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HH the Crown Prince receives ambassadors

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Monday at Bayan Palace outgoing Ambassador of the Lao People's Republic to Kuwait Phouangkeo Langsy.

His Highness the Crown Prince also received newly-appointed French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy. His Highness also received newly-appointed Belgian Ambassador to Kuwait Piet Heirbaut, and newly-appointed

Indian Ambassador to Kuwait K Jeeva Sagar. The receptions were attended by Head of Protocols at the Diwan of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

Interior to cancel licenses of 112 out of 321 domestic labor offices

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Photos from Autistic in Kuwait showcase artistic creativity at an exhibition at the Ahmad Al-Adwani Gallery.

People with autism showcase artistic creativity

The second autism artistic exhibition was launched on Monday at Ahmad Al-Adwani Gallery. The fair, sponsored by the National Council for Culture, Arts

and Letters, involves 35 artists from schools, societies and various centers. The two-day exhibition aims at shedding light on creativity by

artists of special challenges. Special needs' artists are displaying creative works, such as paintings, wax and handicrafts items. (KUNA)

463 male senior officials in public sector

'Women occupy 12 pct of senior positions'

KUWAIT CITY, April 2: According to statistics issued by the Central Statistical Bureau, women occupy 12 percent of the total number of senior positions. In other words, out of 531 employees who occupy senior-level positions, their numbers are 68, reports Al-Qabas daily. Among the employees work-

ing in the public sector, the number of male senior officials is 463, while the number of female employees occupying senior positions in ministries and state institutions is 40 out of 306, constituting 13 percent as of June 30, 2017. Out of 71 positions, only eight women occupy senior positions in state bodies with

subjoined budgets, constituting 11 percent. Out of 98 positions, 16 female employees occupy senior positions in state bodies with independent budgets, constituting 16 percent. Concerning companies owned completely by the state, female employees occupy four senior positions out of a total of 56, constituting 7 percent.

KUWAIT CITY, April 2: The Interior Ministry intends to cancel the licenses of 112 out of 321 domestic labor offices accredited by the Ministry of Commerce, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to a knowledgeable source, this decision was taken after the discovery that these offices are fictitious and they have no actual activity. He affirmed the Interior Ministry took this step in coordination with its commerce counterpart. Asked about the deposit paid by these companies, the source explained the deposit will be kept for some time to make sure the companies will fulfill their obligations. He added the deposit will be refunded to the companies once proven they have fulfilled all their obligations.

Former MP Saleh Al-Mulla has criticized the unified Friday sermon presented by a preacher from the Ministry of Awqaf, pointing out it is not right for an ignorant preacher to say that a woman who does not wear a veil entails atheism, infidelity and decadence, reports Al-Shahid daily. On his Twitter account, Al-Mulla said: "Most women in my family are not wearing veil. It is none of your business whether they wear a veil or not. You are not our guardian. Where are you from? You are stealing public funds, treating Bedouins unfairly and violating freedoms."

MP Ahmad Al-Fadl has called for the establishment of a mini-electronic government in the Public Authority for Handicapped Affairs (PAHA) and appointment of an employee from each governmental body, State institution or ministry dealing with the handicapped, reports Al-Rai daily.

Al-Fadl explained in his proposal that the authority was established to facilitate procedures and cover the needs of citizens with disabilities, yet it is asking the handicapped to obtain documents from different institutions.

The Cabinet decided to address the deficit in the budget for fiscal 2018/2019 through the State treasury, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Sources disclosed the Cabinet had earlier asked the National Assembly about the draft law stating that the increase in expenditures and allocations — around KD 7.9 billion — is covered by the State treasury.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet approved the appointment of Faisal Al-Medlj as head of Boubyan Island and Al-Harir (Silk) City development system, replacing Abdulaziz Al-Ebrahim who resigned.

In addition, the Cabinet has delegated the Public Institution for Social Security (PIFSS) to study the Medical City project in coordination with Kuwait Municipality and Secretariat General of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development.



Ex-MP Saleh Al-Mulla



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Some of the manuscripts and documents exhibited at the Center for Research and Studies on Kuwait.

800,000 Islamic docs restored

Kuwait research center still restoring historic documents

KUWAIT CITY, April 2, (KUNA): Center for Research and Studies on Kuwait (CRSK) exerts great efforts to restore damaged manuscripts and documents due to their historic significance in Kuwait's culture and heritage. CRSK targets the conservation and restoration of manuscripts and documents kept in the center itself or in Kuwait's ministries. The process requires wide knowledge of substances used in creating manuscripts in order to use the right method when restoring, to avoid creating extra damage.

Speaking to KUNA on Monday, head of the restoration department at CRSK Sheikha Al-Suaidan said that the first step is sterilizing the documents using a special device to get rid of insects and other living organisms that cause damage.

Such residues could not be traced by the naked eye. The process is then followed by the cleaning phase to remove dust and other dirt from the surface of manuscripts using brushes and sponges hooked to spe-

cial machines, she said. Meanwhile, Al-Suaidan noted that the center uses manual restoration, which is far more expensive than mechanical; using natural Japanese paper similar to the substances used in the old manuscripts.

The final phase is conservation and storing, where documents and manuscripts are stored under specific conditions, including fixed lighting and temperatures.

The center had restored over 15 million historic documents and manuscripts belonging to Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, 850,000 on the Iraqi Invasion, over 800,000 Islamic documents for the National Library of Kuwait and many more.

CRSK was established in December 1992 by an Amiri decree, aiming to be a main source for knowledge on Kuwait's history and heritage. The center's goal is to conduct research on Kuwait and publish them both locally and internationally.

News in Brief

Amiri Diwan thanks: The Amiri Diwan on Monday expressed, in the name of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, gratitude to citizens and expatriates who offered condolences on demise of the late Sheikh Sabah Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

Oil firms suffer: Oil companies suffer from the transfer and reshuffle of employees more than Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and its subsidiaries, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

The daily obtained a copy of an official letter from Chief Executive Officer of Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC) Hashem Sayed Hashem who requested not to transfer employees unless three years have passed since the date of their transfer to the company.

Water station expanded: Director General of the Environment Public Authority (EPA) Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmad has confirmed the expansion of Al-Sulaibiya Sewage Water Treatment Station, reports Al-Rai daily.

MEW promotes 1,521: Minister of Oil, Electricity and Water Eng Bakhait Al-Rasheedi has approved the promotion of 1,521 employees, reports Al-Rai daily quoting a reliable source.

On the other hand, Ministry of Electricity and Water Undersecretary Mohammad Bushahri confirmed that the outstanding job performance bonus will be deposited into the bank accounts of deserving staff by the beginning of May.

He said around 22,000 employees are entitled to the bonus.