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His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah left the country for a private vacation on Sunday. His Highness was seen off by senior sheikhs, Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and senior state officials. (KUNA)

MoE begins hiring new teachers for school year

'Workers on maternity leaves draw full pay'

KUWAIT CITY, July 29: The Ministry of Education on Sunday started taking procedures to appoint new Kuwaiti teachers for the next academic year, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Sources affirmed the ministry is now ready to receive these teachers in the hall of building number two.

On the appointment of non-Kuwaiti teachers locally, the ministry will receive them next Sunday; adding that the ministry will appoint new non-Kuwaiti employees on Aug 14.

All new teachers will be required to undergo a training course for seven days – two days for the administrative aspect of their work and five days for the technical aspect.

Sources added the ministry intends to hire teachers locally as the two foreign contract committees sent to Egypt and Palestine did not achieve their objectives.

Academic

Sources affirmed this step aims to cover the need for teaching staff for the upcoming academic year, taking into consideration the opening of nine new schools in various educational districts.

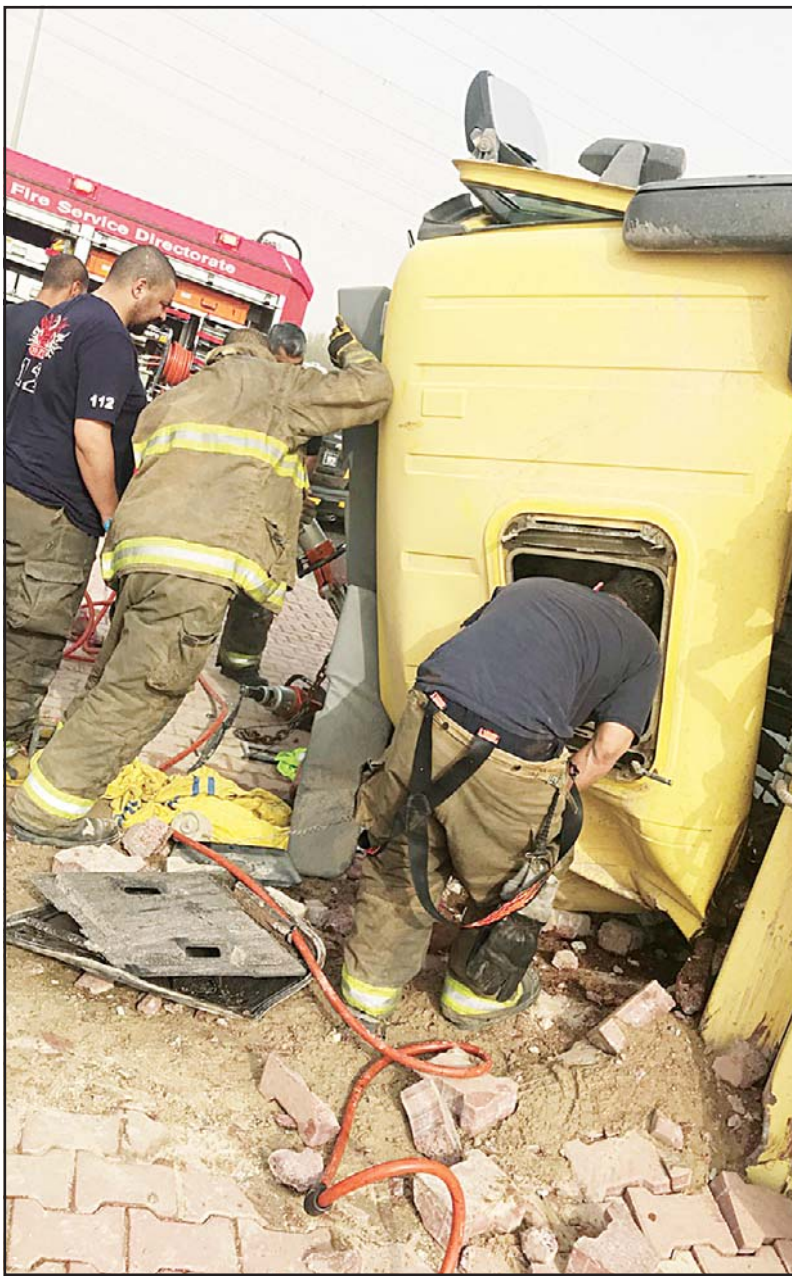
Meanwhile, the State Audit Bureau (SAB) continues to uncover irregularities in the Ministry of Education and it has demanded for the refund of about KD 70,000 paid to 14 female employees while they were on leave, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Speaking to the daily, knowledgeable sources revealed the Bureau has warned the ministry about the irregularities in the payment of full salary for more than one year to female employees enjoying motherhood, child and family care leave. The Bureau clarified this type of leave is granted to women without pay, sources added.

And, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has opened the door for sports clubs to augment their budgets and incomes by granting a commercial license to each club for the establishment of an advertising and marketing company, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Minister of Commerce and Industry Khalid Al-Rawdan recently issued a decision to add and arrange advertising and marketing activities for sport clubs without branches, provided that approval is obtained from the Public Authority for Sports.

Sources affirmed the decision took effect on Sunday.



KFSD photo
Firemen trying to retrieve the accident victims' bodies.

Driver perishes in dumpster flip

A heavy vehicle affiliated to a cleaning company toppled in Thaher area, resulting in the death of the Asian driver and injuries to two workers.

According to a press statement issued by Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD), firefighters, securitymen and paramedics rushed to the location after the Control Room of

KFSD received information about the accident.

They discovered that the driver of the heavy vehicle had succumbed to serious injuries, and referred his corpse to the Forensics Department. The injured workers were referred to the nearest hospital for treatment. Securitymen took necessary action.

reports Al-Jarida daily. Speaking to the daily, Al-Rakaf also underscored the significance of exchanging experiences on water desalination among countries in the Gulf.

She affirmed the State of Kuwait has been exerting tremendous efforts to supply water to consumers, calling on the public to do their part in conserving water.

She said the ministry is keen on improving water supply, indicating several projects will be implemented soon including the replacement of old stations such as South Shuaiba, East and West Doha stations.

Return of band: Television Band General Supervisor Ghanam Al-Deikan, a musician, has announced the return of the band to the national concert scene through their new song entitled, "Beladi", reports Al-Qabas daily.

The national song is written by Salem Seyar, composed and distributed by musician Dr Suleiman Al-Daikahn. The Ministry of Information assigned the song to the band and it will be part of the national songs for the anniversary of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'Thank you, HH the Amir'

'Kuwait basking in stability'

"ANYONE who observes the activities of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (We pray Almighty Allah will protect and take care of him), and the stance taken by the State of Kuwait in the last few years as well as its ability to look beyond the minefields and various internal and external obstructions, be they political, economic, military and sectarian, and if they link the same with His Highness the Amir's historical visit to China under the current state of unrest governing international relations, then they will certainly realize that His Highness the Amir is following the footsteps of his grandfather the late Sheikh Mubarak Al-Kabeer who had established the pillars of stability, security, independence and persistence in the State of Kuwait," columnist *Waleed Al-Jassim* wrote for *Al-Rai* daily.

"The above is realized at a time when many countries and sheikhdoms in the region are disappearing to the extent that they are mentioned only in few lines in history books.

"However, the agreement that was concluded in 1899 by Sheikh Mubarak Al-Kabeer and Britain as well as his moves and relations during that time amid the minefields and between the then great powers call for admiration. These moves and relations had given Kuwait a significant dose of stability, which we are still basking in since that time.

"Now the son is actually repeating what was done by the father. In other words, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is currently planning a way professionally for enhancing the stability and security of Kuwait for it to last for the coming hundred years.

"Such an achievement will be recalled by the sons, grandsons and children of the latter, just like the way we still remember and study everyday in the curricula of political science the achievements realized during the eras of His Highness the Amir's grandfathers.

"Considering the events that the region had faced in the past years and the dramatic changes in the political relations and coalitions as well as the implications of the sudden political changes that were clearly based on the policies of the great powers, where these changes happen no longer gives the necessary absolute assurance to the allies of these powers.

"All of the relevant changes and the related events and circumstances led Kuwait to follow two significant parallel paths. The first one is based on boosting the Kuwaiti-British relations and showing every possible attention to these relations. The second line represents Al-Harir (Silk) Project, comfortable winds of which will open new doors with huge significant reflections that will boost the security and stability of our country.

"It is the fate of the State of Kuwait, since its inception, to be a target for the greediness of others. However, as long as Almighty Allah set some circumstances for her and guided its people about certain ways for enabling them to overcome all obstructions and difficulties, then the country will maintain its stability and security.

"Even though the region is currently facing strong and burning winds, we in Kuwait are experiencing a different Kuwaiti spring. We hope that our brothers in the Gulf countries and our Arab brothers will benefit from this Kuwaiti spring.

"We pray Almighty Allah will protect the State of Kuwait, her Amir and her people from every devilish act ... and Thank You Very...Very Much Your Highness the Amir."

Also:

"For the last many years, we in the State of Kuwait have been following social media and even the advertisements of some Islamic centers located along Fahaaheel Highway Road and opposite Jabriya area. These advertisements mostly use terms of excommunication ideology as well as some words that have nothing to do with the teachings of our sublime religion," columnist *Fakhri Al-Sayed Rajab* wrote for *Al-Shahed* daily.

"Our sublime religion teaches us tolerance and how to love others. Our religion never differentiated people on the basis of their color or origin, or as Arabs and non Arabs.

"Despite this, we often come across some inappropriate words against a specific Islamic doctrine, which in turn create a wave of hatred and grudges among the relevant parties.

"In this context, the Kuwaiti Constitution, in Article 2 in Part 1, stipulates, "The religion of the State is Islam, and the Islamic Sharia shall be the main source of legislation."

"Given the above, the Kuwait Constitution had not defined a specific doctrine, as the above article covered all doctrines as Islamic without differentiating them.

"Meanwhile, Article 7 in Part 2 of the Kuwaiti Constitution stipulates, "Justice, Liberty and Equality are the pillars of a society. Cooperation and mutual help are the firmest bonds among citizens." However, where is the justice particularly when we see that those involved in insulting a sect are being honored while some others are being jailed even though they did not insult anybody?

"Article 29 in Part 3 of the Kuwaiti Constitution stipulates, "All people are equal in human dignity, and in public rights and duties before the law, without distinction on the basis of race, origin, language or religion." However, what about us in terms of distinction and encouraging hatred?

"Article 30 in Part 3 of the Kuwaiti Constitution stipulates, "Personal liberty is guaranteed." However, we see that those who are insulting people of another doctrine are not being punished, but the opposite happens when the situation is reversed.

"Article 35 in Part 3 of the Kuwaiti Constitution, which could be deemed as the most important article, stipulates, "Freedom of belief is absolute. The State protects the freedom to practice religion in accordance with the established customs, provided that it doesn't conflict with the public policy or morals." However, why doesn't the state hasten towards preventing practices of those who are con-

tributing to agitating sectarianism in Kuwait?"

"Kuwait doesn't endure any move that may destabilize her security, particularly since we know that there are some people who are plotting against our security, national unity and solidarity as Sunnis and Shiites, given the fact that there is no difference between us because our Holy Quran is the same.

"Kuwait is an oasis of peace, security and safety. We all stood as a robust dam and fence in the face of Saddam's soldiers during the Iraqi invasion of our country because all of us are Kuwaitis irrespective of our varied opinions."

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"How painful are many words, slogans and agitations about which we know nothing in our dear Kuwait — the homeland Allah has blessed with security, safety and many other countless good things. Allah has also saved the country from evil and treachery of the enemies over a time spanning more than four hundred years. There is no place for those who do not bear allegiance to the nation," Ambassador *Yousef Abdullah Al-Enezi* wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.

"Yes, Kuwaitis constitute different origins, so we are not nations. Most countries of the world, if not all, are made up of different races — which is often their source of strength and progress. Perhaps, the most notable example in that regard is America constituting Chinese-Americans, African-Americans, Italian-Americans, etc.

"The United States of America is one of the strongest countries in the world militarily, economically and politically, and in all fields without exception. Perhaps, the most amazing of all this is their scientific centers, NASA in particular, which includes a group of scientists from different origins possessing a great deal of information the world is ignorant of due to loyalty and commitment to America where there is no room for double loyalty.

"Returning to our dear homeland, Kuwait, it has squarely faced its entire spectrum and components and anyone who tries to touch her with evil hand. This is no mere word of mouth but the reality of history. The incident of Aug 2, 1990 in which armies invaded this good land is a lesson and a sermon. Kuwait was hard on the invaders with strong resistance until they returned to the place they came from and the huge amount of weapons was turned into piles of scraps.

"For a person who hails from this precious country, the world that came to liberate Kuwait and restored the sun of freedom to the homeland did not come to support a sect, class, tribe or class. It came to support Kuwait and the homeland. I recall an interview with the minister of information in the friendly country, Venezuela, while I was working there and knowing the minister to be a world media figure, he spoke about Kuwait, its regime and its people. He stressed that he never encountered such level of international consensus in the course of his global media work during which he faced many issues across the globe. God save Kuwait and its leadership and people from all evil and hatred."

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"The process of uncovering forgery and misappropriation of public funds intensified recently. We suffer from a headache caused by the issuance of more statements by the government about its seriousness in combating corruption, yet we did not see anything until now!" columnist *Dr Najji Saoud Alzaid* wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.

"Everything is pointless unless the names of those who forged academic degrees are not published! The time has come to publish the names and positions of counterfeiters. It is unjustified and useless to hide such information.

"Other countries announce names immediately after referral of those suspected of corruption to the prosecution without waiting for the verdict. Why this fear of honesty and clarity? What lies behind the deliberate delay in taking action against the counterfeiters?"

"It is very important to publish the names. Why cover the names of MPs, ministers and influential persons who are contributing to forgery and embezzling of public funds?"

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"It seems the fake certificates issue has become the main concern of the society recently," columnist *Abdulrahman Al-Awad* wrote for *Al-Sabah* daily.

"Talks on the issue are not expected to dwindle in the next period, but there are fears of the possible settling of scores on social media where people can challenge this and that, in addition to hurling accusations at well-known personalities to tarnish their reputation.

"Since the emergence of the issue, there has been enthusiasm in disclosing the identities of counterfeiters. However, there is also a need to be careful in bringing to justice those suspected of involvement in the case as it could lead to the 'execution' of outstanding personalities to settle personal scores and damage the reputation of others.

"Without a doubt, this is a serious and disastrous issue. Calls for revealing the names of counterfeiters have intensified, which should be done only if the suspects are proven guilty to avoid dire consequences such as loss of interest in pursuing higher studies or creativity."

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"The quantum leap witnessed by roads is one of the fruits of great development projects launched by the government over the last period," columnist *Abdulrahman Al-Awad* wrote for *Al-Sabah* daily.

"These achievements are possible only through good planning, strong coordination among the concerned authorities, and hard work in the project sites in order to see all these infrastructure developments within a short period.

"The new road network will greatly contribute to efforts to reduce traffic congestion. Some comments should also be taken into consideration during the construction of roads and bridges, specifically the entrances and exits of the bridges which are designed to be on one lane.

"We all know that the population is increasing and this will lead to increase in the number of cars, hence, the expansion of roads is necessary."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

News in Brief

Egyptian killed: An Egyptian man, in his 30s, died when a car hit him at Nuwaiseeb border, reports Al-Anba daily.

The victim was selling ice cream when two cars, driven by Kuwaitis, collided with each other. One of the cars swerved and hit the Egyptian, leading to his instantaneous death.

In an unrelated incident two persons sustained serious injuries when they figured in a traffic accident along Fahaaheel expressway, opposite Qadsiya Sports Club.

The two persons were riding a Jeep when the driver lost control as he was driving fast.

The car flipped over after crashing into a cement barrier.

The injured are now confined at Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital.

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'Find new water source':

International Desalination Association (IDA) Deputy and Head Engineer for water installation projects in the Ministry of Electricity and Water Eng Zamzam Al-Rakaf has stressed the need to search for other sources of non-desalinated water in the Gulf, taking into consideration the presence of nuclear reactors in the Arabian Gulf.