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Manpower Authority allows state employees to seek part-time jobs

Precautionary measures to detect returning travellers with diseases

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) issued several decisions allowing government workers to work in the private sector outside official hours. This would change the current situation where Kuwaiti nationals hired in the public sector are generally not allowed to seek part-time jobs at companies and other private institutions. The authority stipulated that employers should inform it about state employees who are allowed to work with them outside working hours, and that all data about them should be provided as well as the permit period, along with the jobs they have and the salary to be paid to them.

Precautionary measures

The health ministry approved a plan related to precautionary measures to prevent the spread of diseases after the summer break and return of pil-

grims and vacationers in coordination with the interior ministry by operating eight thermographic cameras at the airport and border outlets. The plan is done in coordination with the medical emergencies department to transfer cases affected with diseases for quarantine and treatment. The ministry said it is necessary to coordinate with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation to activate isolation rooms at Kuwait International Airport.



Efforts to push stalled partnership projects

preliminary meeting will be held at the ministry on Sept 17. The health ministry obtained approvals of the supervisory authorities to extend the building contract for six months in June and the extension will be from July 28 until Jan 27, without having the ministry incur any financial expenses.

Stalled projects

The higher committee at the Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects discussed obstacles that prevent the completion of awarding of its projects that it put forward several years ago. Informed sources said the authority explained the situation to the higher committee to make a decision towards its stagnant projects, particularly the expansion of Um Al-Haiman

water treatment station and the waste-to-energy Kabd project to transform waste into electric power, that were rejected by the State Audit Bureau. Sources said committee members will not remain idle and will discuss the issue with the State Audit Bureau to find solutions.

Investigation committee

Deputy director general of customs outlets affairs and head of the investigations committee Adnan Al-Qudaibi said after reports were published about the committee's chairman resigning after accusing an Egyptian legal advisor at the customs department of bribery, director general Jamal Al-Jalawi ordered the formation of an investigation committee to gather all information and documents regarding the accusation from all departments and concerned offices. Qudaibi said while the committee is carrying out its duties, it saw fit to reform the committee with members who work in 'neutral' departments.

KSHR hosts awareness campaign on labor law, domestic labor



KUWAIT: Khaled Al-Humaidi, Chairman of the Kuwait Society for Human Rights (KSHR), announced the launch of an awareness campaign on Labor and Domestic Labor Laws that aimed at introducing society to the articles of the two laws and educating them on the rights they grant to migrant workers in Kuwait.

He pointed out that the campaign would last for two months, during which awareness leaflets would be published in the form of awareness posters, summarized in Kuwaiti Labor Law No 6 of 2010 on work in the private sector, Law No 68 of 2015 regarding domestic workers in Kuwait and the two Ministerial Resolutions No 2194 and 2302 of 2016 and the implementing decisions of the Labor Law No 6 of 2010, as well as the Guide to the Management of Labor Relations and its Units.

The campaign, which will share 50 posts on a daily basis through KSHR's websites and mailing lists, coincides with the emergence of widespread societal criticism that ridicules and depletes the articles of the domestic labor law that allow domestic workers to keep their personal documents such as passports and civil cards.

The Monitoring and Follow-up Unit for Workers' Affairs in Kuwait at KSHR followed a large number of comments on the articles of the labor law during the campaign. It noted that there is a lack of knowledge about the articles of the law issued in 2015 and lack of acceptance of some of its articles, believing that these items are new decisions not legal material adopted three years ago. The Monitoring Unit considered that an awareness campaign should be conducted to raise the awareness of the society in general of the fundamental rights granted to the workers in Kuwait by the law. KSHR is implementing a project to legally protect migrant workers in Kuwait by defending their issues and knowingly by awareness of their rights through a hotline and awareness-raising messages. The project is implemented in cooperation with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and aims to promote legal awareness of human rights and defend all individuals and groups whose human rights are violated in violation of the articles of the law.

No injuries in Hawally work inspection unit

By Meshaal Al-Enezi and Agencies

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Manpower's (PAM) spokesperson Aseel Al-Mazyad said there were no injuries recorded in the fire that broke out at Hawally work inspection unit late Sunday. The fire was caused by an electrical short circuit and was put out before harming workers or clients. Mazyad, also head of PAM's public relations and media department said in a press statement yesterday. She added that the incident only caused material damage in the area.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Labor Union at PAM Fahad Al-Osaimi held the authority responsible over the incident, saying that management had turned deaf ears to staff's repeated complaints regarding the poor services at the building. He urged the management to provide safe and secure atmospheres and provide protection for both employees and people at working places.

250 kg hashish smuggling bid foiled

By Hanan Al-Saadoun and Agencies

KUWAIT: Coastguards foiled an attempt to smuggle 250 kg of hashish into the country by sea. Marine security received tips about the attempt, so a warrant was obtained. A boat with five persons onboard was spotted, which was stopped and the contraband was found. The suspects were sent to concerned authorities. Separately, Nuwaiseeb customs officers foiled an attempt by two citizens to smuggle seven bottles of beer and a bottle of vodka on their arrival into Kuwait from a neighboring country. The two were sent to concerned authorities.

Burned alive

A man was burned alive when his vehicle caught fire yesterday, while two others who were with him escaped death. The three went to a gas station to get petrol for a friend, then on the way back, a fire broke out in their vehicle. The two Syrian men who survived threw them-



selves out, sustaining several injuries in the process, but their Kuwaiti friend could not and was burned to death. The deceased's body was taken by the coroner, while the Syrians were taken to Farwaniya Hospital. A source said a cigarette may have caused the fire.

Fraud

An Egyptian man complained against a female compatriot who claimed to be a senior official in a company and promised to bring his cousin on a work

permit in exchange of KD 1,300. The man borrowed the money and gave it to her. When he called her two weeks later, she made more promises, then disappeared. He then went to the company where she works and was surprised to learn she was a telephone operator and was fired for causing trouble. Hawally detectives looked for her, only to find out that she was in the central prison because of other offences. The victim recognized the suspect in a lineup and she confessed to committing the crime.



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Lt Gen Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah received yesterday at his office Italy's Ambassador to Kuwait Giuseppe Scognamiglio. He also received chairman and members of the labor union representing civil employees in the ministry.



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