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"Elite's Guest"

Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Al-Ahram Newspaper, Salah Salem (1)

Mariam Elsafty, Youssef Grant, and Treaze Hossam

Political science specialists have always frequented the door of journalism on the one hand, and we used to go to journalism specialists in political work on the other, and what you have in your hands is Mr Salah Salem, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Al-Ahram newspaper, who was able to combine his passion for political science, and his passion for writing and journalism until he held that prestigious position. When I returned to search my papers to record the most important things that were said in that meeting full of details and experiences, that saying sparkled before my eyes: "I am my pyramid, before I am anything else" and perhaps this opening will make it easier for the reader and follower of the details of the meeting what he should know to navigate the personality of this thinker, writer, journalist and researcher Mr. Salah Salem.

1. We are happy to be on the campus of Al-Ahram newspaper, and we are honored to invite you, and we are more honored when we are sure that you are one of the sons of that great edifice, the Faculty of Economics and Political Science. We would like to know, why did you choose to join the Faculty of Economics and Political Science?

-The truth that it was the desire of my father, that simple farmer Nasserist fond of Gamal Abdel Nasser, and the name Salah was not an absurd choice, but most likely it was associated with Salah Salem, one of the men of the revolution of the Free Officers, perhaps if the tree of my family name Abdel Nasser, I would have been named Gamal.

My my father knew about the presence of Dr. Hoda Abdel Nasser in the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, so my father's desire was to enroll me to the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, and if it may be said, our desire has met in that college, as I can describe my relationship with my father that we are similar or successive copies, so his desire was not an imposition or an order, but the way of thinking between us was very close. Perhaps what can be mentioned is that my professors have always incited me to join the Faculty of Mass Communication, but I was determined to join a scientific department in high school, and then join the Faculty of Economics and Political Science. What encouraged me more perhaps are the books of Dr. Hamid Rabie during high school, which I can consider one of the legends of Arab nationalist thought, and I strongly wished to meet him, but I did not have that honor, as he died one month before the start of school after writing a series of articles entitled Egypt, Israel and the Next War,

one of the most wonderful articles that analyzed the Arab-Israeli conflict He also had a book entitled Arab National Security Theory, in which he analyzed the civilized and strategic role of Israel in the region, and is one of the most eloquent and creative books regarding Arab thought and the Arab-Israeli conflict, and receiving the news of his death, I felt very sad, but soon that cloud faded when I entered college, as I found that I was in the presence of many flags of thought and politics, some of them had good academic relations, while some of them went beyond the academic aspect to have the honor of personal relationships. I never regretted joining the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, although the jobs available to the Faculty of Economics were not the ones that occupied my mind throughout my academic studies.

2. Mentioning the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, how does joining the Faculty in general and the Political Science major in particular affect the identification of its graduates?



If I may speak, what left in my mind and conscience the distinctive imprint is the teaching style itself, how could it not, and Dr. Ahmed Youssef Ahmed was the first to teach me. You cannot deal with this man without leaving your own imprint, a scientific and human imprint, Dr. Mustafa Kamel El-Sayed, that man with a unique way of teaching, was accustomed to providing an opportunity for dialogue, especially since the course was about development experiences in the world. That open material in the presence of that open-minded intellectual familiar with the culture of the West with regard to the acceptance of dialogue, he was accustomed to choose an issue and put forward his opinion, and who has a different opinion, he only has to present and discuss it, I was one of the students encouraging dialogue and I was always dialogue and ask questions, ideas and opinions.

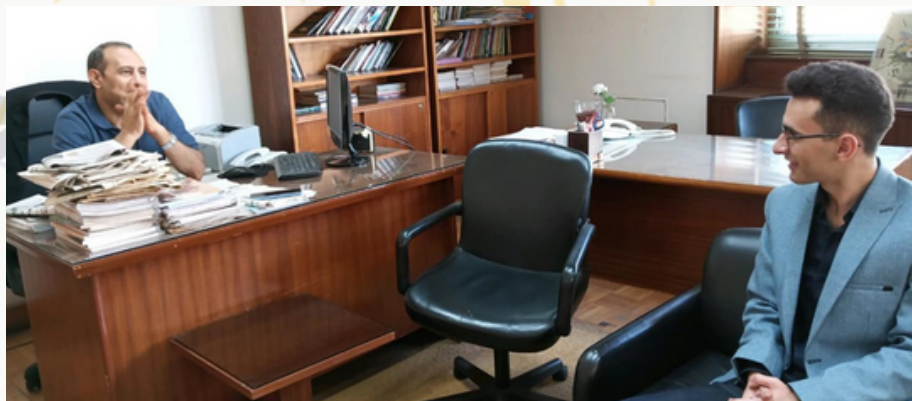
I remember that one day I had missed attending a lecture, and soon the lecture had begun, as he took the initiative to say: "Where is Salah?" As soon as he learned that I was not coming, he insisted that one of my colleagues go to wake me up at the dorm, and I promised him since that day that this absence will not be repeated again, and since then I cannot write an article without remembering him. I also cannot forget Dr. Ali Ahmed Abdel Qader, professor of political theory and vice dean of the faculty at the time, he was a wonderful person. Dr. Kamal Al-Menoufi, Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Political Systems, I remember that in his first lectures, he designed to select two students, with a blue collar on the one hand and a white collar on the other, indicating that he needed a student representing the interests of aristocrats, and another representing the working class and peasants, choosing one to represent the interests of the aristocracy was an easy and honorable process, while that ease was not available as we looked at the blue-collar, and no one, raised a pinky except me,



and I talked about my vision of the July Revolution, and soon I spoke until the students were asked for a loud applause, and since that day we have been friends, and we have memories that I do not think my memory will ever forget. From those memories and one of the happiest days of my life, I talked in one of the pages of Al-Ahram about the July revolution. The experience of Gamal Abdel Nasser, and I wrote about the story of an eloquent farmer who tried to meet Gamal Abdel Nasser and indeed responded to his complaint and solved his problem and it was a dramatic story and after its publication it was soon the focus of the conversation of a group of artists and intellectuals and soon they communicated with me, including Dr. Kamal Al-Menoufi, and each of them talked about his personal experience in meeting Gamal Abdel Nasser, especially that each of them suffered from a problem associated with his appointment in the college - I mean some of the college professors who talked to me at the time - and both of them solved their problem after sending it to Gamal Abdel Nasser, and after 48 hours these problems were resolved.

3. We are hosting an important figure who combined working as a journalist and academic researcher in Al-Ahram with its wings, the newspaper on one side and the Studies Center on the other. In your opinion, what is the difference between these two experiences in terms of values and tasks? Which of them influenced the formation of the personality features of Mr. Salah Salem more?

I do not know if this is my good luck or bad, but I classify myself as a researcher more than being a journalist, as I did not work as a journalist even after I entered Al-Ahram, so I was not appointed - at first - for various reasons, and after my appointment in Al-Ahram, I was associated with joining a cultural page and I was concerned with my writings about books I had already read, for four years, perhaps I returned that is the only period that can count my period as a journalist, but in any case, I did not conduct





a journalistic investigation or dialogue and did not practice professional journalistic work, and after a period of four years I had the honor of winning the Arab Political Journalism Award from the Union of Arab Journalists from Dubai, and things turned later to start writing bi-monthly articles and on them, this freed me from journalistic work and therefore the journalistic work was limited to four years from 1996 to 2000, thus, my work as a researcher had the greatest impact on my formation, and the fact that it was the main reason for my attachment to Al-Ahram, if it is true, I can seize that opportunity to declare it openly, "I am more pyramidal than being a journalist", and my entry into Al-Ahram despite the difficulties and troubles I suffered, but there are factors that supported my presence in Al-Ahram, including the 1996 award, including the publication of my first book in 1995 3 years after my graduation, and this helped me to be appointed to Al-Ahram, and then I started My relationship with journalism briefly and then my formation as a researcher.

4. Mentioning Al-Ahram Center, which is a vital point for training and employing our college graduates, what is your advice to our students according to your dealings with different generations of college graduates through the center?

-The experience of the Studies Center in general is a living experience burdened for the student of political science and the political researcher, and therefore the student and researcher must resolve to get the greatest benefit regardless of employment, lest he be confined to the recruitment process and be late for his colleagues in forming his personality as a researcher in the field of politics or media, but Al-Ahram Center was and still is the place where the political science student is holed up, burdening his skills, and developing his experiences, and it will remain an important destination for researchers, but this is not related to the need for appointment or employment because there are some difficulties, and my colleagues faced difficulties.

The conversation is not over yet, so the talk has a rest, but I think that you have shared with me the sincerity and depth of the conversation, and perhaps this will appear more in the next issue, as we talked about the Arab-Israeli conflict, Turkish relations, Egypt's location locally and regionally, and some interesting topics on the personal and political levels, we leave you with the first part and meet you in the best condition in the next part.





Saving a pen

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Translated by: Mariam Ismail

On a cold winter's night, lightning flashed, thunder roared, rain fell, and the wind blew.

In our apartment, my mother was preparing food, my older brother, Hisham, was studying his lessons, and my younger brother, Hani, was sitting in front of an aquarium of ornamental fishes, contemplating their colours and following their movements.

As for me, I was standing behind the window.. I shivered from the severity of the cold.. I shook from the sound of thunder.. I was terrified of the flash of lightning..

My gaze was aimed at the locked door of the building.. waiting for the key to turn in it.. and for a handsome man of great stature.. a strong build.. my beloved father..to come home

I have long missed him.. He will arrive today after an absence of several months to spend a short vacation with us, then return to work again, and so on..

Time passed heavy, and I waited for a long time.. until the expected moment came, so my eyes widened, my heart danced, and I thanked my Lord.. and I shouted at the top of my voice: My father has come.. Come on, get ready..

So we all lined up at the entrance to the apartment, eager for his return.

And after he embraced all of us, and was assured of our conditions, he opened his bag and took out a bottle of perfume that my mother preferred, a stethoscope for Hisham who just got accepted at the

Faculty of Medicine, and a beautiful ball for Hani, then he looked at me with a smile: I know that you always lose your pens in school, so I brought you a pen attached to a long chain..

I grabbed it and hung it around my neck: What a beautiful pen.. It will not be lost from me anymore..

And here my mother said: Come on for dinner.. So Hisham and I started carrying the dishes from the kitchen to the dining room, so I grabbed the plate of pies that I love.

Before I put it down, I heard the sounds of glasses breaking in the kitchen. People around us were screaming as if their loved ones had died.

And it was only a moment until Hani came running, his clothes wet, and he screamed trembling: "the fish tank swayed.. the water spilled.. the fish jumped.. and his shouts came out: it is the work of the evil witch.."

As for Hisham, his eyes bulged out, and his lips trembled: "Look.. Books are falling from the desk.. It is the storm that is shaking the building.."

My mother came out of the kitchen, her face turned pale, and her body shook: "the building was collapsing.."

My father stood up, his eyes dimmed: "An earthquake.. Follow me.. We will go down to the street.. Do not use the elevator.. Go down the stairs.."

And as soon as he opened the door and put his foot outside it, we heard a huge bang and saw thick dust.



I couldn't control myself, so I hysterically shouted: "Dad... Dad... Where are you, Dad..." And it is only the blink of an eye until the roof collapses, debris is scattered, and darkness prevails.

I kept calling: "Mom.. Hisham.. Hani.. Where are you? do you hear me? do you see me?"

I can no longer hear anything but the sounds of houses collapsing, people screaming, and children crying.

I can't see anything anymore..the darkness has closed in..

I got scared.. I cried.. I screamed.. I was in pain.. I collapsed..

I kept shouting from time to time: "catch me... save me... help me..."

I surrendered to my destiny, and prepared for my death.

But I remembered how God saved His Prophet Yunus from the darkness of the belly of the whale, His Prophet Joseph from the depths of the pit, and His Prophet Moses from the waves of the sea.

Time passed, and I could no longer distinguish between night and day, nor between sleep and wakefulness.

And when someone calls me: Come on heroine..

I opened my eyes, looked around, and focused my hearing.

Many people surround me.. Microphones pointing at me.. Cameras pointing at me..

One of them said: "Thank God for your safety."

Another added, while looking at one of the cameras: "We are now in the hospital where the fifteen-year-old girl, who was found alive several days later, lies among the rubble left by the earthquake."

Then he asked me: "How did you survive in the wreckage? How did you survive all these days? No air, no water, no food."

I said: "I was almost stricken with hunger, so the smell led me to my mother's pancakes, which I began to eat.

Thirst almost killed me, and the rain made a hole in the roof, and I kept drinking the water that was falling from it.

I almost died, as the rescue teams did not turn towards me.

But I turned to God and clung to hope.

I thought of removing the pen that my father gave me from the hole in the ceiling, so that the rescuers could see it, as it was a phosphorous pen that glowed in the dark."

And here the microphone was directed to a person wearing a yellow jacket: "We noticed a thin, shiny thing moving in the dark.. We went towards it, grabbed it, and found it.."

And here I felt my neck, but I did not find it, so I frowned.. and I almost cried: Where is my pen? And I said in a choked voice: Was it lost in the rubble?

And here the cameras turned on another person from the yellow vests: "Here is the pen that saved her, then he gave it to me..."

I smiled, and tried to straighten my seat to hang it around my neck, but I could not move my other hand, and I looked at it but could not find it..

And before I could wonder, the microphone was directed at a person wearing a white robe: "her hand was amputated, but she is now in good condition, her body systems are working efficiently, and she can be discharged from the hospital after several days.."

Here, one of those carrying microphones asked me: "How do you feel now after the death of your parents, the loss of shelter, and the amputation of your hand?"

I said, with sadness drawn on my face, tears welling up in my eyes, and pain oozing from my heart: It's okay..as long as I can hold the pen..



Planned transit or coincidence

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An American soldier called Travis King, deliberately and unauthorised crossed, on 18th of July 2023, the border between the two Koreas, North and South, through the United Nations-administered demilitarised zone, where he was arrested by North Koreans and is now believed to be in North Korean custody.

King was sent with the U.S. military to South Korea but sparked some riots and attacks. He was therefore detained for two months and could face additional military disciplinary action and dismissal upon return to the United States. After being released, he was in the process of being expelled and returned to Texas, but fled after passing through airport security, unexpectedly joining a tourist group to the Korean border of Panmunjom, a popular tourist spot in the demilitarised zone between the two countries, through which he was able to cross into North Korea.

The event was considered "disturbing" to leader Kim Jong Un's regime and a headache for American officials, especially as it comes between strained relations between the two Koreas and North Korea and the United States, which have not maintained diplomatic relations, making North Korea's detention of this soldier a particular problem.

Therefore, the event was a fascination that ignites tensions between the two countries that have not ended since they began 70 years ago with the Korean War and the latter's split into North and South Korea, where the United States was the last ally. After attempts to de-escalate the situation between the United States and North Korea over nuclear weapons, the two countries did not find room for agreement until tensions between them reached a peak that saw the world await an imminent nuclear war, especially after the war of words that existed and persisted between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and United States presidents.

Thus, tensions that were originally heightened between the parties, followed by a promise from Seoul and Washington to Pyongyang to confront a nuclear response and the "end" of its current regime should it decide to use nuclear weapons against them, the first threat where Biden mentioned ending the regime in North Korea. This threat was offset by clear criticism and threats from China to the United States and South Korea and warnings of "confrontation" with North Korea, making the situation worse given the conflict between China and the United States over the Taiwan issue and the alliance between China and North Korea.

As part of these tensions between the United States and North Korea, joint military exercises were conducted through a tripartite alliance between the United States, South Korea and Japan in an effort to address North Korea's threats. These exercises began on March 13, 2023, launching the largest joint military exercises in five years, and despite North Korea's threats to them, followed by military exercises on April 4, 2023. Those conducted on 25th of May 2023 were the largest ever joint live-fire exercises to simulate a "large-scale attack" from North Korea. Not only that, the White House announced on July 18 this year that an American nuclear-armed submarine would dock at South Korean

ports for the first time in four decades to demonstrate the United States' commitment to expanded deterrence. This angered leader Kim Jong Un, who responded that his country's status as a nuclear Power was "irreversible", and called for the further development of weapons, including tactical nuclear weapons. In addition, the United States violated South Korea's airspace reconnaissance aircraft near the East Coast. Leader Kim Jong Un's threats did not end verbally, but North Korea, despite the imposed sanctions, tested its most powerful intercontinental ballistic missiles and tried to put its first military surveillance satellites in orbit but failed because the missile "landed at sea" according to Pyongyang. This was the first attempt of its kind, and North Korea even tested a submarine capable of launching a nuclear attack that could "cause a large-scale radioactive tsunami" through an underwater explosion in March 2023 and conducted an underwater strategic weapons system test from April 4 to 7, 2023. As a result of the alliance of China and North Korea, the latter was able to use the China Sea to launch several cruise missiles to circumvent United Nations sanctions in July this year, the last of which was the launch of a ballistic missile in the Sea of Japan on 24 July 2023.





As this incident flew, especially the thorny time of tensions between North Korea and the United States, this story is not expected to finish smoothly but to expect either an escalation of the situation or North Korea's exploitation of the incident in its favour. On the one hand, given the situation between the United States and North Korea, both countries, in different situations, are making accusations against the other on the international scene. Thus, North Korea is expected to escalate the situation and accuse the United States of deliberately sending King as a means of espionage, especially since it stated in the words of the North Korean Defence Ministry spokesman, in July 2023 and prior to this incident, that "The United States has intensified spying activities more than war-period levels, through provocative sorties by American spy planes over 8 consecutive days this month, and several violations of its airspace over the East Sea." This position is demonstrated by its disregard for all attempts to communicate with the United States and its test-firing of two ballistic missiles towards the sea early Wednesday morning after the soldier crossed its border and the U.S. submarine armed with South Korea's nuclear ballistic missiles arrived Tuesday the 18th of June.

On the other hand, while, over the past three decades, 11 United States nationals have been detained, having accidentally or intentionally entered North Korea illegally and were all eventually released, although some of them required high-level diplomatic intervention, which is currently rendered impossible, especially after representatives from Sweden, the "preventive power" of the United States in the north, who could have pushed for King, have been forced to leave the country as the pandemic emerged. It is expected that this issue will not be resolved quickly, but North Korea must first ascertain that it is a dissident and that it is neither an instigator nor a secret agent. Leader Kim Jong Un is therefore expected to use it to start negotiations, with the welcome of a high-level United States envoy to negotiate King's return and to serve as a catalyst for direct talks between the United States and the Democratic Republic of Korea. This is what the United States has commented on, saying it is open to debate, but it is North Korea's leader who shows no interest in it. Not only that, but also that North Korea could exploit an American soldier under its control to investigate what it would like to know about the United States, which might help it choose the appropriate way to respond to the latter in its own interests.



In the context of this event, the vision for next steps on the issue of tensions between the parties remains unclear. King could be released as the others, but, given these heightened tensions, this may require a significant diplomatic effort from the United States, which seems difficult at this time as, in the context of these tensions between the two parties, the leadership of the United Nations military group administering the demilitarised zone and the Joint Security Zone is trying to make contact with the North Korean military to try to negotiate his release but they could not know where or under what circumstances he was being detained.

Moreover, North Korea ignored Washington's contacts about the soldier, bearing in mind that, according to the armistice clauses of ending the Korean War in the 1950s, South Korean and United Nations personnel were not entitled to cross the border to recover King. Thus, the escalation is expected to take place especially with the announcement on July 25, 2023, about a forthcoming visit of Russia's Defence Minister to Pyongyang between 25 and 27 July 2023. Russia is not only North Korea's ally but also one of the biggest enemies of the United States, which could be a move by North Korea to either indirectly threaten the United States or take action to escalate the situation.





Authenticity, or the lack thereof

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We witness the emergence of new trends and designers every day, but are all of these ideas truly new or “unique?” It can be easy to identify great skills, however, it is quite difficult to claim that someone came up with an authentic design nowadays. As alarming as this sounds, it is not surprising as people tend to succumb to conformity. This is especially true in certain cultures that value tradition – standing out doesn’t always work in your favor. Countries like the U.S.A, where individuality is celebrated aren’t exempt from this issue.

Take the most recent internet drama as an example. A TikTok creator by the name of “taybeepboop” made a video claiming that another TikTok creator had been copying her interior design ideas, and, regardless of whether or not that claim is true, what we can find evidence that both creators did not

come up with these designs themselves. Instead, both creators were inspired one way or another by content on Pinterest and other social media platforms. Now, I must take a moment to clarify that I am not talking about plagiarism. The idea is that there is simply a finite pool of resources online which people can use as inspiration for “newer” designs, even when the original sources of inspiration aren’t even new themselves.

Authenticity of Thought

Now, the lack of authenticity in adopting styles is mostly harmless, but when it comes to developing takes and opinions on societal issues or politics, this is a far greater threat. The high presence of social media in our daily lives has an effect on our understanding of different concepts whether we are aware of it or not. And the result is that we tend to echo the same beliefs of those we are most exposed to without



giving them much of a thought. We're picked up by currents of information, thinking that we conform to the "right" opinion just because it's the loudest or most present in our lives until we become like parrots – adopting and echoing beliefs that we don't really understand. One of the most recent examples of this phenomenon is the Afrocentrism/Egyptian origin debate. We had people discussing the topic in a respectful manner, using historical evidence and facts that could be easily traced. However, there were a group of (mostly young) people that took to the internet to talk about the issue with no scientific backing using aggressive and racist vocabulary. Unfortunately, things that go viral on the internet are rarely the tame posts and videos, but rather, the loud and aggressive, so seeing people go around sharing such content is nothing new. If the creators and sharers of these offensive posts took a few minutes to critically think about the content they were engaging in, we would have seen a better outcome to this debate. Impressionable youths are the biggest victims of this phenomenon, but older people aren't completely safe either, as they spend a lot of time on social media platforms consuming propaganda and news reports without questioning their purposes or sources. Again, the solution to this lack of originality in thought is because we don't spend time critically analyzing everything we hear, see, and consume on the internet.



Collectively, we live in a bubble of recycled ideas and there is nothing inherently bad about this, but it begs the questions of "why are we so scared to stand out?" and "how do we escape this cycle?" I guess the answer to these questions depends on a lot of factors, but the takeaway here is that conformity is not always a good thing. We cannot expect change if we keep seeking the same sources for inspiration, and we certainly cannot fully develop as individuals if we aim to act the same way everyone else does. My question to you, dear reader, is how do you show your personality in your day to day activities?





"Where is your recommendation?" say no more

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It's been a while, FEPS professors and students! I feel that it is most appropriate to discuss what we refer to as "Wasta," which I will refer to as a recommendation, and how it is over-estimated. It is the perfect time to discuss this issue. When students finish their high school exams, they often wonder which faculty will benefit them more in the future. This is a reasonable question to ask because no one wants to graduate and find themselves unemployed due to shifting market demands. Additionally, as I was browsing Facebook, I noticed people advising students against enrolling in a particular faculty because it is unimportant to them and only requires a "recommendation" for them to have a good job. Now let's limit the faculties to FEPS. There is a ton of young people, who are not experienced enough, I've seen telling the students who inquire about FEPS to avoid it because it is useless, and they won't get a job unless someone very important recommends them for a position they want... What do you think about this, then?

Allow me to convince you otherwise in this article if you think it's true. Let me tell you that if you believe that your university degree will land you the job of your dreams, you are utterly mistaken in the world we live in. This is completely realistic. Your knowledge and awareness will only increase as a result of the information you learn from a particular faculty, like FEPS. No matter which faculty you choose to apply to, you won't be completely marketable. Start asking yourself whether you are truly interested in the course material, whether it will advance your knowledge, and whether it will improve you as a person, rather than whether it will make it simple for you to get a job out of it. I strongly advise you not to say that you are going to study programming because that is what the market requires when aspiring to become a better person through the knowledge or skill that you want to acquire, for example, a certain language or art. Do YOU want to pursue a coding degree?

Will it be enjoyable to study? And how will you feel about the experiences you will have with that faculty? Being qualified entails learning new things that are pertinent to your field and will benefit you in the future. Using FEPS as an example, you should prioritize language study, political knowledge, news reading, writing research or articles on topics of interest, and attending training. The market is extremely competitive, and you should be as well. We live in a world where we have become increasingly similar to one another, with similar routines, activities, and, to some extent, views on issues. What will set you apart from the crowd? It is your self-discipline that will force you to work on yourself every day. Surprisingly, FEPS is about more than just being a politician or a diplomat. FEPS provides you with a variety of interesting careers; you just need to broaden your perspective to see them. My advice to you as a senior is to start with something you excel at, something that sets you apart from your peers, such as writing, filmmaking, creating content for the internet, vlogging, designing, or literally anything that you are good at, and build on it. While working on your languages and skills, apply for opportunities that require your skills and make connections there.

Try to improve your communication abilities. If you are shy, make giving presentations in front of large groups of people easy for yourself, and God will provide you with the best opportunity to succeed. The morale is that it is not the faculty that gives you job offers, but how you work on yourself to be worthy of a good job offer. Yes, there are recommendations, but keep in mind that the boss will not fail his business because he hired a lazy worker who was recommended by someone in authority. There is more to life than one point of view, and the key is unstoppable self-development. Finally, for the freshmen who joined FEPS recently, welcome! You will gain one of the best experiences ever in your life. Stay ambitious and have faith, and everything will come into place.





Daydreaming...between imagination and reality

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Our eyes are watching things that we would never believe if they were ever told. In light of the changes the world is witnessing, whether on the natural side in terms of raw and unprecedented climate changes, as we move from the era of global warming to the global boiling, as stated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, or even in political terms in the framework of international relations that do not recognize the sustainability of the enemy and the beloved, where we have seen many Arab countries moving towards a policy of normalization with their Zionist enemy.

Also, if we talk about sports, especially football, there are many jokes that started with the transfer of Ronaldo and Messi, the two stars of the European Champions League to the Saudi Arabian League.

Since then, the dramatic scenes started. For example, we watched Kareem Benzema, the former star of Real Madrid, go to celebrate his goal with Tariq Hamed, a former Zamalek player, as they are now playing under the name of the Saudi club Ittihad Jeddah.

Those shots remind us that the permanence of any situation is impossible and that dreams have no ceiling.





Music Test or Taste ?

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Controversial enough to talk about after several weeks, the Travis SCOTT concert in Egypt and the public opinion were in a battle that has no winner or loser.

To begin this article, we need to admit that there are no sides in this case, it is only a space of proposing and sharing some of the various perspectives.

The 28th of July, it was set to launch the concert for Travis Scott's new album Utopia with the Pyramids of Giza in the background. A pretty different destination and extremely unique for the artist and its audience as it was assumed that the tickets ran out within the first 20 minutes of the online opening of sales with fans from over 54 countries around the world.

Travis Scott, the American rapper, singer and songwriter, is one of the top 10 singers around the world with 71.8 monthly listeners according to Spotify chart history. Rated as an above average live performer, Scott's concert reviews call live shows and performances as electrifying, psychedelic, and rambunctious. Also Fun-filled, high energy but chaotic.

The hip-hop superstar was faced by tones of streets responses in Egypt. Yet two days before the show, Travis Scott's Concert was acclaimed to be Canceled Due to 'Complex Production Issues' by Live Nation as the rapper insists It 'Will Happen'.

So this was a summary of what was happening for the past weeks, but let's move forward to more details.

As a middle eastern country, facing economic crisis and in need of new sources for foreign currency, using tourism is always a good idea to figure out some solutions. This sector is actually improving great development especially after The National Tourism Strategy launched in November 2022 aims to attract 30 million tourists to Egypt by 2028, increasing arrivals by 25-30 per cent annually with multiple tactics. The recovery in this sector will be achieved only by implementing some additional measures that includes developing various tourist destinations to diversify tourism activities in Egypt.

And one of the successful steps taken was hosting international concerts just like it was made with the GRAMMY-AWARD US band Maroon 5, who performed on stage at the pyramids the 3rd of May 2022.

But the case of Travis Scott seemed to face some “Moral Objection” from the Egyptians and the public opinion, who had different evaluation on the case of hosting the concert.

People were divided in two main directions: With and Against. And unfortunately, both did not treat the topic from the same angle Those who were with, mentioned the importance of this concert to promote for Egypt and to appear on international streams. As well, the fans were excited to attend such a different type of concerts on their land with feeling pride to be beside the Pyramids. So, we may consider this as an economic marketing perspective with a music taste.



Those who were against, were divided into two categories:

The first category (A): intellectual and experienced citizens in the field with a good background about rap music and updated with the news, nationalists. Category A were against the hosting of this concert due to the tragic incident that took place at the 2021 ASTROWORLD Festival in Houston, Texas, where a crowd crush at the beginning of his performance resulted in the death of 10 people and left approximately 300 injured. And it's important to mention that this album is especially significant because it is also his first since the tragedy. Thus, this group was worried if the same situation happened in Egypt since we are not ready to face such crisis that may harm the reputation of the tourism and the landmark of pyramids. So here, cost and benefit evaluation were taken into consideration as in their perspective, it is not a good idea to host Travis Scott.

The second Category (B): general public opinion from the social media following the trend.

The people from this category were scared of the 'Strange Rituals' practiced by the artist on the stage and the Masonic satanist conspiracies. Immediately, hashtags went viral and the demand of the cancelation of this event was high from this perspective and even some lawsuits were filled!

After all the propaganda that has been made, the syndicate chief Mostafa Kamel explained: "The syndicate has welcomed all kinds of cultural events over the past few months, but all have fallen in line with set conditions to ensure that the customs and traditions the cultural identity of Egyptian people". Despite it all, on July 26, it was officially announced the cancelation of the concert.

The reactions on the news were extremely diverse as the government continue its silence.

But the real question after all, was it really a golden opportunity or just a loss to the cultural standards?

It's an open question for many others related topics , still wondering who should decide the answer , political figures, law, economists , ministers , syndicates or the public opinion?

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The Boiling era.

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As the calendar flips to another year, the planet finds itself ensnared in the grip of nature's vengeance, a tumultuous reprisal for years of human-inflicted wounds upon the Earth. From the scorching fires that have engulfed landscapes in Algeria, to the blazes that have consumed vast expanses across Canada and the United States of America, the relentless fury of nature is an alarming wake-up call that demands immediate attention.

If we can't withstand today's temperature, we won't be able to withstand the temperature tomorrow, which prompted UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in public that the global boiling era has begun.

The severe impacts of climate change are in line with repeated expectations and warnings by scientists, the UN Secretary-General said, adding that the only surprise is the speed of change. Guterres again called for swift action in the face of "tragic" consequences, signaling again to the fossil fuel sector. The air is breathable and the heat is unbearable, he added. And that the level of fossil fuel profits associated with climate degradation is unacceptable.

The urgent need to address climate change in our current year has never been more apparent. The need for immediate and bold climate action is critical if we are to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C and avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change. While some progress has been made, such as expanding renewable energy and positive steps in certain sectors such as shipping, these efforts remain insufficient.



Experts predict that the outlook for climate change in 2023 is dire and likely to worsen. This year has already experienced record-breaking temperatures, validating earlier forecasts that the average global temperature between 2022 and 2026 will surpass previous years. The probability of exceeding the 1.5°C temperature threshold has escalated significantly for this five-year period. The impact of climate change is already evident, with events like the Canadian wildfires producing far-reaching consequences, including smoke spreading to distant regions like the U.S. and Paris. The effects of climate change extend beyond rising temperatures. Ocean acidification and warming waters threaten coral reefs that are critical to marine ecosystems. Glacial retreat and reduced ice coverage are altering sea levels and contributing to a cascade of challenges, including the potential displacement of coastal populations. These mounting concerns indicate that climate change is far from reaching its peak in 2023.

Despite the grim outlook, opportunities remain for addressing climate change on a global scale. The urgency to transition away from fossil fuels is increasingly recognized by world leaders and experts alike. Calls for "climate positive" actions are gaining traction, emphasizing the need to directly reduce carbon footprints rather than relying solely on offset mechanisms. Businesses, governments, and individuals can contribute by adopting eco-friendly practices, embracing renewable energy sources, and implementing sustainable behaviors in daily life. But if the climate issue is politicized as usual and procrastinated by funding and implementing countries, we will not enjoy a sustainable world. For those who are not yet born, all we can say is, we are sorry. But we don't expect you to forgive us.

