





OPINION

Set N Korea Free

 IDEFECTED from North Korea in 2004. I decided to risk my life to leave my home country - where I worked as a psychological warfare officer for the government - when it finally sunk in that there are two North Koreas: one real and the other a fiction created by the regime. Although in my job I had access to foreign media, books with passages containing criticism of our Dear Leader Kim Jong-il or his revered father, Kim Il-sung, had large sections blacked out. One day, out of deep curiosity, I made up an excuse to stay behind at work to decipher the redacted words of a history book ...

ANALYSIS

Engaged Or Detached?

 LET'S say you are a young person beginning to write about politics and policy. You probably have some idea of what you believe, but have you thought about how you believe it? That is to say, have you thought about where you will sit on the continuum that stretches from writers who are engaged to those who are detached? Writers who are at the classic engaged position believe that social change is usually initiated by political parties. To have the most influence, the engaged writer wants to channel his efforts ...

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Business

Enterprise Qatar organises networking event

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK

DOHA UNDER the title 'Stakeholders Engagement Day', Enterprise Qatar organised a networking event on April 24, in preparation for the '1st Government Procurement and Contracting Conference and Exhibition' in Qatar.

The event will be organised by Enterprise Qatar and will take place in May at the Qatar National Convention Center.

According to a press release on Wednesday, Nora al Mannai, CEO of Enterprise Qatar, along with a number of international economists and experts in the field of developing small and medium enterprises (SMEs), including Prof. Murat Yulek, Dean of the Business Administration College at the Turkish Aviation Corporation; Richard Kopisz, Executive Director of Maxwell Stamp – KSA; and Rohan Nagbal, Director of Dan and Bradstreet for Consultancy and Research, too part in the event.

Representatives of local companies from the private and public sectors in Qatar were also in attendance to find out more about the upcoming event and the valuable opportunities it may have in terms of high-quality products and services, and nationalizing the importing and procurement process, a tactic that will reduce project cost.

Representatives of public works authority Ashgal, Qatar Airways, Ras Gas, Shell Qatar, ORYX GTL, Qatar Chemical Company Ltd. (QChem), Lusail Real Estate Company, HSBC, Aspire Zone, SASOL, QCoat, QEZ, A/J Jaber Company, Al Mannai Company, Qatari Diar Real Estate, Qatar, also attended the meet.

Petroleum, Qatar Steel and other companies that are ready to offer local work opportunities to SMEs, through engaging them in various bids and tenders which were offered to cover the importing needs of the giant projects being executed by each company.

Noora al Mannai launched the event with a presentation about the achievements and plans of Enterprise Qatar, especially those related to the development of SME in Qatar, in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030.

He indicated that the "1st Annual Government Procurement and Contracting Conference and Exhibition" in Qatar represents one of the main projects of Enterprise Qatar within the framework of a Procurement and Governmental Programme.

The programme was launched as a result of the vision and thinking that has been exchanged during a series of meetings with 24 governmental and semi-governmental authorities, and large companies from the public and private sectors.

These meetings were aimed at encouraging and raising awareness around SMEs in Qatar and ways of developing their work and relations with large companies in a more effective way.

He also outlined the goals of the conference and exhibition, which are to offer business opportunities to SMEs in Qatar, facilitate the process of getting projects to tender, simplify procedures, and exchange information based on best international practices.

This could be achieved through encouraging direct meetings and different communication models among parties, creating a business environment to encourage business leaders to launch more projects that increase the growth of the economy and fulfils their role in the process of diversifying the economy and sustainable economy development.