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Political group comments on bedoon's suicide: Find solution for chronic problem

Domestic helper recruitment offices urged to update data before August

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: A Kuwaiti political group issued a statement yesterday commenting on the recent suicide of a young bedoon man in Jahra. In its statement, the Kuwait Democratic Forum (KDF) demanded accelerating the procedures needed to grant citizenship to eligible bedoons as soon as possible and finding a fair and humane solution to provide this sect of the society with their basic human rights of education, medical services and decent living conditions.

KDF stressed that the issue transcends being just a case of a bedoon committing suicide, which is alarmingly indicating that both the legislators and the executives have so far failed to reach any accepted solution for this 'chronic' problem. KDF added that stateless people live on the margins of the state, society and institutional frameworks regardless of their humane circumstances or legal protection.

"Many of them face compelling living conditions," the statement added, noting that they cannot find suitable jobs, and when they do, those jobs do not pay well enough to provide for a decent life for their families, needless to mention the fees they have to pay for education, which hinders many of them from going to university. KDF urged all officials to be up to their responsibilities and set the needed laws and legislations to undo the imminent danger threatening bedoons.

Final procedures

The Kuwait hajj mission is currently finishing the final procedures before heading to Saudi Arabia to start receiving Kuwaiti pilgrims there, well-informed sources said. The sources added that the mission will leave in two groups on July 26 and most probably July 28, so that the mission's members can get prepared for the upcoming hajj season. The sources

said the mission usually comprises of elements from a number of ministries and government bodies including the ministries of awqaf, information, interior, foreign affairs and health, in addition to the youth and sports authority and fire department. In addition, the sources said representatives from the abovementioned bodies will meet with the head of the mission and awqaf ministry undersecretary Faeed Emadi to discuss the needed preparations.

Data update

Manager of domestic helpers' regulation department at the Public Authority for Manpower Nasser Al-Mousawi urged all domestic helper recruitment offices to update their data at the department's headquarters in Rumaithiya before the beginning of August to avoid legal accountability. Mousawi added that only 223 out of a total of 432 offices had so far updated their data, pointing out that legal actions to be taken vary from filing citations, suspension and even license withdrawal. Mousawi said that his department had received 802 complaints till May 2019, compared to only 281 in the same period the previous year.

Jordanian universities

A Kuwaiti students' union in Jordan urged His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah to look into resolving the problem of suspending Kuwaiti students from joining 15 Jordanian government and private universities and to reconsider accrediting them, especially since these universities have many agreements with

international universities and that none of them had ever received any academic warnings. The union slammed the ministry of higher education's recent sudden decision to disaccredit the 15 universities without any explanation or even visiting the concerned universities to evaluate them.

New teachers

The Ministry of Education (MoE) is currently waiting for the return of its committees dispatched to Tunisia, Jordan and Palestine to hire new teachers to start the procedures of appointing new teachers and form special teams to start receiving them at Kuwait airport, said educational sources, noting that

MoE will also arrange with the airport authorities to allow its vehicles into the airport to take the teachers' luggage to the MoE hostel. The sources predicted the first group of teachers to start arriving by August 18, ie after Eid Al-Adha, and that special teams from the health and interior ministries will receive them to conduct the needed medical tests

and do the residency procedures, in addition to representatives from local banks to open bank accounts for new teachers and give them a KD 200 loan in advance. Further, the sources said only 100 teachers had been hired locally, in addition to 200 from Tunisia and Jordan and 350 from Palestine, which adds up the total to 650 teachers, still leaving MoE short of 130 teachers from the total number of 780 needed for the new school year.

Nurseries' licenses

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Mohammad Al-Zobi said a ministerial decision had been issued limiting licenses for nurseries to three per residential area. Responding to an inquiry by Municipal Councilmember Hassan Kamal about nursery licenses, Zobi explained that the Ministry of Social Affairs usually asks the Municipality to examine the location, number of floors and parking availability before approving the application and issuing the license according to ministry regulations.

Families' products

Manager of the community development department at Ministry of Social Affairs Nadia Al-Azmi announced launching the productive families' project, adding that these families' products will be displayed for sale in six co-ops by the beginning of September. Azmi added that special training workshops had been opened at every community center to train women in painting, sewing and carpentry in various areas.

New structure

Well-informed sources said the Ministry of Health (MoH) has finished putting the final touches on its new organizational structure, adding that the new structure will reorganize various sectors, central directorates and health zones with the aim of avoiding the remarks made by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and other auditory bodies.



KUWAIT: Firemen inspect the scene of an accident reported on King Faisal highway.

Man attacks others with blade in Souq Sharq brawl

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: A Kuwaiti man was arrested at Souq Sharq for assaulting two others with an edged steel weapon, said the interior ministry's relations and security media department, noting that the suspect had acted strangely. The department added that along with others - who are still at large and a search is on to arrest them - the suspect had an argument with the two victims that developed into a fight, in which he assaulted them with the blade, injuring them both. On searching the suspect's vehicle, detectives found liquor in it, and a case was filed pending arresting the runaway

accomplices seen on a video posted on social media.

Road accident

A Kuwaiti was injured after he lost control over his vehicle and it turned over on King Faisal highway, said security sources, noting that Farwaniya firemen rushed to the scene and managed to release the driver from the wreckage and handed him over to paramedics for treatment.

Companies commit violations

Kuwait Municipality's Public Relations Department said Ahmadi municipal inspectors filed three citations against three companies for unlawful use of government property and the expiry of their storage licenses. In this regard, Ahmadi municipal safety department manager Al-Humaidi Al-Mutairi said an inspection tour in the southern areas resulted in fining the three companies a total of KD 302,066 for unlawful utilization of the total area of 17,000 sq m of government property as offices and storage areas with expired licenses.



KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Service Directorate's (KFSD) prevention sector closed 11 facilities for violating its safety and security conditions, said security sources, noting that the shuttered facilities had already received warning notices but did not heed them, which poses a threat to both lives and property. —By Hanan Al-Saadoun



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