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**Kuwait**

Population : 2,111,561 (2002)  
 Internet users :200,000 (2002)  
[The World Factbook 2002](#)

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**GLBT KUWAIT NEWS**

**Kuwaiti Trans Woman Can't Change Documents**  
 16.6.03

Kuwait's Civil Bench of the Court of First Instance June 8 dismissed the case of a 25-year-old woman who wanted to change her name on official documents after undergoing a sex-change operation in Thailand.

The woman's lawyer said that although she was born male, she always felt female and now has "no manhood signs visible from the physiological point of view."

**T.A.T.U - The first lesbians kiss in Kuwait ?**

May 2003  
 By Shabi A. Getenio

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 The last information we had about GLBT and Kuwait was from 1997, when Dr Alia Shoaib was dismissed from her professorial chair in Kuwait University for suggesting that homosexuality exists in the emirate.

That is way GME was quite surprised to find, few weeks ago ,in a kuwaiti music web-site called [salmiya](#) a positive article about the Russian-lesbian group T.A.T.U (!!!). The article on front page even contained links to T.A.T.U's video clips (including lesbian kisses) and an interview with the two lesbian girls.

GME wrote an e-mail to the managers of the web-site and asked them if there really was a change of policy in Kuwait.

The Russian lesbian group - T.A.T.U

T.A.T.U live lesbian kiss.

T.A.T.U - [offical site](#)  
[Universal-music link](#)  
[Tatugirls link](#)

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 The reaction was quite fast. The day after we found an article about Christina Aguilera's 'Dirty' nominee to the Grammy award (at least they could put Christina Aguilera's 'Beautiful' video-clip...) instead of the article about T.A.T.U.

Till now there is no answer from the managers of [salmiya](#) web-site or from any other Kuwaiti Officials that we tried to reach.

**Legal status**

**Sexual activity :**

Same-sex male :  
**Illegal**  
 same-sex female :  
**N/I**

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**GayMiddleEast.com**

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**GME** is looking for volunteers who want to join the staff of **GME** as a reporters.

**Requirements :**  
 - writing in English  
 - living in the ME or having good sources in gay communities in the region.  
 - agreeing with **GME** vision and goals.

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**GAY TIME STORY**

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Your Government says that you as a GLBT do not exist ? This is the time to tell us your story !  
 How do you live as a GLBT in your country ? What are your fears ? What are your dreams ? What makes you happy ? Whom do you love ? What do you think ? Where do you meet other GLBT ?  
 What do you want to tell us ? What do you want to talk about ?  
**GME** is here for you all.



**Important Links**

**More Legal Status**

Kuwait:

Has a sodomy law, punishes sexual intercourse between men over 21 years of age with imprisonment of up to seven years, it punishes sexual intercourse with a male under 21 with imprisonment of up to 10 years.\*\*\*

\*\*\*This information taken from the website [Gay Rights Info](#)

**GLBT/Human Rights Organizations :**

- [Amnesty International](#)
- [Human Right Watch](#)
- [The International Lesbian and Gay Association](#)
- [International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission](#)

**GLBT News Web-Sites**

- [Gay.com](#)
- [Advocate](#)
- [PlanetOut](#)
- [Rainbownetwork](#)
- [gfn.com](#)
- [Gayhealth](#)
- [365gay.com](#)
- [The Gully](#)
- [Data Launge](#)

**The Guardian - 29.3.97**

Dr Alia Shoaib was dismissed from her professorial chair in Kuwait University for suggesting that homosexuality exists in the emirate. Her comments were published in a local magazine, al-Hadaf, which was also sued [sic] for obscenity. Dr Fazia Khorafi, the female president of the university and responsible for her dismissal, claimed that homosexuality does not exist in Kuwait. However the under-secretary of the education ministry described this view as being of a "dinosaur mentality". But the Information Minister, Sheikh Saoud al-Nasser al-Sabah said the professor's comments had "defamed the University". "We know that there are gays in Kuwait, they are hidden and should remain so". A leading Kuwaiti novelist, Leila Othman, is currently facing obscenity charges for her book "The Departure" which includes short stories dealing with lesbianism and gay male relationships.

For all the GLBT from Kuwait who want to see  
T.A.T.U great videos – here is the [link](#)