the last word must be of the unity and discipline around the position that was

adopted. As we wrote in the citric paper that was provided by the progressive tribune of the central committee before its approval of the sixth conference (it must be cleared that the resignations in the leadership) that it has been submitted after the end of all forms of expressions and opinions and criticizing the detent leadership in the political office in this historical moment of 14th February for the sake of the unity of the tribune it has been arranged for a mini assembly consisting of 5 members of the political office : Hassan Madan (secretary-general) and the members of the political office (Ghazi Al-Hommer + Ali Al-binali + Naima Al-Marhoon + Sami Salem) its main concern is how to take out the Progressive tribune from the crisis and it has been discussed with the secretary-general on how to get out of this crisis and to prevent further resignations, the discussion was revolved around these several points: first: to disengage with Al-wefaq and to withdraw from all the political matters, we hoped to embark on this initiative especially after revealing the results of this disastrous coalition on the tribune and community. Second: to provide critics and self-review to all the practices that led to this disaster through the events of 14th February, and the secretary-general found that (There will be a meeting tomorrow in Al-Wefaq for the seven associations and found that it is a great opportunity to announce the disengagement)

As for the second point, The secretary-general and Secretary and the union Administrator submitted a draft called self-critic which was adopted at the sixth conference, it justified the deviations and the disastrous mistakes in the political and the organizational

and the intellectual line that have been practiced during the events of 14th February. Third: and (Lenin) continues, the debate may continue even in private publications as long as it does not turn into a disagreement with political lines and programs (keeping away of the political program and the statue agreed framework) and Lenin continues the deviation have been taken as an expression of real contradiction within the party and it may develop into violence and therefore it may lead to form a mass or a stream (it may also lead to splitting). If the word deviation describes in the political field the class struggle and not (the political sectarian) on a particular issue which is not to split the political unity of the Bahraini working class with the middle and the small bourgeoisie classes and with the vanguard of the intellectuals and the alliance with the national associations in favor of the Political (sectarian) Islamic association (Shiite-Sunni) or the alliance of class allied with the strict ruling elites. And therefore the unity of theory and practice of changing under the reform project and under the National Action Charter, This deviation shows a contradiction within the theory, the contradiction is rooted in the ultimate end of the class struggle field and not the political sectarian conflict and in one hand this reflects the establishment of a real history to the National-Democratic movement and not the Political (sectarian) Islamic movement, a history that does not fall to the glorification nor has a role in the games of ((light)) and ((shadows)) that is practiced by the leadership while holding the Progressive Tribune's nick. The initiative (the progres-

tination) is trying to hide its populist character under loose sentences such as: ((and to our permanent attendance as an advocate of national unity in the ((struggle of our people)) between restoring the internal unity and continuing to play a specific role in the popular struggle leadership)) the populism is every movement or ideology directed to the people in terms of undifferentiated unity in which it deny or downplay the peoples classes.

The Tribune claims to be representative of the people

The Tribune claims to be a representative of the (people) no matter how different or varied are its interests without being associated with a particular social forces yet the Tribune pawned its decisions and its sovereignty for the political (sectarian) Islamic forces?! All this makes it easier to delinquency its leadership away from democracy, and makes it easier to fight for the power within the assembly because all that matters in the authoritarian elite is its own interests and its sectarianism, The linkage here is between restoring the internal unity and the people fight leadership in which was a dream for the new general-secretary (Abdul Nabi Salman) to give legitimacy cover and stand behind and obey his orders and therefore continue the deviation and the alliance with the political (sectarian) Islamic Shiite that leads the people struggle! Which is mandated by the current leadership of the progressive tribune in the form of its ((political office)) to speak on its behalf in the initiative of his highness to dialogue with the opposition?

Don't ask us to get carried away with you

Finally we quote this paragraph of Lenin's book with the addition of few sentences in brackets: (we are moving in a group on a bumpy and difficult road, shoulder to shoulder surrounded by the enemies yet we should keep moving on though we are exposed to their fire and ideological immodesty, pro, authoritarian, client, dissident etc) we are united by our own will, united for the sake of fighting the forces that are against changing – and the democracy within) not to fall in the swamp next door (the swamp of religion sectarianism) that have blamed us because we chose to unite over segregation and we chose to fight over quieten (the democracy and changing over following the Islamic sectarian policy and give it the authority to speak on our behalf in responding to the last invitation of his highness the crown prince as what it has been labeled the national-democratic trend in particular the Progressive Tribune) and if some of us start shouting (here the progressive tribune to the resigned and the political idles) come to this swamp! And when they are asked: are you not ashamed? They object, saying: O you ignorant! Are you not ashamed of denying the invite to the right way? True, that is true gentlemen! You are free not to invite only but to go wherever you like, to the swamp if you want, and in our point of view that the swamp is a perfect place for you (the Islamic sectarian policy) and we are willing to help you get there but please leave our hands and don't smudge the word of great freedom (the history of every national movement – the Bahraini democracy) that is because we are (free) as well to go wherever we like, free in our fight not against this swamp only but against all those who limp to it.

An interview with this issue personality Hussain Shirkhan

Interview by: Mokhles Tah

One of the men who had a serious time in Alba with immortal feats and great acts. His struggling journey through 37 years is an example to guide the generations. He represents a great example with his honourable journey that tells the story of success through the tough years being close to the workers feeling their pain and sharing their joy. He was selected by the workers to be their representative in the joint committee. Then, he contributed in forming Alba Labour Union to

be one of the remarkable marks in the workers life with union being his starting point.

He is the union activist Hussain Shirkhan with his honourable history which we always knew him trustworthy and honest standing with the workers and their demands. Hussain was a believer in the workers struggle, supporting them in their path. We Alba Labour Union newsletter has this interview with him:



Cruelty and injustice of the officials pushed me to labour struggle

In the beginning, tell us about your raising and where you were born?

I was born and raised in Makharqa in Naeem, one of the neighbourhoods in middle of Manama where simplicity and Bahraini traditions exist. Makharqa neighbourhood has a special place in my heart and its people have the credit in what I gained from manners and attributes.

Your kids and family, can you talk about them?

I'm married and I have five kids (Ali, Abdulla, Aqeela, Atiqa, and Alyaa). My sons are now continuing my giving journey in Alba as they have a lot of my attributes. They remind me a lot of my early days in Alba especially when they consult me with anything regard to work. When did you start working for Alba and what were the accompanying conditions?

I joined Alba in 1971 and the story of inspiration and determination behind it I'm proud to share with my kids, friends, and even the workers.

I was dreaming of joining Alba ever since I graduated from industrial school. One day I heard

that Alba is recruiting thus I gathered my papers and headed to Alba.

At that day, I stood in the bus station from 5 am till 9 am with no luck, the bus didn't show up and no car would stop to pick me up. At then, determined to go in any car, I picked up a rock threatening anyone in the road. Immediately, a driver stopped and dropped me to Alba after hearing my story and sympathizing with me. I applied and took all the tests passing them all. Determination and persistence were my weapons in my journey to be an Alba worker.

The position you gained experience from and the last department or section you were in? I started my journey in Alba on August 1971 were I worked in Casthouse for 5 years until I joined the central workshop for a year. Then, I worked in training department being an instructor for Heavy Machinery from 1977 till I retired from work.

Can we go deep into your personal life?

Ever since my childhood and I'm living in midst of poor



class demanding with fair living. I grew up an orphan and suffered a lot with my siblings as I had to take care of them. I opened my eyes to life to watch the leader Jamal Abdul

Forming Alba Labour Union was the happiest day of my life

Nasser speeches that influenced me significantly, just like many of Bahrainis. We used to stay up late at night listening to his speeches which filled our hearts with determi-

nation and Insistent. I still adore Jamal Abdul Nasser who stood next to the poor sacrificing a lot to benefit the Arab nation, defending rights with all of his power. Till this day every time I see or talk to an Egyptian I see Jamal Abdul Nasser in them. He asked with tears in his eyes: Do you love Jamal Abdul Nasser?

I responded "I love Jamal Abdul Nasser the leader of the nation, however, in my opinion, Anwar Al Sadat leader of the war and peace outperforms him.

Has Jamal Abdul Nasser's character influenced to join union work?

Without a doubt union work



needs a lot of sacrifice and perseverance to support the workers. I loved Abdul Nasser because of his love to his national and sacrifice to it. He suffered a lot and worked all of his life to the benefit of Arab national. When past away he had no fortune or money, he lived as a poor and died as poor. However, I think he was the richest of them all, rich with people's love and affection to him.

Do you see this character in onethecurrentunionactivist?

I saw this in Ali Al Binali as he devotes himself to support and benefit the workers, being a good representative to their union. Al Binali is daring and persistent that would snatch the right of workers without fear or hesitation. I used to advise him not to risk himself. However, he was, and still is, a courage man that confronts matters with no fear. On the contrary, managers of the department would fear him and would stay away from him.

Talk to us about your union role and your efforts to Alba workers?

I was one of the founders of Alba Labour Union working as my conscience would tell me to benefit the workers encouraging them to work and perseverance. I used to meet the new Alba workers every Monday taking them into a round in the plant to know every detail about the nature of work in Alba. Also, I used to warn them from those who would scare them of working in Alba. In addition, giving them a lot of guidance and tips to refine their skills and work to motivate them.

Did the training department help you as a representative of the workers on the joint committee?

The training department gave the opportunity to help the new workers and I gained

love and respect from them as they felt my dedication to my work and the company. I used to give the workers various tips and guidance which made them stand by my side in the elections for the joint committee.

Who are the best managers you worked with and to whom you owe the most? In Casthouse (Pat Carter – Jaafar Amiri) and in workshop (Paul Kaiser – Faisal Ali Mirza). I owe the most to Pat Carter and Paul Kaiser whom were kind and understanding at work and I learned a lot from them doing all sort of task they would assign me with.

What are your achievements on a personal level?

Workers and officials love. The joint committee elections were the perfect prove to love and trust workers and officials had for me during the years I spent in Alba. One day the manager Jaafar Amiri asked me "What is the reason for the love the workers have for you?"

I was so proud of people love and affection. It is the greatest achievement I gained during my time in Alba. I was motivated, loyal, and dedicated to work thus I became successful.

Certificates and awards you got?

I gained Alba Labour Union Shield Award on 2009.

What about Hussain Shirkhan memories in Alba?

Good day:

The day we won and formed Alba Labour Union as it's the best wish I ever hoped for.

Bad day:

The day I retired as saying goodbye to the workers in my department was one of the hardest moments in my entire life. It was a sad day indeed.

What do think of Alba before and after union? Where un-

ion beneficial as it was desired?

Working in Alba before union meant being treated badly and in a cruel way by the officials. Also, nepotism and managerial corruption were spread. There were no allowances, bonuses, and the director of administrative affairs would control everything. However, the situation changed after forming union. The workers had representatives to defend and demand their rights. Now, the official would run away from the workers representative when the past the workers would run away from the official. In addition, workers now have all the appreciation and various privileges.

What are the privileges Alba workers gained?

Of course Alba workers gained a lot of privileges such as the best health service, salaries improvement, developing proper work environment, improving their skills and abilities, social events, loans. Union had a special attention to the female workers here in Alba and assured to achieve their demands. Also, union made sure to communicate with the member's via media channels. Last but not least, union struggled to maintain labour gains.

What did you like to see happen to workers Alba before retirement?

I hoped to see the day were a labour city is established to gather all Alba workers with housing units, labour bank, Labour University. I recently heard this is in the plan in the next five years.

Do you have a quote you believe in and live by?

"There are two types of people ... Your brother in religion or similar to yours in creation."

Oil price rises globally.. And its impact on the GCC

Bahrain ranked 3rd place in the Arab region for lower oil price

We had conducted a research study about oil price around the world. The study included Oil price in GCC as well as other states. The aim of the study is to clarify the impact of oil price rise on the GCC. The study reveals that the fuel prices in GCC and the Middle East are significantly low compared with the rest of the world. It also shows that gasoline prices vary at the global level despite a decline in the prices in most countries. The cheapest country for fuel in the world is Venezuela as the price of gasoline is \$ 0.02 per litre, and Saudi Arabia being the cheapest in the Arab world as the price of gasoline is \$ 0.15 per litre. Bahrain

comes in third place after Saudi Arabia as the price is \$ 0.21 per litre. Qatar came in the six places globally in regards to cheap petrol as the price of gasoline is \$ 0.26 per litre. While the fuel prices especially the gasoline vary in various countries either produced or consumed countries for oil from where the order is ascending from lowest to highest, has increased global demand for fuel due to falling oil prices and global economic growth has steadily and significantly, the following table shows oil reserves in GCC:



Bayan Al Muallim

Oil reserves	Country	
265 barrels	Saudi Arabia	1
97,8 barrels	UAE	2
104 barrels	Kuwait	3
15 barrels	Qatar	4
5,500 barrels	Oman	5
124 barrels	Bahrain	6

o Table shows oil reserves in the Gulf



o GDP from oil sector in the GCC

The study clarified that some of the Gulf States Set the fuel price by linking it to international prices, despite the fact that it contradicts the reality known in the Gulf region, because the oil-producing countries and gas supposed to have competitive prices, and increasing it will affect the economic growth in general.

Due to lower fuel prices Bahrain is thinking to cut subsidies on fuel because of the fiscal deficit in the budget for 2015. The government is moving to raise subsidies for

goods and services, following the decision to cut subsidies on meat, subsidies on fuel and other goods as well are next. The Goal is to reduce the increasing pressure on the annual budget because of lower oil prices.

The study revealed that most of the fuel price increases are in Europe are due to the various taxes and subsidies for gasoline.. the countries that provide Petrol to the highest prices in various countries in the world are: Norway in the first place at a price of \$ USD 2.27, then Netherlands in second place

at a price of \$ 2.15, and Italy comes in third place at a price of \$ 2.14, while Turkey came in ranked fourth at a price equivalent to \$ 2.06, and Denmark fifth at a price equivalent to \$ 2.01.

The study assures that Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have the ability to get out of any crisis resulted from the decline in oil price; as wealth funds can cover government expenditures for years. Saudi Arabia and the UAE have a major non-oil economic sector as well as large financial reserves, while Kuwait and

Qatar are the most flexible in the face of the decline in oil prices, due to the decline in the breakeven price of an oil barrel in the budget of these two countries, in addition to the large inventory of financial reserves.

As for the Kingdom of Bahrain and Oman they do not have this level of money that enjoyed by the rest in the GCC to cover the spending of the low price of oil barrels, which could lead to damage to the budget of those countries and misalignment in the near future.

Oil Price for 2015

Falling oil prices	Price	Countries	Ranking	Price	Countries	Ranking
When oil prices fell in November 2014 to \$ 80 a barrel, experts predicted that oil price will continue falling to \$ 60 a barrel, but no one expected to reach \$ 45 or less, which is the oil price nowadays.	1.17 \$	Canada	33	0.02 \$	Venezuela	1
	1.27 \$	Jordan	34	0.15 \$	Saudi Arabia	2
	1.27 \$	Brazil	35	0.21 \$	Bahrain	3
	1.27 \$	Sri Lanka	36	0.22 \$	Kuwait	4
	1.29 \$	Thailand	37	0.23 \$	Algeria	5
	1.30 \$	Bangladesh	38	0.26 \$	Qatar	6
	1.31 \$	Nepal	39	0.28 \$	Libya	7
	1.38 \$	Morocco	40	0.31 \$	Oman	8
	1.38 \$	Japan	41	0.35 \$	Turkmenistan	9
	1.41 \$	Djibouti	42	0.37 \$	Iran	10
	1.42 \$	Boland	43	0.40 \$	Brunei	11
	1.52 \$	Argentine	44	0.44 \$	Ecuador	12
	1.53 \$	Mauritania	45	0.53 \$	Bolivia	13
	1.55 \$	Korea	46	0.54 \$	UAE	14
	1.58 \$	Singapore	47	0.56 \$	Nigeria	15
	1.59 \$	Uruguay	48	0.56 \$	Egypt	16
	1.59 \$	Romania	49	0.68 \$	Malaysia	17
	1.60 \$	Austria	50	0.70 \$	Yemen	18
	1.61 \$	Cyprus	51	0.79 \$	USA	19
	1.64 \$	Germany	52	0.81 \$	Russia	20
	1.69 \$	Africa	53	0.83 \$	Syria	21
	1.71 \$	Iceland	54	0.91 \$	Tunisia	22
	1.73 \$	Switzerland	55	0.93 \$	Indonesia	23
	1.77 \$	Turkey	56	0.94 \$	Pakistan	24
	1.77 \$	Monaco	57	0.96 \$	Lebanon	25
	1.78 \$	Portugal	58	0.99 \$	Ethiopia	26
	1.79 \$	France	59	1.03 \$	Mexico	27
	1.82 \$	Sweden	60	1.04 \$	Vietnam	28
	1.85 \$	England	61	1.05 \$	Philippine	29
	1.89 \$	Finland	62	1.06 \$	Ghana	30
	1.90 \$	Belgium	63	1.10 \$	India	31
	1.92 \$	UK	64	1.17 \$	Ukraine	32



o The worker
Fatima



Alba Labour Union celebrates «««Gergaoon Night

As part of Alba Labour Union commitment to strengthen the relations between union and workers and to foster the Kingdom's culture and tradition, Alba Labour Union in cooperation with executive

management organized Gergaoon event to mark the mid of the holy month of Ramadan, where the event was filled the heart of the children and families of the workers with joy and happiness.

The event included many activities which carried out traditional and the modern such as the tradition band performing "Al Furisa dance", distribution of traditional foods, sweets,

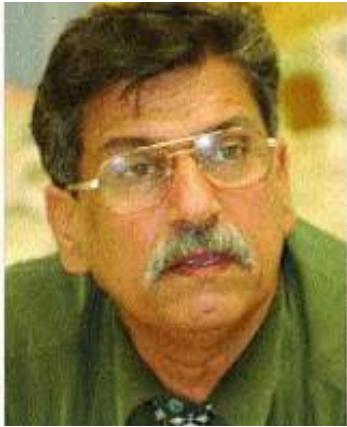
and beverages, Henna, and children of the workers dressed up with traditional customs.

On this occasion, Ali Al Binali, chairman of Alba Labour Union, said "Alba Labour union is keen to organize and celebrate the social events especially in the holy month of Ramadan. The main objective of this event

is to enhance and strengthen the relations between the workers and their union.

Ali Binali added, "Gergaoon Night reflects many morals such as generosity, goodness, and peaceful. During the event, Children of the workers sang traditional songs. Alba labour Union organized "Gergaoon Night" in an effort to enrich the social and cultural movement.





Mohamed Al Morbati

Historical introductions to understand labour unions

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The beginning of the labour movements in Islam

Unions in Fatimid era:

These unions were able due to the evolution of crafts to produce its traditions and custom, which exceeded the customs and habits stage. Unions owned constitutions to organize their works and activities. Unions reached its peak in the Fatimid era when they played an important role in the commercial activity and Caliphate acknowledged them. Unions branched further to non-professional fields when they established Students and Professors of Al-Azhar University Union and some historians such as Al-Maqrizi pointed to the Teachers Union in Fatimid caliphate. Some historians classify the organizational ranks meticulously as they based moral education as a base to raise their status as an elite qualified for leadership positions easing the path of success in front of them. Crafts and craftsmen had high social appreciation, which are the most important principles in the Bahraini society history that gave crafts its moral dimen-

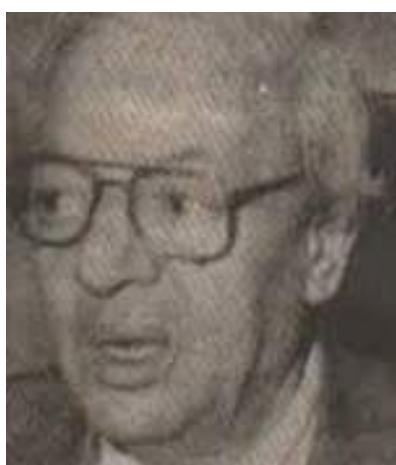
sions and its high enrolment position such as several Bahraini families surnames, for example Al Hadad, Al Najar, Al Sabbagh, Al Jazaf, Al Bahar, Al Samak, Al Banaa, Al Mutawa, and Al Aalaf. We can count hundreds of families that have taken professional qualities as titles, which confirm the conclusive significance and high position of work and profession, a phenomenon characterized by many Arab and Islamic societies. It is clear through research that unions were crafts organizations with social dimensions that joints the common interest in the frame of the profession. The social nature was fully demonstrated considering the naming. Also, unions had social role as they were linking its members with its traditions, customs, rules and behaviour. Union chairman had undeniable rights that were subjects to everyone's respect most importantly integrity and ethics. It is noticeable that the

acceptance of Islamic society to unions as there is no evidence in Islam to prevent them but rather they were encouraged and became a part of Islamic heritage prosperity. It is assertive that the Islamic state acknowledged unions and found connections the sales, purchases, cheating, and quality. It is noticeable in this field the positive dimension of union work for Arabs and Muslims as Imam spoke very positively about union activist.

Union's prosperity and expansion of its horizons

Unions have prospered and took another type of activity with the spread of ideas, philosophies, and religious schools which included all craftsmen regardless of their ethnic backgrounds or religious beliefs. In this regard, Jahez says: ((I've pondered Iraq markets and its shops but did not find them Al-mawali)). Based on this, the class nature of these forces asserts that it's the natural result of secretions Islamic societies at the time because of the economic development and financial accumulation, as well as the breadth of agricultural land in most of the Islamic countries especially Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, the coastal areas of the Arabian Peninsula, and the country of Bahrain, Iraq, where thousands of Naba-

ti and gravel Zinj(Negros) worked whom led the first major agricultural revolutions in human history (Zinj revolution -Negro Rebellion). Some historical sources indicate that it included nearly three million people, led by Ali bin Mohammed known as the owner of Zinj: (Note Imam Suyuti - the date of the caliphs - Abdulhadi Al Alawi). Along with agriculture, Commerce, Industry and Crafts were active and promoted the emergence of Islamic cities movement, markets revived and laws and circles appeared, including some working to monitor markets and products. Some historical sources indicate that in Bahrain agricultural bank was established to give farmers loans and usury was prevented. Qarmati State controlled foreign trade and organized ways to import and export - Note Book Qaramita, origin, their history, and their wars. The sources confirm that Al-Hasan ibn Bahram Al-Janabi Bahrain governor during the days of the Qarmati State worked to consolidate the principles of social justice through the distribution of land to the peasants, and the abolition of slavery and the construction of schools to teach children the knowledge and the arts of war and fighting.



o Saleh Ahmed Al Ali



o Sahib Al Zinij book

As well as working on the confiscation of all income and resources of the country, especially wheat and barley and distributed it evenly. Also, he created huge farms at the expense of State for breeding camels, sheep, cattle and the distribution of its products equally. Therefore, historians stated that no poor, needy, or unemployed remained in Bahrain as the Muslim community rejected unemployment and considered it one of the forms of destitution. In this area Ibn Khaldun speaks of unemployment saying: ((work that has led to destitution because work produces value. Also, unemployment and the lack of gain if happened led to the destruction of the state and construction)).

Craft unions and brotherhood associations:

During this phase two types of unions were activate. Firstly, craft unions and other brotherhood associations, and these unions' organizations were dominant in all Islamic countries and each union had its own regulations known as the Constitution. The constitutions introductions contained some of the myths and legends about the profession origin, the source, and it's the owners, and some of them credited his career to the prophets. For example the carpenters credited their profession to Prophet Noah (Nooh), and bladesmiths to Prophet David (Dawood). It is rumoured that the blade smiths in Bahrain would shut their business on the day of the death of Prophet David (Dawood). Ibn Battuta spoke about these organizations during his trip to Anatolia and Turkmenistan those brotherhood unions: ((are the people of the nobility, rescue, generosity and that one of them are called brother. They were scattered all

over the country and no one in the world is like them in terms of celebrating with strangers, and the fastest to feed, to meet the needs, to take down at the hands of the darkness, and adds Ibn Battuta that (The brother) has the captain craft ... etc.)). Then he adds: ((Each captain or brother furnished a corner the captain followers of the craftsmen and artisans search for a living during the day, and come to him in the afternoon carrying some of their gifts such as fruits and food. If a traveller passed by them in their homes they take him with their generous hospitality until he leaves. If they weren't hosting a traveller, they would eat the food, sing and dance until they would leave till the afternoon to their captain on regard what they met for etc.)). These hosts were repeated to Ibn Battuta by these craft union organizations in that country, which he had an accurate description for their organizations and internal life. Also, it confirmed the nature of the craft unions in terms of its working methods and areas of activity in those historical periods, including what came in the book: ((Ammunition and artifacts in Trades and Crafts)).

Union's norms and traditions:

It is noteworthy that for those unions traditions adopted as norms in her interior, including tensile and bonding process, a tradition that has been followed in tightening or link thumb with another thumb between the young union activist and leader of any Senator union activists, which some prayers are recited during. Also. and some follow the binding process through the placing the navel on another navel to express fraternal bonding between the umbili-



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cal cord as if they were twin in the belly of one mother. This expression of the high level of the relationship has exceeded the limits of brotherhood. Hence the word Association (of connectivity and tensile) and they would swear by their blessings which has spread between brotherhood unions. The section text: ((I saw the right on what earth has given us, I swear by the blessings on me, I swear by what the sky has given us etc)).

Workers' role in Islamic economy:

The sizes of the productive social forces were shown in the surpluses of the value of its work when the taxes collection reached to 12 million dinars collected by Omar ibn al-Aas. Then, it reached 14 million dinars collected by his successor Abdullah bin Abi Sarh. This made Caliph Uthman to lecture Amr Ibn El-Aas. Muawiyah I ordered to increase the tax which made and Erwa ibn al-Zubayr condemned the action, saying: ((People were being imposed with what they don't have)). Omar bin Abdul Aziz the Umayyad caliph tried to relieve this tax for the Egyptians, when he wrote to his worker on Egypt Hayyan bin Shurayh to do

as it's not in the Islamic law to force such things on people. These financial burdens and rising taxes may be the reason behind the fall of the Umayyad state when social satisfaction was diminished and discontent was growing among the general public and the emergence of the case change the mood of the productive forces of peasants, workers, artisans and craftsmen. This means that the financial and economic crises generated the new case about the most fare forces and movements. We can highlight the vitality of these productive social forces and activities through a variety of monuments, of which water channels, the remains of bridges, buildings, temples, statues and other objects that embody touches, sensations, the effort of those workers, and producers. The nature of the productive forces and unions: It is clear from the foregoing that these artisans and craftsmen were more like the working class in some of the features and characteristics through their work in laboratories, workshops and other literal groupings or labour gathering similar in terms of exploitation and the nature of work and conditions in addition to forms from their union organizations, unions, crafts associations, and forced labour there was hack work.



GREECE STANDS UP AGAINST IMPERIALIST AND CREDITORS AMBITIONS

A short while ago, the media circulated an emotional picture of an elderly Greek man (Giorgos Chatzifotiadiis) 77-year-old, crying in front of one of the banks as the bank employee refused to give him his wife's pension, which does not exceed 120 euros, complaining about what we have reached pensioners in Greece situation. This picture summarized the suffering of many industrious people restless with difficult live and the burden on their shoulders from the harsh due to the repercussions of the financial crisis. Greece is going through a critical financial crisis. After 5 years of desperate attempts, lost budgeting battles, and the ailing economy, it looks that Greece home of philosophers, poets, and the cradle of Western civilization, is on its way to be the first country to leave Euro zone and even European Union destructing the entire European project. The financial crisis in Greece is on its peek now, however, it didn't happen overnight. Several reasons make Greece crisis questionable to what brought the country to this dangerous stage. Did the Greek government spend more than what they have? Or the European Union and the world's Bank with

its plans of dumping debts and accompanying austerity program had role in what's Greece is experiencing today?

1.6 billion euros is the loan amount that Greece should repay to the International Monetary Fund IMF. Today, Greece stands powerless in front of this huge amount of money but refuses to bow to EU proposal on lending more debt with harsh conditions such as increasing taxes on the people in Greece, and to increase indirect taxes by value-added tax VAT that is

edly stressed the rejection of the Greek Union proposals, described by political analysts as "hostile" in an attempt to impose more debt on Greece, which had reached such a dangerous stage because of debt accumulation in the first place. Loans from European Central Bank were the only available source of cash in emergency financial aid that served as lifesavers to Greek banks. Why does EU countries, led by "Germany and France" to impose a solution that did not work from the beginning? Why EU relations worked on polishing its

well as increasing the prices of consumer goods, and the privatization of a large number of economic sectors, social services, transferred from the public sector to the private sector. It seems that the financial crisis came to expose the imperialist plots and European Union, and expose unfair alliances against the struggling Greek people. This left no choice for the Greek people but to reject the proposals made thus increasing the suffering of the working class in Greece.

Greek people rejected the memorandum of the "troika", which originally is a Russian word that means "chariot pulled by three horses", and is intended to the Tripartite Commission, which is led by European Commission with European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund, to resolve the Euro zone crisis. The Greeks also rejected the memorandum of SYRIZA party, the radical Left Party, headed by the Prime Minister of Greece Alexis Tsipras the largest party in the Greek Parliament. The reasons behind their rejection that SYRIZA memorandum meet the ambitions of imperialist and violate the rights of workers and their earnings, re-



o Giorgos Chatzifotiadiis crying in front of the bank .

placed on the product and the value added in the stage of production and on the final sale, and often used in the EU. Greek people have repeat-

aspects and submit it again? The Greek government and the troika suggested to continue to decrease pensions and increase the retirement age, as

vealing a conflict of objectives shown by the Party when it was founded in 2004 to develop a plan serves the interests of the Greek people and elevate its level of living and preserve the rights of workers. Given that Greece is one of the countries of the Euro zone, which was formed in January 1999. Greece adopted the euro) as legal currency shared between nineteen countries of the European Union: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Spain. However, Greece is among those European countries represent a model of the deteriorating economic conditions; with countries of the region that have a special character of well-being. Alliance and policies were direct reasons that pushed the country to the brink of bankruptcy.

The people voted no to colonial economy

Greek people voted (No) to creditors plan in the European Union and their arrogance. It should be known that in order to get any state loans to meet the shortfall in resources, they provide a state-owned assets as collateral to lenders confirmation of their ability to repay loans and their benefits in a timely manner. Thus, put the state puts itself under the conditions and restrictions imposed by the lending banks, and declare their acceptance to implement austerity harsh measures. Whenever the borrowed State is in urgent and pressing economic conditions international lending banks find it as an opportunity to reduce the assets provided as collateral and raise the proportion of value interest rates on loans.



o Alexis Tsipras

In the period of 2009 to 2010 interest rates doubled on ten-year Greek bonds, almost three times, forcing the Greek government to accept the first rescue plan. Thus the first bank debt deal won by 110 billion euros. The same command in the second bailout plan (February 2012), as Bankers followed the same way and reduced the Greek bond value and rose its revenue. The Greek Parliament was forced to ask a second financial aid bigger than the first getting banks a second debt deal with 130 billion euros. Thus it is clear that the rescue plans that were provided for Greece, are in fact, austerity plans that would get the country in more debt. Every alleged rescue plan is implemented with more austerity measures than its predecessor. Thus, forcing Greece to stop government spending on services of education, health and culture sector, as well as dismissing workers in the public sector, reducing the minimum wage, reducing pensions, cutting public services, and raising taxes on the property, which was rejected by the Greeks in the last referendum, when they said 'no' to austerity, yes to independence. But, what if Greece is out of Euro Zone?

The impact will locally and internationally in Euro zone as



o Greek people protest against EU interferences.

following:

- The ending of Euro as the official currency traded within Greece and the return of the old currency "Drachma", which would lose about 40% of its value, then lose a larger proportion later.
- After Greece's exit from Euro zone, it will not be able to get loans from the capital market, and the creditors of the state won't be able to get their money back.
- The cost of vacations in Greece will be low, the real estate market will fall. Foreigners will be able to purchase very profitable transactions when purchasing holiday homes.
- Greek products will become very cheap out of the country. Drugs imported from abroad will be affordable to the average citizen and will only get it from the black market.

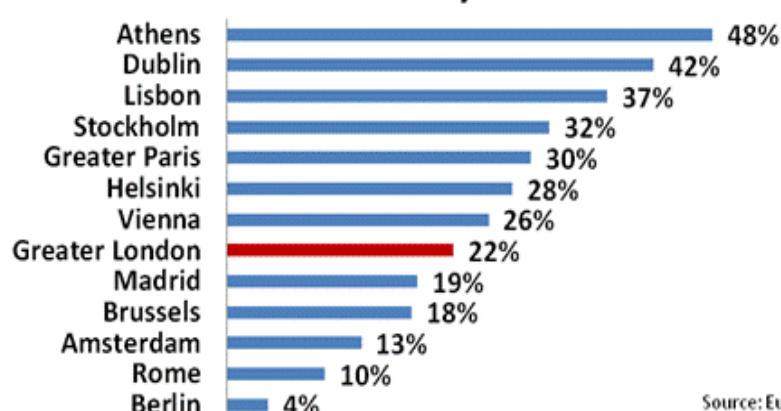
- Greek savings balances will be present only in foreign banks, Greek banks will be closed in turn.

- Companies will no longer be able to pay off old bills in euros and will become physically difficult increasing unemployment and poverty.

- Other countries will be affected such as Britain, Spain, and Italy from the fallout of Greek exit due to the economy of those countries affected by the crisis.

Will Greece go back to its local currency "Drachma" instead of euro and exit the euro zone? Anyway, Athens will stay, Greece will stay just like it did in the past thousand years before European Union and central bank in Brussels that controls the destiny of peoples, in accordance with the slavish rules and procedures.

Selected European capital city GVA as a % of country GVA



Source: Eurostat

o Chart of European Capital city GVA .



Mark Sykes

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Sykes-Picot Agreement

After the UK's military plans failed in Iraq during the first world war and as a result of its inability to control the Ottomans straits and with the Ottomans increased pressure on the Suisse channel, The British encouraged the Arab to revolt and thus hamper the Ottoman Empire by lobbying Sharif Hussein (The ruler of Hijaz) to their side and an exchange of letters started between Sir McMahon (British High Commissioner in Egypt) and Hussein lasted for 18 months known as the Hussein-McMahon Correspondence.

The letters declared that the Arabs would revolt in alliance with the United Kingdom, and in return the UK would recognize Arab independence, later on a secret agreement between UK, France and Russia was exposed showing that the alliance was planning to split and occupy parts of the Ottomans Empire (the sick man of Europe) as it was labeled.

The two countries had reached through a secret agreement on 16th may 1916 between the French diplomat Georges Picot and Briton Sir Mark Sykes with the assent of Russia, The agreement effectively divided the Arab provinces into five: Syrian and Lebanese were given to France, Iraq and the Arabian Gulf were given to UK and the agreement proposed that an international administration would be established in Palestine which appeared to be just a first step followed by Balfour Declaration (A letter from the United Kingdom's

Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour to Zionist and Walter Rothschild (A leader of the British Jewish Community) where he indicates his support to the British government to establish a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine) followed by the British deputation, As for the forth and the fifth areas, France and the United Kingdom decided to recognize them as an independent Arab ally under an Arabic ruler. Sykes-Picot Agreement remained a secret until The Bolsheviks exposed the agreement after the Russian Revolution of October 1917, The British were embarrassed and the Arab dismayed however the agreement ended with the fall of the Tsadom of Russia.

The agreement content :

1. That France and Great Britain are prepared to recognize and protect an independent Arab State or a Confederation of Arab States in the areas (A) and (B) marked on the annexed map, under the suzerainty of an Arab chief. That in area (A) France, and in area (B) Great Britain, shall have priority of right of enterprise and local loans. That in area (A) France, and in area (B) Great Britain, shall alone supply advisers or foreign functionaries at the request of the Arab State or Confederation of Arab States.
2. That in the blue area

France, and in the red area Great Britain, shall be allowed to establish such direct or indirect administration or control as they desire and as they may think fit to arrange with the Arab State or Confederation of Arab States.

3. That in the brown area there shall be established an international administration, the form of which is to be decided upon after consultation with Russia, and subsequently in consultation with the other Allies, and the representatives of the Shereef of Mecca.
4. That Great Britain be accorded (1) the ports of Haifa and Acre, (2) guarantee of a given supply of water from the Tigris and Euphrates in area (A) for area (B). His Majesty's Government, on their part, undertake that they will at no time enter into negotiations for the cession of Cyprus to any third Power without the previous consent of the French Government.

5. That Alexandretta shall be a free port as regards the trade of the British Empire, and that there shall be no

discrimination in port charges or facilities as regards British shipping and British goods; that there shall be freedom of transit for British goods through Alexandretta and by railway through the blue area, whether those goods are intended for or originate in the red area, or (B) area, or area (A); and there shall be no discrimination, direct or indirect against British goods on any railway or against British goods or ships at any port serving the areas mentioned.

That Haifa shall be a free port as regards the trade of France, her dominions and protectorates, and there shall be no discrimination in port charges or facilities as regards French shipping and French goods. There shall be freedom of transit for French goods through Haifa and by the British railway through the brown area, whether those goods are intended for or originate in the blue area, area (A), or area (B), and there shall be no discrimination, direct or indirect, against French goods on any railway, or against French goods or ships at any port serving the areas mentioned.



o Sykes Picot Agreement Map.



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Unsafe buss to transfer cleaners

Kuwaiti citizens including member in Town council criticized a cleaning company in Al Ahmedi area that transferred workers in unsafe cars with no protection. They called to necessity to take action about it. Also, they explained that according to law, companies must provide transportation to the workers without any deduction in their salaries.

Workers' salaries are stopped

According to Iraqi Prime Minister's directives, Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works announced on 1st July to stop workers' salaries in provinces and regions under the control of ISIS, which are Nineveh and Anbar. The workers stressed that this decision is considered a disaster for them. One of the workers stated "I don't know how to handle things now, we are sieged for over a year and the government."

Saving 8 workers in Mecca

Civil defence teams saved 8 workers in under construction building after being held detained by concrete blocks as a result to the collapse of second roof. 6 of them were transferred to the hospital and 9 of them suffered a panic attack and were treated on location. It was revealed that the collapse happened while concrete was being poured in.

Dismissal of 3000 workers in Suez

The Unfair dismissal started by the companies' investors in Egypt. Trust Company came in first with dismissing 1500 worker while Integrated Oil Industries dismissed 480 workers which went on food strike in protest against the decision. Also, in Miratex Egypt after plants machines stopped working.

An agreement in Hydrocarbons sector

Ministry of Labour signed an agreement aims to train and recruit Jordanians in Hydrocarbons sector and provide financial support to raise Jordanians workers at Al Kurmal Consultation Oil Field Service and Supplies by 5% annually. The ministry stated in a press statement "The agreement states on training 50 Jordanians annually during the agreement period of one year."

Union discuss social security law

Union activist and head of labour unions in Palestine demand to engage the workers in the formulation of social security law. They considered the law to protect all workers especially poor and weak classes in society and present the best social services for them. The law will create a state of social stability and security and will lower the gap between the rich and poor .in the society

Postgraduates sweep the street in Iran

IRAN News Agency reported that around 23 people with Bachelors and Masters Degrees were employed as sweepers to clean the street in Iran and these workers had already began their jobs recently. The Agency stated that hiring these graduates comes within initiative to employ around 200 university graduates as sweepers.%.

Kuwaiti law to protect domestic workers

Kuwaiti Parliament approved a law imposes to give domestic workers one day off and annual paid leave for 30 days, set the working hours daily to be 12 hours with breaks. Compensation of one month salary if contract is terminated. General Secretary of KTUF Faraj Abdullah Arada explained that the law was approved after a long waiting.

Satar Danboos calls for labour unity

Head of General Federation of Iraq Trade Unions, Satar Danboos announced a national initiative aims to unite all trade unions and to reinforce social dialogue between production parties. He called all unions and labour parties to unite their voice in order to gain labour rights and improve Iraqi workers wage. Also, he wished everyone to pursue in succeeding this national initiative away.

Violations to labour law ban at noon

Saudi citizens captured several violations to the Saudi law that prevents companies from forcing workers to work at noon till 3:00 afternoon starting from June until September. The citizens shared images and videos on Twitter to showcase the lack of seriousness companies and Ministry of Labour have to apply this law. There were many workers working at noon with temperatures reaching 55 °C.

6 workers are injured

A fire started in oil plant in Suez Governorate resulting in injuring 6 workers with burns. Immediately, 10 fire trucks rushed to scene and were able to control the fire. Witnesses from the workers stated that fire started in product storages suddenly.

"Dustour" workers on a strike

Dustour newspaper crisis reached its peak after printing press workers refused to continue their work protesting on the delay of their salaries for more than 8 months. The newspaper management had to use a different printing press. The workers pointed out they won't come back to work till they receive their delayed salaries.

200 thousands unemployed in Gaza

Union workers in Gaza said that the recent Israeli war led to a high rate of unemployment in Gaza, reaching to 70%. Union said in a statement that there are still about 200 thousand unemployed workers. Union called on donor countries to accelerate the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip and rescue workers from the consequences of the blockade, as the reconstruction of Gaza project.

France-Press workers on a strike

Agency France-Press workers extended their strike as the management refusal to make a deal in regards the workers social rights. The workers are going to vote to decide in term continuing the strike or not. The strike caused the news services to be stopped.

No one can take away our rights

Union of Petroleum and Petrochemical Workers stressed that "No one will be able to take away our rights". General Secretary congratulated the workers on bonus approval which came following union demands as a reward to the workers on their efforts they made during the last period in the light of the difficult conditions and low oil prices.

Electricity workers protest.

Dozens of workers with temporary contracts protested in Liberation Square in Baghdad demanding permanent contracts. Sources states that protesters chanted slogans and carried banners demanding the government to give them permanent contract. The protest comes at a time where majority of Iraqi provinces, especially the capital Baghdad, frequent interruptions of electric

5 workers injured at construction sites

5 workers were injured in collapse of charity building west of Arar city. Arar Central Hospital took care of the five workers as 3 of them have moderate injuries and one of them is minor, whilst the last suffers from serious injuries. The accident turned to be a collapse of a under construction building with 300 square meters.

Developing Labour Collage

Egyptian Trade Union Federation agrees on a comprehensive plan to develop the labour collage academically and financially. Head of Federation, Jabali Maraghi, explained the aim of establishing the collage is to educate the labour force and trade union leaders. He he added that the development phase must include a study to the labour market, collective bargaining, and labour legalization.

Garment Factory workers on a strike

AI Safi Garment Factory workers went on strike 8 days ago without any cooperation from the management. Several workers stated that MPs tried to resolve the issue with no success. Also, the workers added that management revealed that they won't respond to the workers' demands this year and will raise their salaries next year.

A against lack of social security

Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions approved a labour union campaign to face inflation and lack of social security for workers and their families. The union assured the importance of amendments on the Palestinian labour law and review the implementation of minimum wage connecting it with inflation. Also, accelerate in applying social security law.

A strike in London

Millions of people in London suffered to reach work on Thursday 15th of July 2015 as Metro worker 24 hours strike caused a complete shut down around the British Capital. Members of four unions joined the strike due to their resentment of salaries and terms London Underground Company raised to ease the service during the weekend for some lines.

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The official visit to Israel of the Minister of Defense of Greece of ultra-right-wing, Panos Kammenos, on Sunday 19 July shows the dangerous stance of the Greek Government of the SYRIZA-ANEL parties. Further, the visit of the Minister of Defense takes place a few days after the official visit to Israel by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, N. Kotzias on 4 July during which he met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister of Israel, Netanyahu. With his latest visit, the Minister of Defense of Greece committed to the intensification of the military cooperation and the joint training and exercises of the Greek Army side by side with the Army of Israel, an army which has his hands painted red by the blood of thousands of Palestinians. Also he committed to the intensification of the cooperation between the two states in the framework of the inter-imperialist competition and the geostrategic plots in the South-Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

The World Federation of Trade Unions, with its stable and consistent expression of internationalist solidarity in favor of the Palestinian people and against the barbaric Israeli occupation which continues with the support of the Governments of USA, demands from the Government of Greece to end its intense military cooperation with Israel. The WFTU considers the intensification of the cooperation between Greece and Israel not only dangerous for the Palestinian people who are under daily suffering from the Israeli Occupation but also dangerous for the general peace around the Mediterranean Sea. Mediterranean Sea is threatened by the geostrategic competition and the plots of the imperialist forces for higher share from the exploitation of the wealth-producing resources. The military relation of Greece with Israel not only undermines the Palestinian People but also the people of Lebanon, of Syria, of the whole North Africa and promotes the plots of the imperialists for the so called New Middle East.

Also, the WFTU demands the cancellation of the plans of offering of a Greek Island to NATO, which it wants to use as large military base.

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WFTU Condemns Barbaric Acts of Racism in the United States



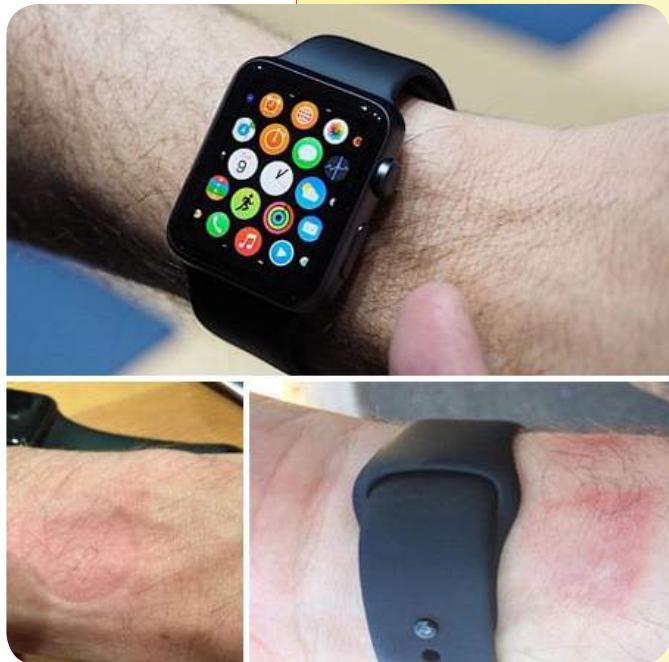
The World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) condemns the neo-fascist acts of the ultra-right, led by such organized groups as the Ku Klux Klan and other militia neo Nazi movements. Working class and progressive allies have fought for the full length of the history of the United States against legal Slavery for over 350 years; only ending in 1865. The technical end of Slavery did not end the corporate use their militias to continue slavery conditions in industrial areas. The brutal corporate violence at the Haymarket Square and Ludlow massacres took place at the same time Black workers were and still are subjected to murders and lynching. The recent KKK inspired killings in South Carolina are totally connected to the police killings also in South Carolina, Ferguson [Missouri], Staten Island New York, and elsewhere. The KKK is the open face of the thousands of militia groups across the U.S.

This is the 20th anniversary of the ultra-right domestic violence in the US which took place in Oklahoma City where 168 people were killed by a neo fascist bomber.

The US Justice Department has rarely addressed all of these acts of domestic terror conducted by police departments and connected to anti-trade union/racist corporations.

The WFTU calls on all pro working class/trade union and progressive forces to demand a full inquiry and justice with new government laws against these militias and corporate sponsored domestic terrorists.

Apple Smart Watch cause skin burns to users



Number of Apple Watch users faced problems as the heat is too high to a degree that caused burns in contact with their skin, according to the American BRG site. On one occasion one of the women had to take off her Apple Watch Sport in the middle of the workout after she felt a burning sensation at the top of her wrist. She found some Suppuration on her skin. Then, she posted the following image on «Twitter». The change in skin colour is considered to a burn. It may be possible that these users suffer this burning as a result of skin reaction which the watch has nothing to do with it. Despite the fact that «Apple» refused to comment officially on the matter, Fusion noted that Apple Watch support page reported some skin problems that may result from wear this watch.

«Apple» noted via its site that the cause of the burning and some change in skin colour is a result of several reasons, including the sensitivity to the materials used in designing or if the size of the watch is a bit on the hand, because of the continuous contact.

LG reveals a projector in the size of a wallet



LG has unveiled its latest projection devices in Minibeam series; a Minibeam Nano, the smallest and lightest device with the cheapest price.

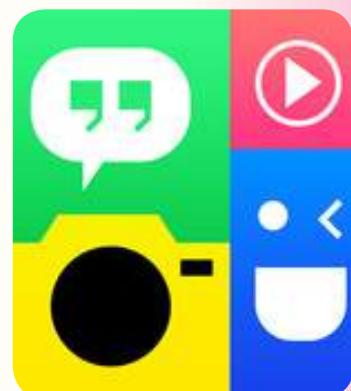
Weighting only 270 grams, LG said that Minibeam Nano, which come with model PV150G, not heavier than a small book. The device dimensions are 108x103x44 mm which is about the size of a wallet. The company explained that Minibeam Nano allows users to display multimedia such as photos, movies, music, and even documents from Smartphone and computer tablets wirelessly or via USB or HDMI cable. And LG provided a new offer, which currently has a 100-inch screen with 854 x 480 pixels accuracy, a battery capacity of 3800 mAh / h said to be enough to work two hours per session.

The company pointed out that Minibeam Nano technology displays rich and natural colors for 30,000 hours, or ten years if used for 8 hours a day.

Samsung launches 2TB SSD hard drives

Samsung recently announced the launch of a pair of new solid state drive (SSD) hard drives, each featuring a whopping storage capacity of 2 terabytes, 850 and 850 Pro. The company revealed that the 2TB SSD models feature Samsung's Vertical 3D V-NAND flash chips with 128 GB capacity.

Instagram «Grid App» hits Windows



«Grid App» that allows users to access their Instagram accounts is available now on Windows after months of launching it on Mac devices. Windows version of «Grid» offers the same experience offered to Mac devices that allows view pictures on full screen with any chosen size. Similar to the smart phones app the user can receive notifications when one the following posted a new pictured, getting a like or comment, or if a follow request was sent. Also, «Grid» allows users to comment, follow, search, and explore pictures exactly the same as the smart phone app. If users had several account on Instagram, the software provides the ability to switch between them. Not to mention, the ability to mark people, locations, hashtags, images, or videos for easy access later on. With all these features, however, the ability to upload images from personal computer to Instagram directly is still absent. Also, most of these features are not available on the free version.



The company has launched a training programmes in cooperation with Tamkeen, where the trainees are assigned to Alba in two year training programme, after completing the training programme, trainees should be hired by Alba, but unfortunately the company had flattered and gave up on the trainees before completing their two year training programme, the sad part the dismissing took place in the holy month of Ramadan; before Eid Al Fitr, where the trainees and their family were shocked!!

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It has been said that you just need to be one of the relative for an ex-manager or current officials, so you will be nominated for a high position in the company and you will be one of the manager in the future due to the "nepotism". Therefore some of the fool workers would say the son of a goose is a swimmer (Like father, like son).

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After condemning and denouncing Iran's interferences in Bahrain's affairs, why government doesn't announce the suspension of work for one minute only, where the alarm siren shall be turned on around Bahrain to show others that we reject all kind of Iran's interference.

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Think twice, the strong man, Joseph Blatter who maintained his position for so many years and was received by many presents and kings is now in trouble!!



It Is Not About Meat ...It is the Citizen's living

The decision of removing the government subsidy on meat has been recently one of the most important topics to discuss among Bahraini citizen, who become worried and afraid of the possible threaten that start appearing in the horizon of their daily life, as such decision shall has great impact on the Bahraini citizen especially when they are witnessing a huge inflation that causes huge increase in the price of good and services, which is not limited only on meat!!

Despite the government assurances to the citizen that their rights and achievements shall not be affected but shall be improved and supported also, the reality is different, where the people's fears and concern increased when their monthly income is hardly enough for their daily needs. The citizen cannot understand or it doesn't matter if he knows about the economic news, government budget or the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund and its horrible recommendations, even if the economists tried to explain the economic situation or the purpose behind such decision for the citizen it will change nothings.. Our simple citizens understand one thing only that he need to feed his family and meet the daily needs of his family, he just want to sleep without any fear or worries. The main concern of our simple citizen today is that removing the financial support and compensations, it is the matter of the coming suffering can be anticipated between the lines.. The simple citizen understands that the coming days are worse and the government subsidy shall be not removed from meat only!! it shall be remove from so many goods gradually, especially when the officials in the government can't hide such facts, they want to remove all the government subsidy from so many good and services with the excuse of reducing cost and to overcome the deficit and this is the source of fear and scare that filled the simple citizen's heart and mind, and makes him stand helpless in such situation.

This citizen can manage without meat, but the decision makers have consider and think in the condition of this citizen without water, electricity, fuel and other services, and realize that this citizen has no other alternatives,

but to stop eating meat and stop using electrical devices as he knows that in the end of the month his salary would be hardly enough for the electricity and water bills..

The financial budget for the year 2015-2016 indicate thats 2016 shall be a tough year as one of the parliament members said that the allowances for improving the live standards shall be decreased. For example the estimated budget for pensioner's allowances for 2015 shall be decreased from BD 105 m to BD 73,5 m which means the different is BD 31,5, while government support for the low income families will decrease BD 115 m to BD 80m from the previous years and the rent allowance is decreased from BD 44 m to BD 30,800, the food items support is decreased from BD 57 m to BD 4,290m.

We are still not sure of these numbers but they are really fearful indicators due to its negative impacts on the living standards of our citizens. However, if we considered that such a decision regarding the decrease in the budget are justified and the government subsidy for food items has to reach the section who deserve this support, then how can we justify the decreased in the rent allowance, pensioner's, allowance and high cost allowances which are allotted to the citizens of the low income..!!! The question here is that how did citizens' representative who were elected to defend and protect citizens' rights and achievements approved on this budget o the light of a continues criticising. How the parliament members approved the budget plan with a justification that general deficit had reached BD 7 billion!! Minister of Finance said that government had two choose between two options to overcome the shortage in its budget ((either to borrow money, or increase the cost of public services and decrease government subsidy)) where both alternative are so hard and shall have negative impacts on citizens' life and increase their suffering. We are worried about the third option when the both alternatives shall be chosen instead of one!! Then the meat will be the first circle in a long chain of the subsidy cut which shall include so many services in the future..

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