

Kuwait moves on Instagram slave traders after BBC investigation

This is only one method of sale, of course. The trade, the attitude and the institution will continue. And not just in Kuwait. From the [link](#) to it.

Kuwaiti authorities say they have officially summoned the owners of several social media accounts used to sell domestic workers as slaves.

A BBC News Arabic investigation found online slave markets on apps provided and made available by Google and Apple, including Facebook-owned Instagram.

Women were offered for sale as workers via hashtags such as “maids for transfer” or “maids for sale”.



Authorities say those involved have been ordered to take down their ads.

They have also been compelled to sign a legal commitment, promising no longer to participate in this activity.

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Many of the most widely used accounts for buying and selling domestic workers appear to have stopped their activity.

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A police officer who also featured in the report is under investigation by the authorities.

Dr Mubarak Al-Azimi, head of Kuwait's Public Authority for Manpower said . . . arrests and compensation for the victims were possible outcomes of the action.

Google and Apple said they were working with app developers to prevent illegal activity on their platforms.