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Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A picture taken on Saturday showing a lane in the Yarmouk walkway. —Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh (To have your picture featured in the Kuwait Times' 'Photo of the Day' section, please send your high resolution, unedited photos to local@kuwaittimes.com, along with the full name and Instagram account, in addition to a description showing the picture's location and date taken)

News in brief

70% targeted people fully vaccinated in Kuwait

KUWAIT: Around 70 percent of targeted people have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in Kuwait, member of the Supreme Committee for COVID-19 Dr Khaled Al-Saeed said. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health released a statement in which it denied rumors alleging mass resignations among doctors in protest against the COVID-19 treatment protocols in Kuwait.

Study to enroll women in Kuwait army

KUWAIT: Kuwait Army is studying the possibility of allowing women to enroll in military service, Deputy Chief of Staff for Human Forces Affairs Dr Khaled Al-Kandari said. He made his statements to reporters on the sidelines of an event held at the Avenues Mall on Sunday to encourage Kuwaiti young men to join the army.

Euro birds ban lifted

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources has lifted the ban on importing all types of live birds, hatching eggs and one-day-old chicks from Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Romania, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands. The authority banned importing all types of live birds, hatching eggs and one-day-old chicks from Benin due to the spread of a severe bird flu in the country, spokesman Talal Al-Daihani said yesterday. Arriving bird shipments will be tested for diseases and if found, the owner bears costs for returning the shipment to the country of origin, he added.

Health Ministry launches COVID-19 vaccination in northern Abdali area

KUWAIT: The Health Ministry announced yesterday that it launched a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination center in the northern Abdali area with the capacity to immunize 2,000 individuals per day. In a press statement, Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad — the ministry's official spokesman — said that the launch of the center came after the success of a similar facility in Wafra, which vaccinated 29,000 individuals between August 19 and September 2. On the Abdali center operations, Dr Sanad revealed that the facility houses 12 vaccination units in addition to an emergency and observation rooms operating from 10:00 am to 08:00 pm. —KUNA



KUWAIT: This handout photo released by Kuwait's Ministry of Health yesterday shows the COVID-19 vaccination center in Abdali. —KUNA photos



The Abdali COVID-19 vaccination center seen from the inside.

Al-Sayer partners with Trash Hero Kuwait for blood donation



KUWAIT: To inspire the Kuwaiti community with a noble idea of donating blood to save lives, and considering the current pandemic situation and an increased need of life-saving blood in hospitals, Al-Sayer Holding conducted a blood donation campaign in association with Trash Hero Kuwait, a non-profit organization, and Kuwait Central Blood Bank for five consecutive days.

More than 30 volunteers contributed five hours a day to support 60+ donors who visited to donate blood and take part in the role of protecting people's lives. Kuwait NGOs including 'Green Hands', 'Tarahom', 'Kuwait Response and Rescue Squad' and 'Spread the Passion' immensely supported the program. All participants underwent a medical assessment before donation to ensure they are sufficiently fit and healthy to give blood.

Nehad Al-Hajj Ali, GM of Corporate Excellence at Al-Sayer Group, expressed his high gratitude for the volunteers who joined. "Such

gathering shows great solidarity from us to others, who we never met or know," he said. "Blood donation is an excellent service to humanity, and we look forward to partner in such voluntary services to service our community."

Such activity aligns with United Nations Sustainability Development Goals, particularly the 'Good Health and Well-Being' and 'Partnerships for The Goals' targets, to make positive change among people and to join hands with active organizations that aim to create a more prosperous society.

Al-Sayer Holding expressed gratitude to the management and staff at Blood Bank Jabriya unit for an effective support on these critical days. "As part of Al-Sayer corporate social responsibility, we are always keen to raise awareness among our employees, customers, and society to elevate the spirit of giving and coming together for the prosperity of Kuwait community," it noted.

Money supply down by 0.8 percent in July

KUWAIT: Kuwait's money supply (M2) declined 0.8 percent in July on a monthly basis, recording KD 38.7 billion (\$127.7 billion), the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) said on Sunday. Private sector deposits made in the Kuwaiti dinar at local banks slid by 0.6 percent to KD 34.7 billion (\$114.5 billion), according to the state monetary authority's economic research department. Deposits in foreign currencies also decreased by 4.6 percent to KD 2.2 billion

(\$6.6 billion). Domestic banks' claims on the CBK in the Kuwaiti dinar, represented by CBK bonds, settled at KD 2.9 billion (\$9.6 billion) as their total assets decreased by 1.4 percent, reaching KD 73.8 billion (\$244 billion). Net foreign currency assets at domestic banks increased by 2.4 percent to KD 5.9 billion (\$19 billion), as time deposits at CBK shed 21.8 percent to reach KD 1.9 billion (\$6.2 billion). The balances of cash credit facilities (loans) increased by 0.4 percent to reach KD 40 billion (\$132 billion). Meanwhile, the average interest rates on treasury bonds of one-year maturity remain unchanged at 1.375 percent. The financing of Kuwaiti imports decreased by a monthly 16.7 percent, recording KD 475million (\$1.5 million), with the average US dollar exchange rate against the Kuwaiti dinar remained steady at KD 302.5. —KUNA

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