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Education ministry denies delaying expat staffs' firing: Replacement policy ongoing

Efforts to regulate medical ads to prevent commercial fraud

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KUWAIT: Following up reports about the Ministry of Education's (MoE) decision to cancel the termination of 400 expatriate employees, MoE's assistant undersecretary for administrative affairs Fahd Al-Ghais strongly refuted the report, noting that it is nothing but rumors. Ghais stressed that MoE fully respects Civil Service Commission's (CSC) instructions concerning the replacement of expatriate employees with national manpower according to a preset annual rate. Earlier reports had claimed that the ministry postponed the termination of 400 expatriate office boys until further notice due to a severe shortage in most schools.

Commercial fraud

In view of some medical ads deemed as abusive and deceptive, Kuwait Medical Association (KMA)

Chairman Dr Ahmad Thowaini Al-Enezi announced moves to regulate medical ads in collaboration with the health and information ministries. Enezi stressed the significance of regulating these ads to prevent commercial fraud. "KMA will soon hold a symposium to discuss these regulations," he underlined, noting that doctors must respect the profession's ethics. Enezi explained some ads have been using medicine as a means for profiteering and that some TV shows had been involved in the process. He urged the ministry of information to do something to stop such programs.

KD 4.5 million

Well-informed sources said a tender to furnish and equip the Kuwait Investment Authority headquarters will cost around KD 4.5 million to supply, examine, hand over, maintain furniture and equipment and interior design.

KD 1.38 million

Kuwait Municipality facilities' consumption of electricity in the last fiscal year ending on March 31, 2019 was worth KD 1.38 million; ie KD 114,000 a month or KD 3,800 a day.

Ministers' responses

The National Assembly office decided declassifying nine ministers' responses to parliamentary inquiries made this May, including those made by the Finance Minister Nayef Al-Hajraf. Notably, the assembly's office usually receives lawmakers' objections to ministers' requests to respond to inquiries behind closed doors to protect highly classified information.

Livestock vaccination

The Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish

Resources (PAAAFR) officially urged the finance ministry to pass a special budget it requested to provide vaccinations needed to immunize the entire livestock in Kuwait. Finance Minister Nayef Al-Hajraf met PAAAFR Chairman Sheikh Mohammed Al-Yousif and chairman of the dairy products' producers union Abdul Hakeem Al-Ahmed to discuss the provision of the vaccinations.

Ramadan violations

Ministry of Social Affairs' acting undersecretary Hana Al-Hajeri said 970 field inspections visits had been made since the beginning of Ramadan to follow up the charity donation collection project. Hajeri added inspection teams have filed 65 citations for unlawful donation collection kiosks, nine for not respecting the awqaf ministry schedule, five for placing cash donation boxes inside mosques and one for collecting blood money.



Kuwait's Air Force delivers aid to Syrian refugees in Jordan

AMMAN: A plane belonging to the Kuwaiti Ministry of Defense arrived in Jordan yesterday, carrying about 13 tons of aid to Syrian refugees, sent by Kuwait's International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO). The humanitarian aid was delivered under direct orders from His

Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to ease the suffering of Syrian refugees, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Jordan Aziz Al-Dihani said. He hailed the humanitarian efforts of IICO and the continuous donations of Kuwaiti philanthropists, governmental organiza-

tions and NGOs to aid the refugees. Meanwhile, assistant supervisor for IICO's office in Jordan Ziyad Abu Talib noted that this is the sixth batch of humanitarian aid delivered by Kuwait's Air Force. He added that the aid includes food, clothes and blankets. — KUNA



Kuwaiti society offers 155 tons medical supplies to Yemen

ADEN: Kuwait Society for Relief handed over 155 tons of medical supplies to the Yemeni Ministry of Health on Saturday as a first tranche of a \$2 million worth donation from His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The contribution of His Highness the Amir, the humanitarian leader, is meant to support the 'Kuwait is Beside You' humanitarian campaign continuing for the Yemeni people over the last three years. Yemeni Minister of Public Health and Population Nasser Ba'um expressed gratitude to His Highness the Amir for his generous contribution to the humanitarian campaign. Speaking to reporters on the fringes of the ceremony of the aid delivery, he

said, "Kuwait Society for Relief and Patients Helping Fund Society stood by the Yemeni people during the hardest times."

"The medical supplies, donated by Kuwait, include intravenous fluids and antibiotics which will play essential role in shoring up the health sector across the Yemeni governorates," the minister added. Meanwhile, director general of the national program of medical supplies Soad Maysari expressed gratitude to His Highness the Amir and the Kuwaiti government and people for supporting the Yemeni health sector. Kuwait Society for Relief had previously offered 505 tons of medical supplies, including drugs and intravenous fluids, to Yemen. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwait Municipality's public relations department said the general cleanliness and road occupancy department in Hawally carried out several inspection campaigns resulting in the removal of 13,572 cubic meters of rubbish, trees and shrubs, issued four cleanliness citations, sweeping and cleaning of main and side streets, washing and changing 400 containers and removing 34 abandoned cars. The public relations department said complaints related to the municipality can be reported to the hotline 139.— By Hanan Al-Saadoun

Interior Ministry mourns Coast Guard martyr



KUWAIT: Undersecretary of the Interior Ministry Lt Gen Essam Al-Nahham participates in the funeral of Coast Guard officer Abdullah Al-Failakawi.

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Interior held a funeral on Saturday for Abdullah Al-Failakawi who was martyred while on duty in a Coast Guard boat accident. On behalf of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Lt Gen Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Undersecretary of the Ministry Lt Gen Essam Al-Nahham expressed sincere condolences to the family of the martyr. Lt Gen Nahham paid homage to Failakawi, saying he proved to be a

dedicated service member who shouldered his responsibilities selflessly, according to a press release by the Ministry. Lt Gen Nahham called on the other service members who were injured in the accident and conveyed to them the regards of the Lt Gen Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, wishing them quick recovery. On Friday, the ministry announced that a Coast Guard boat capsized and crashed, killing Failakawi and wounding ten others. — KUNA