Human rights trafficking in Kuwait (The despotic and destructive weapon - citizenship) & statelessness

The biggest human rights trafficking practice by the small rich Arab country Kuwait which bought the fake title of

(the humanitarian country)!

The oldest and the biggest problem in the world and Kuwait is (statelessness), it started when the Kuwaiti government cheated the Bedouin of the area around it, who were living far away from the small capital (Kuwait city (Sharg Morgab ,Jeblah ) which means the old city names and the central was Sharg ) and outside the wall of Kuwait the shepherds were moving forward there food and cattle and also water.

The issue that the government of Kuwait (The Kuwaiti Royal family, & the other pillars of government and companions or supporters are also shepherds) but they learned diving following pearls and fishing a Few decades before them!

The time of building the independence of Kuwait and after demarcation of the Kuwaiti borders. This population was living within the borders without any knowledge about the meaning of citizenship and the future life how could be with it or without it!

The government deliberately hid the truth about the benefits or the consequences of living without a citizenship from all these people inside the borders (in the old city - Hadar- and all of those who were outside the borders-Bedouins- ! )and never use the media or announcements to the far nation to educate them on what the citizenship is ! , also never use the power of The Law through the

population statistics of the year 1965 or before it to give all those people the citizenship.

They use it (citizen document or idea) as a Destructive tool for indignity toward these tribes that held an old grudge against each other, and the Kuwaiti government is still using the same idea and tools toward their citizens [1] also who criticize it strongly to keep them under the government's powerful hands!, without giving them the rights to claim judgment or ability to do that in Kuwait [2].

The Kuwaiti constitution has been annulled on several occasions [3] by the past ruler Jaber Al-Ahmad Al Sabah who started using this hazardous double edged weapon in the 1980s and 90s and dissolved the parliament, a problem that was later perpetuated by his brother, current emir of Kuwait, Sabah Al Ahmed who would then revoke the citizenship of hundreds or even thousands of citizens [4] (who were falsely accused of the one of the following thing ( showing opposition, working for foreign parties, having dual citizenship, forgery and betrayal by the government ) which overall was seen as a scare tactic used to deter other citizens from expressing their opposing views [5]

The same disciplinary approach was also adopted against Bedoon, in particular those of nomadic descent by reason of the aforementioned ancient feuds and grudges. [6]

Furthermore, upon being called to attend the national committees in the 1960s [7] to register as citizens, many of the bedoon's predecessors were being humiliated as they were made to stand in long queues and brutally flogged which was a scene redolent with slavery. Also, given the social status that some had such as tribal leaders, this would further serve as a strong justification to repel many and make them refrain from registration which was arguably seen as the main reason behind invoking the government's discontent and therefore punitive measures were sought so as to deprive certain tribesmen of their right of being naturalized. Of these measures was the resettlement of tribes in remote areas, the purpose of which was to create hurdles that would in turn prevent these tribes from attending the committees and register themselves as citizens. Kuwaiti officials have also demonstrated their unwillingness at several points in time to sign any treaty which would obligate them to end the issue of statelessness in Kuwait [8]

By the year 1965 most of the national committees were terminated, leaving none but one active committee that was located in the area of Qiblah which when to be compared to the areas where the tribes were resettled, it would be found quite distant and so it was seen as another form of obstruction that was purposefully manufactured to degrade the tribesmen that once expressed their refusal to be mistreated while they applied for citizenship.

As the years passed a new underclass officially dubbed as Bedoon [9] has emerged in the Kuwaiti society which quite often remained the target of exploitation and abuse by all parties. On one hand there was the government that was taking advantage of the bedoon tribesmen by luring them into joining the army with the offer of citizenship, on the other there were the merchants who seized the

opportunity to employ the bedoon as a cheap cadre which overall was the outcome of the poor circumstances that were imposed on bedoon as a whole group on account of the deprivation of citizenship and so the suffering continues up to this day.

Another example of the loopholes found in Kuwaiti laws would be that, although newborn children are registered as Kuwaitis in their birth certificates, they would still virtually not be recognized as citizens until reaching the legal age of 18 upon which they would require the consent of their fathers (only) to obtain their citizenship (Not by the force of the law). Also, should the newborn child not be included in the same serial folder that contains the civil information of the father without the father willingness (Not by the force of the law), this would even increase the likelihood of the child becoming stateless in the future, bearing in mind that Kuwaiti mothers are not allowed the same constitutional rights as their husbands (to give their children there Kuwaiti fathers citizenship) which can act as a great setback, especially for those who are divorced and wish to register their children as citizens. (However they can not give it to their children from a non kuwaiti or stateless husbands?

( by the force of the law) or (Not by the force of the law)!

They should be divorced or widow for some years than they wait their children to be more than 21 years old to apply for naturalization , later the processor takes years and years without result in 99% ( I'm one of those persons as a stateless from Kuwaiti divorced mother holding the 1st class or article of Kuwaiti citizenship divorced since 1988 and my mother apply for it in 2002 and still I'm stateless , however I know similar cases older than me by decades still stateless ) and there is no role or force for the law towards it !

And there is a famous case about a Kuwaiti guy from Kuwaiti father and Egyptian mother the father died before giving him naturalization and even he have been registered by his father as Kuwaiti , but he has been imprisoned for years because he criticized the governor of Kuwait on twitter [10] and (it's a holy character by the Kuwaiti constitution which my cost him death penalty and take off his citizenship from him!) [11] and latterly get a deportation decision to Egypt , however Egypt denied the he belong to it!

## **Suggested Recommendations:**

- -Full compensation for all physical and psychological damages endured by the Bedoon in the course of the past six decades.
- Immediate naturalization of Bedoon including those included in the year 1965 census up until the year 1985 without any further delay and preferably prior to the end of the year 2019
- -Establishment of neutral truth commissions preferably consisting of impartial specialists of non-Arabian nationalities (Such as Europeans or designated members of bedoon) including Kuwaiti citizens.
- -Reinstatement of the revoked article 5 issued by the emiri decree in the year 1959 in the Kuwaiti constitution which ensures the naturalization of Bedoon.

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