



The eleven suspects arrested for running a fake maids' office are pictured with a number of runaway domestic workers that they harbored in this handout photo.



Unlicensed weapons busted with two citizens who were arrested yesterday.

FAKE MAIDS' OFFICE BUSTED

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KUWAIT: Residency Affairs Department detectives arrested 11 Ethiopians on charges of running a bogus domestic helpers' office, and using it to trade in absconding domestic workers.

Investigations revealed that the suspects 'sold' the maids they harbored for prices ranging between KD 90 and KD 250, and that they gave clients fake receipts in the names of several bogus offices. Detectives also arrested 22 maids who were harbored by the gang. All detainees were sent to the

proper authorities for further action.

Weapons possession

Two Kuwaiti citizens were arrested in separate cases for possession of unlicensed weapons. A rifle, two pistols and two magazines were found in the house of one of the

suspects, while a shotgun and a pistol were found in the second suspect's house. They were taken to the proper authorities to face charges.

Traffic campaigns

The General Traffic Department launched

several campaigns in the period from the sixth to the ninth of September, 2015, resulting in issuing 4,268 citations and impounding 11,835 vehicles, while 36 individuals were arrested for committing grave violations and 11 expatriates were sent to deportation for driving without a license.

ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICIALS DISCUSS TIES

KUWAIT: Kuwait Army Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Khaled Al-Kheder discussed with the visiting commander of the US Combined Joint Task Force Lieutenant General James Terry yesterday bilateral relations and issues of common interest.

In a press statement, the Ministry of Defense said that Lieutenant General Kheder discussed with Lieutenant General Terry the improvement of bilateral cooperation. The meeting was attended by US Ambassador to Kuwait Douglas A. Silliman and Deputy Commander of Kuwaiti Air Force Colonel Adnan Al-Fadhli.

On Tuesday, Lieutenant General Kheder discussed with Indian military officials bilateral relations and issues of common interest. In a press statement, the Ministry of Defense said that the Lieutenant General Kheder received Captain of the Indian Naval Ships (INS) Deepak Sujith Kumar Chettri and INS Tabar warship commander. The meeting tackled fur-

therance of bilateral cooperation, the statement added.

Separately, a Kuwaiti military delegation visited families of UAE martyrs, who were killed recently in Yemen, to extend condolences yesterday in the emirate of Sharjah. Head of the Kuwaiti delegation, Deputy Army Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Major General Ahmad Al-Omiri expressed his condolences to martyrs' fathers Jamal Al-Muheri and Galib Al-Mari.

This visit comes on the sidelines of the participation of Kuwaiti military delegation in meetings of the Gulf military operations and training committee, held in Abu Dhabi during the period from 14 to 16 September, to discuss the strengthening of the GCC military cooperation.

Recently, UAE mourned a number of its armed forces soldiers who martyred at different times during their participation in military operations to support the legitimacy in Yemen as part of the Saudi-led Arab coalition. — KUNA



Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Kheder

50,000 CITIZENS TO RECEIVE KD 34 MILLION IN BENEFITS AHEAD OF EID

KUWAIT: A total of 50,174 Kuwaiti employees in the private sector are set to get KD 34 million (\$112.6 million) in social allowance ahead of Eid Al-Adha, which falls on September 24, the Manpower and Government Restructuring Program said yesterday.

A sum of KD 11,000 (around \$36,000) has been paid to job-seekers, KD 1.5 million (\$4.9 million) to graduates and KD 43,700 (around \$144,000) to school and university students, the program's secretary-general Fawzy Al-Majdali said.

The program has made relevant lists of beneficiaries over the last couple of weeks, he added.

In so doing, the program is seeking to support Kuwaiti young people working in the private sector in order to achieve the national goals of economic development and unemployment. Such financial benefits reflect the State's effective role in encouraging Kuwaiti young people and supporting their role in national development, Majdali pointed out. — KUNA



NEW OFFICERS TAKE OATH

KUWAIT: Interior Ministry's Undersecretary Lieutenant General Suleiman Al-Fahad attended a ceremony in which noncommissioned and police officers took their oath after graduating from the Police Academy and other security institutions. Major General Sheikh Faisal Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Education and Training attended the ceremony as well.

Meanwhile, Director General of the General Department of Ports Security Major General Khaled Al-Saq'abi awarded a number of officers for distinguished efforts they displayed recently, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. Separately, Director General of the General Department of Information Technology Ali Al-Mu'ailli awarded a number of staff members for their exceptional efforts. Also yesterday, Lt Gen Al-Fahad received a delegation from the Roman Orthodox Church in Kuwait, and the two sides discussed topics of mutual interest pertaining with security.



KUWAIT: Kuwait National Guard (KNG) concluded an initiative titled 'Development and gratitude for Kuwait,' which was organized for the fourth consecutive year. The event featured participation of 121 trainees, who were selected by an open draw from 500 applicants. The graduation ceremony was held at the Kuwait National Guard Officers Club in the presence of KNG Undersecretary Lieutenant General Staff Eng Hashim Al-Rifae.