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Kuwait registers nearly 3,000 COVID-19 cases in two days

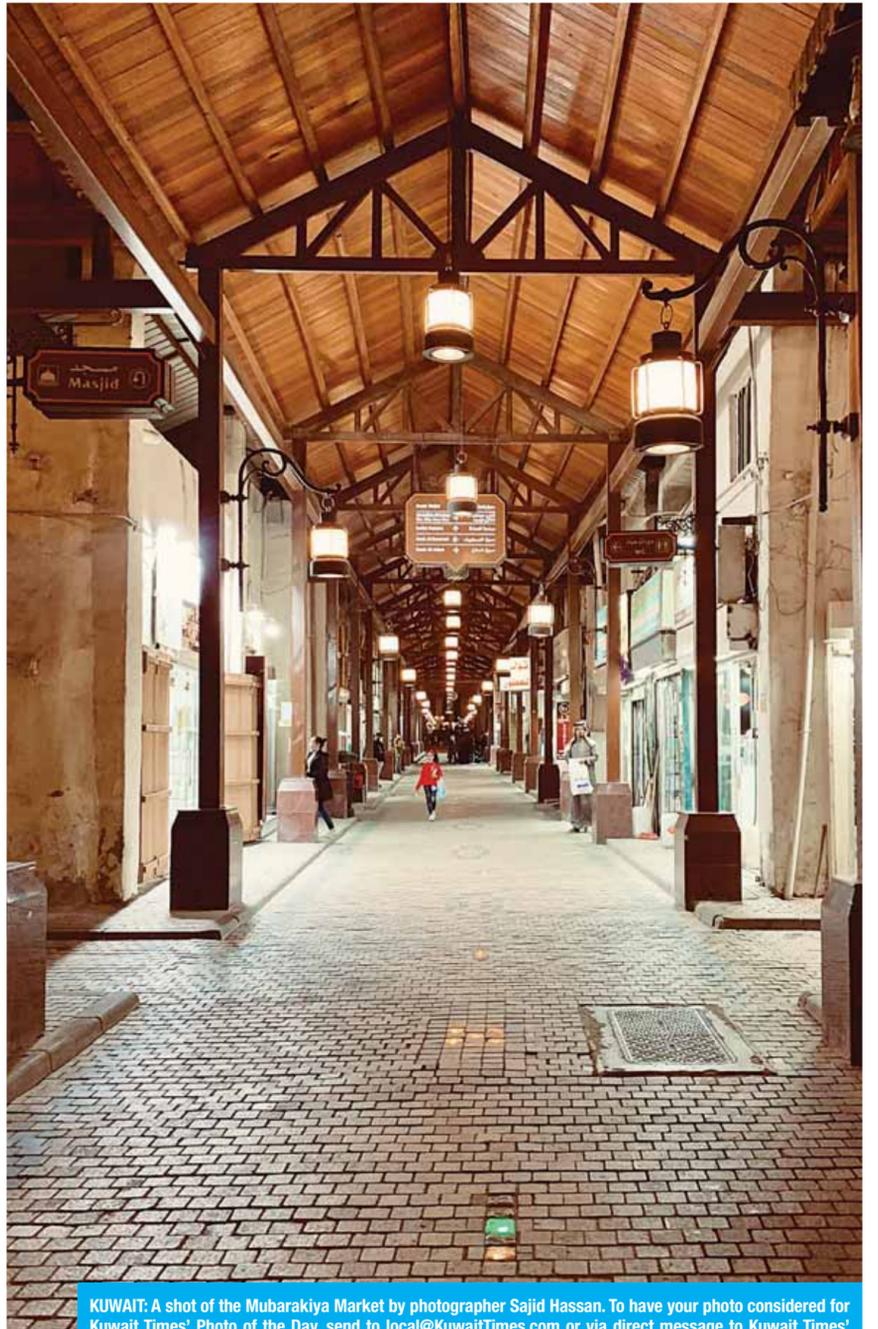
Fifteen deaths over the weekend; 168 patients in ICUs

KUWAIT: Kuwait's COVID-19 cases continued to soar as health authorities announced registering 2,931 new cases over the weekend, in addition to 15 deaths. The Ministry of Health announced yesterday that 1,318 people tested positive for the novel coronavirus over the previous 24 hours, raising total cases to 199,428, while seven deaths were registered during the same period, raising total fatalities to 1,120. Kuwait had reported 1,613 new cases and eight deaths on Friday. The number of COVID-19 patients receiving medical care stood yesterday at 13,077, including 168 in intensive care unit, up from 12,758 patients and 164 in ICUs the previous day. Health ministry spokesman Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad said yesterday that health workers conducted 7,966 swab tests over the previous 24 hours, compared to 10,927 announced Friday, as the total number of tests rose to 1,841,282. Meanwhile, total recoveries reached 185,231 after 992 fresh recoveries were announced yesterday and 918 on Friday. Dr Sanad went on to urge the public to abide by health precautions, mainly social distancing, in order to help

limit the spread of the virus.

Kuwait moves today into partial curfew imposed by the government to help curb the sharp increase in COVID-19 cases registered in recent weeks. The 12-hour nightly curfew starts from 5 pm to 5 am for one month. During the curfew hours, pharmacies, medical stores, cooperative societies and supermarkets to continue operation only through delivery services. Also during the curfew, people are allowed to go to Fajr, Maghreb and Isha prayers at mosques only by walking. During an extraordinary meeting on Thursday, the cabinet ordered all parks and public gardens closed in addition to shutting all public seating places. It allowed taxis to carry only two passengers. The council of ministers meanwhile allowed salons and health clubs to reopen during the day after a one-month closure but kept restaurants and cafes closed except for drive-through and delivery services. The cabinet statement said that the partial lockdown will be evaluated at the end of the one month period, hinting at a possible extension.

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KUWAIT: A shot of the Mubarakiya Market by photographer Sajid Hassan. To have your photo considered for Kuwait Times' Photo of the Day, send to local@kuwaittimes.com or via direct message to Kuwait Times' Instagram account @kuwaittimes. Photos should be high resolution, with no processing or editing.

Bohra community organizes blood donation drive



KUWAIT: The people of the Bohra community residing in the State of Kuwait launched a blood donation campaign on the occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day at the Salwa Sabah Al-Ahmad Center in the Al-Sabah Health District, in the belief of the community members to participate and

provide assistance in society and in their second homeland, the State of Kuwait. The representative of the Sultan of Bohra in Kuwait, Sheikh Yahya Badri, encouraged and thanked the community for their participation in the donation and urged them to donate in the future as well.

Kuwait's envoy hosts luncheon for Brazil President

KUWAIT: The Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Brazil Nasser Al-Mutairi, on behalf of the GCC Ambassadors to the South American country, held a luncheon in honor of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. Ernesto Araujo and senior officials of the Presidential Palace accompanied President Bolsonaro. Ambassador Mutairi conveyed greetings from His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to the President of Brazil.

Ambassador Mutairi affirmed the strong relations linking Kuwait and Brazil, adding that the State of Kuwait was keen on boosting ties through the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), and the private sector. Meanwhile, President Bolsonaro commended the level of Brazilian and GCC relations, affirming that his country was keen on bolstering them on all possible levels. —KUNA

Kuwait oil price up by \$3.38

KUWAIT: The price of Kuwaiti oil went up by \$3.38 to \$67.07 per barrel Friday as opposed to \$63.69 pb the day before, said the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. At the global level, the price of Brent crude went up by \$2.62 to \$69.36 per barrel, the same case with the West Texas Intermediate, which went up by \$2.26 to \$66.09 pb. —KUNA

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