

Commerce minister opens consumer protection center

MEW ready for new academic year

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 2, (KUNA): Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan opened Sunday the new Consumer Protection and Control Center at The Avenues shopping mall as part of the ministry plan to spread commercial awareness and consumer knowledge.

The Ministry of Commerce will soon launch a smart application that will allow citizens to file a complaint without their actual attendance at the center, Al-Roudhan said at the inauguration ceremony.

The center will offer many services such as issuing license for carnivals, sales and event organizations in addition to a specialized department for customer's complaints with bilingual qualified and experienced staff, he added.

On his part, Assistant Undersecretary for the Commercial Surveillance and Consumer Protection Sector Eid Al-Rashidi said in a statement to KUNA that the ministry plans to open more centers to serve and protect the consumer from commercial fraud and issue licenses for festivals and events.

It also plans to demolish 12 centers out of 21, which already exist and rebuild them as part of its expansion plan, Al-Rashidi noted.

He clarified that this sector has already executed a seasonal plan, spreading inspectors at different markets in the country to investigate and control any violation of law.

Ministry of Electricity and Water has completed preparations for receiving the new academic year, reports Al-Rai daily.

Undersecretary of Ministry of Electricity and Water Mohammad Boushahri said the ministry has completed all regular operations for the maintenance of the water and electricity networks, and provided a number of additional diesel generators to cover any emergencies.

He affirmed that the ministry, in coordination with Ministry of Education, succeeded in connecting electricity to all new schools and new buildings.

Boushahri indicated that the current energy production is sufficient to meet the demands of consumers and all state institutions.

He urged schools administrations to make sure all air conditioning units and lights are switched every day after school hours in compliance with the rationalization policy adopted by the ministry.



Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan with members of the Avenues Consumer Protection Center.

PAM's Al-Marri may assume new post

Municipality uses satellite system for the monitoring of real-estates

Over 40 reasons cited

Divorce rates in hot countries are higher compared to others

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 2: Kuwait Municipality uses satellite system to monitor all private and investment residential buildings, commercial complexes and empty lots with the aim of curbing any manipulation of the construction plan, reports Al-Rai daily quoting an official source from the municipality.

He said, "The new system that Kuwait Municipality is working on is considered to be advanced in both technical and operational aspects. The available lists have revealed the manipulation in terms of proportion and specification of the real estate is very limited after implementation of regular field inspections and inspections via satellite."

The source went on to say, "Besides using the satellite monitoring system, the inspection teams in the municipality execute their duties in a proper manner when considering the number of violations that were recorded in the past. Each governorate has a team from the municipality that monitors real-estate violations and provides evidences of these violations".

He concluded by affirming, "The general focus of the municipality in the coming days is to curb distortion of the specification certificates by pinpointing the site

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 2: Professor of Psychology and Sociology at Kuwait University Dr Khader Al-Baroun indicated that divorce rates in hot countries are higher during the summer season compared to any other seasons because human beings are more nervous and most responsive to emotional effects during summer seasons, reports Al Nahar daily.

He explained that there are more than 40 reasons for divorce, and at least one of them certainly has a link to the heat of the summer.

This also applies to the crime rate in the US where it reaches

almost zero during snowfall but increases during summer season.

Dr Al-Baroun stressed the need for couples to plan for spending the summer and distribute responsibilities within themselves to avoid disturbing the stability.

He said some women complain that their husbands become easily agitated or alarmed when the temperatures are high, warning about the problems that could occur after travel.

He also called on women to understand the nature of their husbands' work.

of the building in violation. Immediate warnings will be issued to the landlord for removing the cited violation. In case of any conflict, the landlord is referred to the Public Prosecution. Previously, rulings were issued to force the landlords to remove constructional violations".

Meanwhile, Labor Relations Department Director in the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) Abdullah Al-Marri will most likely assume the post of Needs Assessment Department direc-

tor after the promotion of former director Sultan Al-Sha'alan to Deputy Director-General of the Human Resources and Financial Sector, reports Al-Shahed daily quoting reliable sources.

Sources disclosed some directors of departments in all sectors of the authority have been nominated but Al-Marri is the strongest contender, considering he previously served as supervisor in one of the units of the Needs Assessment Department in the Capital Governorate.



Director of Arab and Gulf Cooperation Council at the Ministry of Finance and Head of the delegation of the State of Kuwait Talal Al-Namash.



Shrimps on sale at the fish market.

Ban on shrimp fishing in regional waters

Head of Kuwait Union of Fishermen Dhafer Al-Suwayyan says shrimp fishing has been banned in regional waters for the first time, reports Al-Anba daily.

He said the ban, which was issued by Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR), will have bad impacts on the prices and the conditions of fishermen.

15 companies eye merger

Stranded in Georgia & Azerbaijan, 312 Kuwaiti citizens returns home

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 2: Kuwait Airways operated additional flights to facilitate the return of stranded citizens in several airports following the cancellation of flights of Wataniya Airways, reports Al-Qabas daily.

This move was based on instructions from His Highness the Deputy Amir and His Highness the Prime Minister.

According to sources, a Kuwaiti Airways flight from Tbilisi (the capital city of Georgia) with about 131 citizens, and another flight from Baku, Azerbaijan with about 181 citizens reached Kuwait International Airport on Saturday morning.

They revealed that preparations are underway for arranging an additional flight to Sarajevo to facilitate the return of Kuwaiti nationals stranded there.

On the other hand, the Directorate General for Civil Aviation announced that two additional flights from Beirut took off at 4:30 pm and 1 am local time on Saturday and Sunday respectively to bring back passengers whose return flights to Kuwait were canceled.

Fifteen companies are reported to be considering a merger to avoid bankruptcy before the end of 2018 amid pressures mounted on companies by the banks facing difficulties, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The daily quoting a source said the companies in question are working with external entities and they have projects inside and outside the country, indicating the companies are enmeshed in accumulation of short-term loans granted by the banks to execute long-term projects and causing a series of problems.

Chief among the problems is inability of the companies to pay the loan even though some of them are involved in real estate, investment, and automobiles.

He explained the companies need the merger to escape bankruptcy in an effort to extend the duration of the bank loans.

He explained that some insurance companies have only three options; merger, bankruptcy or exiting the markets in anticipation of incurring losses.

'1st semester'

231 non-Kuwaiti students enroll at Kuwait University

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 2: Director of Admission Department in the Deanship of Admission and Registration at Kuwait University Hind Mohammed Al-Salem announced that 231 non-Kuwaiti secondary school graduates of different nationalities, who were allowed to enroll at the university within their specific categories, have been admitted to various colleges in the university.

These students include the children and spouses of faculty members; children of the academic support body, language teachers and university employees; children and spouses of diplomats; those under the University President Scholarship Program; Bedouins; outstanding students on scholarship and GCC nationals residing in Kuwait; while the admission of some students under cultural scholarships are on hold pending aptitude exams at the beginning of the first semester for academic year 2018/2019.

Kuwait Medical Association has objected to the trend of some lawmakers meddling in the activities of committees in charge of overseas medical treatment. He stressed most of the rejected cases, if any, were medical tourism that were enforced on the committees due to political pressure and interference from the National Assembly, reports Al-Rai daily.

President of the association Dr Ahmad Al-Enezi made this disclosure in response to recent statements issued against chairman of the Neurosurgery Committee at Ibn Sina Hospital by a lawmaker. He denounced the idea of meddling in the affairs of committees that handle overseas medical treatment cases, affirming the job of the committees is purely technical to the extent that only competent members of the committees can say whether or not a particular case deserves approval.

He added some lawmakers issue statements to defame doctors by regarding them as incompetent due to the decisions of committees that indicate certain cases could be treated in Kuwait without necessarily referring them for treatment overseas. He reiterated those lawmakers only act to tickle sentiments of the voting public, condemning the idea of denting the image of doctors via conventional and social media.

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