

Thyroid cancer more prevalent in women than men: Dr Khalid

'Reasons unknown'



Opening ceremony of the new air ambulance center

Staff trained to deal with emergencies: Al Harbi

New center for air ambulance launched

KUWAIT CITY, May 11, (KUNA): A center for air ambulance service launched on Thursday will prop up the country's healthcare sector. Minister of Health Dr Jamal Al-Harbi said on Thursday.

The minister made the remarks in a ceremony to inaugurate the center located in Al-Sabah Medical Area.

He added that the ministry would leave no stone unturned to ameliorate health care services.

Moreover, he spoke of the ministry's plans to curb road fatalities, and pointed out that the opening of the new air ambulance center coincides with the United Nations (UN) Road Safety Week, which runs from May 8-14.

On the new edifice, Al-Harbi noted that it stretches on 14,000 square meters at a cost of KD 4.750 million, add-

ing that the air ambulance staff have been trained to deal with critical cases and emergencies.

Meanwhile, Director of the ministry's Emergency Department Dr Tariq Al-Jassar told KUNA that the ministry is studying plans to further expand its fleet of air ambulance aircrafts.

Speaking on future projects, he revealed that the ministry is also planning to open two additional centers for air ambulance service to encompass the northern and southern areas of country.

Kuwait is one of the pioneering countries around the world in the e-Government system, and has so far realized steady development in the field of communications, a Kuwaiti expert affirmed Thursday.

Currently, all Kuwaiti ministries

operate through the e-Gate system, via which education, health, commerce, and personal data services are provided electronically to citizens, Mona Yousef Sahar, an expert at the Ministry of Communications, stated to KUNA.

Sahar made her remarks on the sidelines of her participation as a member and expert, elected by her ministry, in the e-Governance team, affiliated with Arab League and UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA).

Kuwait has a long path since the ministerial decision by the Cabinet to launch the IT work plan in 2000, she noted, adding that her country has, so far, hosted three international conferences regarding the electronic field, and gained tremendous expertise as a result.

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KUWAIT CITY, May 11: Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Campaign for Cancer Awareness (Cancer Aware Nation - CAN) Dr Khalid Al-Saleh disclosed that thyroid cancer is more prevalent among women than men for unknown reasons.

Speaking at the launching of the second campaign for raising awareness on thyroid in Costa Del Sol Hotel recently, Al-Saleh said 118 women - 56 citizens and 62 expatriates - have been diagnosed with thyroid cancer compared to 30 men - nine citizens and 21 expatriates.

He added 50 percent of citizens with this type of cancer are below 40 years old compared to 49 percent of their expatriate counterparts. He also pointed out that thyroid cancer is the second most common type of cancer among women in Kuwait, next to breast cancer.

Also present at the event were internal medicine specialist at Kuwait Cancer Control Center (KCCC) Dr Mariam Al-Utaibi, board member of CAN Dr Rasheed Al-Hamad and a number of medical specialists.

According to Al-Saleh, the second campaign is entitled, "Precaution is Our Aim," indicating it started on May 9, 2017 and will end on May 20, 2017. He revealed the campaign aims to educate people on the importance of early detection of cancer as it greatly contributes to ongoing efforts to increase the survival rate. He said the level of public awareness about cancer in 2006 was 36 percent and it increased significantly to 61 percent in 2017.



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Top & above: The minister Dr Mohammad Al-Fares during the inauguration ceremony.

Al-Fares inaugurates reception hall

Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Mohammed Al-Fares Thursday inaugurated the reception hall for students' transactions in the Kuwait Culture Office building and then different sections of the Kuwait Cultural Attaché in Egypt.

He praised the technological development and modern methods used in the workflow of the Kuwait Culture Office in Cairo and the efforts exerted to

overcome the challenges facing Kuwaiti students studying in Egypt.

The minister also lauded the great development witnessed in the cultural attaché, especially concerning the work procedures, and organization and facilitation of procedures for Kuwaiti students.

He said this is the strategic goal set by Ministry of Higher Education at the level of overseas offices and attachés.

69 pc non-Kuwaitis as of June '16

Kuwait population rises to 4.33 mln

KUWAIT CITY, May 11: The population of Kuwait increased from less than one million to 4.33 million over the past three decades - from 1975 to 2016, reports Al-Anba daily quoting Assistant Secretary General for Consultancy and Developmental Support at the Supreme Council for Planning and Development Talal Al-Shammari.

Al-Shammari made the statement at the 26th Meeting of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme which he attended as representative of the council. The meeting is being held in Norway from May 8-12, 2017 under the patronage and in the presence of Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Al-Shammari disclosed that Kuwaitis constitute 31 percent of the population compared to 69 percent non-Kuwaitis as at June 2016. He said Kuwaitis below 21 years old constitute 55 percent of citizens' population, while those above 65 years old constitute four percent. He confirmed the government has been working hard to achieve 40:60 population ratio between Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis by 2030, in addition to providing the labor market with the required national manpower.

Taking advantage of the opportunity given to him to deliver a speech on behalf of the council, Al-Shammari assured the assembly that Kuwait has been focusing on economic diversification.

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