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MSAL urges Civil Services to exempt it from Kuwaitization

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MSAL) recently urged the Civil Services Commission (CSC) to exempt it from Kuwaitizing staff members at the social care sector due to the lack of citizens wanting to work in service-related jobs as they prefer administrative ones, said informed sources. The sources added that the ministry had been encouraging Kuwaitis to join the sector in order to work in geriatric homes, which requires taking care of children of unknown parents and senior citizens. "Kuwaiti staff members are not enough and hiring non-Kuwaitis is a must", stressed the sources pointing that MSAL is so keen on kuwaitizing its employees and that

it is expected to achieve up to 100 per cent Kuwaiti staffs within a few years.

Flight service fees

The Ministry of Services is currently reconsidering a decision that had been frozen by Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan to add KD 8 as services fees on each ticket for flights departing Kuwait, said informed sources. The sources added that the new fee was due by the beginning of last April; the beginning of the new fiscal year, but minister Al-Roudhan yielded to parliamentary pressure where lawmakers rejected the idea of overburdening citizens and suggested improving the services instead.

The sources added that, in view of passenger traffic through Kuwait airport where 7.38 million flight tickets were sold in 2018, the new fee would annually add around KD 60 million. "The suspension deprived the state treasury from this sum", added the sources noting that most countries, including GCC and Arab ones, do collect them as taxes in return for the services provided to passengers and airlines. Furthermore, the sources said that the civil aviation general directorate has been demanding the new fee and that Al-Roudhan had only suspended its implementation pending further studies. "The new fee will most likely take effect next April with the beginning of the 2020-2021 fiscal year", the sources stressed.

Sabah of Glory



By Abdullah Bowair

Talking or writing about such a unique great political figure, one feels speechless due to the humongous achievements and humane deeds of H.H. the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may Almighty Allah protect him. Since he was 25, H.H. the Amir has been taking up huge responsibilities. He has worked day and night to serve our country for over 64 years. He never complained. He tirelessly, continuously and creatively worked hard.

In parliament, he was named "The Fireman" because he used to let lawmakers say whatever they wanted before he intervened to kill any tense debates and resolve problems. With smile on his face, H.H. the Amir has never let anybody down. He is very benevolent, without waiting for rewards. He only does it for charity. Yes, indeed, His Highness the humanitarian leader is the best father, brother and friend.

H.H. the Amir's name has been associated with the ministry of foreign affairs, although he assumed other positions. H.H. the Amir managed to make Kuwait's foreign policy a role model in diplomacy and prioritizing public interests to local or regional ones. He is indeed a master of foreign diplomacy. His policy has been built on assisting Arab countries with all of Kuwait's political and financial potentials through loans and grants, which helped resolve many regional disputes.

Your Highness, you managed to turn Kuwait into a hub for aid for everyone. You are steadily leading our beloved Kuwait towards more prosperity and stability thanks to your wisdom and vision about surrounding threats and regional tensions. "Our diplomacy has been building bridges of peace amongst peoples" - these were the words you used in May to sum up the basis of Kuwait's diplomacy you founded.

Employees at Egyptian consulate beat Kuwaiti

KUWAIT: A Kuwaiti youth filed a complaint against employees at the Egyptian consulate for insulting and beating him. The citizen went to Siddiq police station and told them that while at the consulate, he was surprised by some people he does not know who pulled him inside, tied him up and beat him, adding that he will be able to identify them. The prosecutor considered the incident a felony. The citizen will be questioned while detectives investigate.

The first call was about a fire in a shop containing lumber and flammable material. Ardhiya, Industrial Shuwaikh, Capital, Sulaibikhat and backup centers responded and put out the fire. The second fire was in a minibus on Airport Road. The fire was put out as smoke filled the area.

Dental safe stolen

A safe was stolen from a dental clinic in Hawally, according to the legal representative of the clinic. Security cameras showed a person entering the place, who took the safe which contained important documents, besides KD 3,000. Investigations are underway. — Al-Rai

Bus fire

Firemen battled two blazes, one in a Rai carpentry shop and another in a bus on Airport Road.



Ashar Shahza, the Charge d'Affaires of the Pakistan Embassy visited Kuwait Times and discussed matters of mutual concern with Editor-in-Chief Abd Al-Rahman Al-Alyan.

Flights 93.9% on-time in August

KUWAIT: Kuwait Airways Company (KAC) achieved an increase in punctual flight arrivals to Kuwait International Airport in August, reaching 93.9 percent compared with 88 percent in July, a statement by the company said yesterday. Kuwait Airways earned ninth place in punctuality out of 175 airlines in Europe, Africa and the Middle East and first place in the Middle East, according to a report by British aviation company

(OAG), the statement added. This ranking confirms the good time-bound policies adopted by the board of directors and implemented by the executive management efficiently and professionally, statement noted.

KAC will aspire more achievements for valued customers in various fields and to complete its leading role in the field of civil aviation at the Arab and international levels, the statement pointed out. Kuwait Airways was established in 1953 as a private company under the name of 'Kuwait National Airlines Limited. In 1962, the Kuwaiti government owned 100 percent ownership of company and has about 40 destinations worldwide. — KUNA



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