



HH the Amir receives Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim, HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad (center), and Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs and Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad Daifallah Sharar.

Audiences of His Highness the Amir

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Tuesday National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim and His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Also, His Highness the Amir received at Bayan Palace Tuesday Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah; head of the higher committee of Sabah Al-Ahmad Heritage Village, where the Sixth Gulf Popular Heritage Festival is taking place.

The reception also saw the presence of Advisor at Amiri Diwan and General Supervisor of the Village Mohammad Daifallah Sharar. Both briefed His Highness the Amir with the festival's cultural activities. (KUNA)

Panel refers 2nd report on payment of 'social allowance' to housewives

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 3: The Legal and Legislative Affairs Committee at the National Assembly has referred to its health counterpart its second report on a bill submitted by MP Majid Al-Mutairi concerning payment of social allowance to Kuwaiti housewives, reports Al-Anba daily. A source disclosed the committee discussed the proposal on Nov 4, indicating the bill consists of nine items. The most important of these items states that housewives above 18 years old and residing in Kuwait permanently are the rightful beneficiaries of the bill. The housewife in this context refers to a married Kuwaiti woman who does not re-

ceive any salary, pension or public aid; and she is neither involved in any vocation nor engaged in any paid activity for an institution in the public or private sector. The bill stipulates five financial segments according to academic attainments for the housewives, if they are able to prove that they do not have any source of income. It also states terms and conditions that qualify them for the aid as well as procedures necessary for application in line with law number 12/2011 concerning public aid. It indicates that the concerned minister should issue necessary regulations and decisions for execution of the provisions of the law a year after its approval.

Council of Ministers takes 1st step in restructuring of admn apparatus

Regrettable to use interpellation as political tool: ex-MP

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 3: The Council of Ministers has taken the first step in the area of restructuring the government administrative apparatus by not establishing more public institutions throughout the 2019, where no new government institutions have been established, reports Al-Anba daily quoting ministerial sources.

The sources pointed out that the second step is to continue to implement the Council's decision on the integration of similar government institutions and bodies in the terms of reference after the application has been very limited.

The sources confirmed that these two steps will ensure the establishment of a system to restructure the government administrative apparatus through overlapping, and address the imbalances between government agencies, in addition to determining the terms of reference, reduce volumes, abolish unjustified regulatory entities, and modernizing the organizational structures which needs restructuring.

The sources pointed out that the Audit Bureau has presented a comprehensive study on the integration of similar entities in the terms of reference, which in the case of implementation will make drastic positive changes in the restructuring the government apparatus.

The sources praised the decision taken by the Council of Ministers based on a proposal submitted by former minister of Social Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh, whereby the Public Manpower Authority was merged with the Manpower and Government Restructuring Agency.

Opportunity

The sources added that HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled has an opportunity to merge or assign similar entities to be under the umbrella of one minister based on careful studies undertaken by the Supreme Council for Planning, pointing out that this step will give flexibility for completion of work and help achieve Kuwait Vision 2035.

Meanwhile, former MP Dr Abdulrahman Al-Jeeran says it is regrettable to use interpellation as a political tool to achieve narrow interests, insisting that the situation in Kuwait requires legislative, oversight, economic and social stability, reports Al-Anba daily.

In an interview with the daily, Dr Al-Jeeran stressed the need to scale up in the social security plan, expand health services, and care for the disabled and the elderly, as well as scale up in the performance of the teachers and facilitate everything needed in the education process.

He called on the Supreme Council for Planning and Development to set a plan for objective interface between development projects and education outcomes, asserting the need for reintegration of the "Sharia" concepts and terminology, and regulating the censorship process.

"Smoke is rising in the Middle East and we are not far away from it. We have to protect the country.



HH the PM while receiving United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen Martian Griffiths and the accompanying delegation.

Audience of HH the Prime Minister

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Tuesday the United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen Martian Griffiths and the accompanying delegation.

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Khaled Al-Jarallah and other officials from the Foreign Ministry attended the meeting. His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also received separately today Chairman and CEO

of the board for the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA) Engineer Salem Al-Ozainah and head of the bureau of financial control Khalifa Al-Ujail. (KUNA)



College of Education in Kuwait University recently organized a symposium titled 'Rights of Disabled: from Educational and Legal Perspectives', which was initiated by Dr Bodour Al-Azmi from the Department of Curricula and Teaching Methodologies and Dr Aisha Al-Mutairan from the Department of Educational Planning and Management.

According to a press release, the event was held under the auspices of the Dean of College of Education Professor Bader Omar Al-Omar.

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Expenses of citizens and expats down this year

PAM finds 99 inactive licensed enterprises ... with 498 workers

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 3: Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) revealed that 99 business enterprises were discovered to be inactive and non-functional despite having the necessary licenses and with a total of 498 laborers registered under them, reports Annahar daily.

In a press release, Acting Director General of PAM and Head of the committee for follow-up of employers Dr Mubarak Al-Azmi said the violations were discovered during campaigns held at shopping malls and complexes in different areas.

He stressed that the participating government bodies, which are Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and Kuwait Municipality, support PAM to a large extent, adding that copies of the issued violations have been sent to the aforementioned bodies in order for them to take relevant actions against the violators based on the law.

Dr Al-Azmi affirmed that such campaigns will continue to cover

most of the shopping malls in all parts of Kuwait.

Expenditures of citizens and expatriates during the first half of this year using bank cards amounted to about KD 11.8 billion, which is an annual decline of 0.8 percent compared to expenditures of KD 11.9 billion dinars in the same period last year, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to data from the Central Bank of Kuwait, the total payments through Point-of-Sale (POS) inside and outside Kuwait during the first half of this year were KD 5.49 billion, and the cash withdrawal using ATMs both inside and outside Kuwait during the same period stood at KD 6.29 billion.

The amounts disbursed using bank cards during the first quarter of this year amounted to KD 5.9 billion, which is an increase of four percent compared to KD 5.7 billion in the first quarter of 2018.

The expenditures of both the

citizens and expatriates using bank cards during the second quarter of this year was about KD 5.8 billion, which is a decline of 5.2 percent compared to KD 6.17 billion in the second quarter of 2018.

Also, the data of the Central Bank of Kuwait showed that the total number of cheques issued in Kuwait during the first half of 2019 was 2.94 million, which were valued at KD 21.7 billion, marking a significant annual jump in value by 47 percent, compared to KD 14.7 billion during the first half of 2019. In the first half of this year, cheques were issued by 133.7 thousand customers.

As for bounced cheques, the data shows that the number of cheques issued without balance during the first half of 2019 was about 2,812, worth KD 42 million, issued by 2,000 customers. The number of accounts that were closed due to the bounced cheques were about 459 belonging to 457 customers. The value of bounced cheques stood at KD 18.9 billion.

Committee to be formed to preserve experts' rights

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 3: Asking the Fatwa and Legislation Department to explain the recent verdict of the Casation Court on the appointment of experts at the Ministry of Justice in the last three years is one of the options for the government, reports Al-Rai daily quoting an informed source.

The source disclosed that a committee will be formed in order to investigate the violations found in the appointment decisions, especially since the verdict has negatively affected the reputation of the ministry. He said another committee, which will be headed by Ministry of Justice Undersecretary Omar Al-

Sharqawi, will be formed as well to find a way to deal with the execution of the verdict; taking into consideration the need to protect rights of the experts. This committee will consist of representatives of the Technicial Office and the Fatwa and Legislation Department; while its tasks include studying the verdict, finding a mechanism to execute it and identifying the parts which require explanation.

The source added that the committee might categorize the 560 experts affected by the verdict as they include some who were appointed according to their qualifications and

experience. Meanwhile, other sources said the decision has vague parts in terms of the re-appointment of experts who are subjects of an appeal or banned from applying for the job in the future. Sources added the Experts Society is taking legal measures such as submitting a petition against the decision.

Sources revealed the Experts Society is expected to meet with the Fatwa and Legislation Department soon to tackle the consequences of the decision. Sources said one of the options for the experts is to go on strike.

We have to find a formula to solve the political crisis", Dr Al-Jeeran noted.

He added, "Of course, we do not expect a radical solution to the

depth, diversity and dimensions of the crisis, but there is less congestion and a return to water".

Dr Al-Jeeran revealed, "I intend to run in the upcoming parliamen-

tary elections, but it is too early to discuss about it. A ministerial position is an honorable job but carries lot of burden and heavy legacy of former ministers".

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Prayer Timings

Fajr	05:03
Sunrise	06:27
Zohr	11:38
Asr	14:30
Maghrib	16:49
Isha	18:11

Qaruh Island	25	-	-	6ft	NW
Umm Al-Maradem	25	21	-	6ft	NW
Sea Island Buo	-	-	-	-	-
Salmiyah	23	19	-	6ft	NW

4 days forecast — Marine

Wednesday, Dec 04

Expected weather: Partly cloudy

Sea state: Slight to moderate

Wave height: 1-4 ft

Max Temp: 22C

Min Temp: 13C

Wind Direction: NW

Wind Speed: 08-28 km/h

Thursday, Dec 05

Expected weather: Fair

Sea state: Slight to moderate

Wave height: 1-3 ft

Max Temp: 22C

Min Temp: 12C

Wind Direction: VRB-SE

Wind Speed: 06-26 km/h

Friday, Dec 06

Expected weather: Partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance for rain that might be thundery

Sea state: Slight to moderate, rough later

Wave height: 2-6 ft

Max Temp: 21C

Min Temp: 14C

Wind Direction: SE

Wind Speed: 15-45 km/h

Saturday, Dec 07

Expected weather: Cloudy with a chance for rain that might be thundery at times

Sea state: Moderate to rough

Wave height: 3-6 ft

Max Temp: 21C

Min Temp: 15C

Wind Direction: SE-NW

Wind Speed: 15-45 km/h

Tide times at Shuwaikh Port

1st high tide:	17:33
2nd high tide:	03:29
1st low tide:	10:37
2nd low tide:	22:31
Sunrise:	06:26
Sunset:	16:49

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max temp:	27C
Min temp:	16C
Max RH:	95%
Min RH:	37%
Max Wind:	SE 46 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs:	0 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max/ Air Temp:	00/-0C
Min/Max Rel Hum:	-/-%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed:	N/- km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht:	N/-ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp:	-/-C
Sea Current:	Downdraft

Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

deaths

Shouq Khalid Abdullah Boushahri, 31 years old, buried on Monday. Condolences: West Mishref, Al Wazzan Mosque, Tel. 99744475, 99953755. **Mothi Abdulah Abdul Muhsen Al Musa Al Saif**, 72 years old, wife of Abdul Aziz Mohammad Abdul Aziz Al Obaidi, to be buried on Wednesday after Asr prayers. Condolences: (Men) Bayan, Block 3, Street 14, House 35, Tel. 99845410 (Women) Yarmouk, Block 3, Street 2, Avenue 18, House 9, Tel. 24819891. **Marzooka Falah Khaled Khanfoor Al Rasheedi**, 70 years old, wife of Abdullah Mohammad Falah Al Khanfoor, to be buried on Wednesday after Asr Prayers. Condolences: (Men) Ishbiliya, Diwan Saad Al Khanfoor, Block 1, Khaled Al Nazal Street, Tel. 99647748 (Women) Omariya, Block 5, Street 5, House 39. **Yousef Abdul Rahman Yousef Al Muzaini**, 78 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Faiha, Block 4, Opp. Deaf and Dumb Club, Diwan Al Muzaini, Tel. 25313757 (Women) Surra, Block 6, Street 2, House 17. **Badriya Mitlaq Al Sahew**, 83 years old, widow of Mohammad Ibrahim Al Hoti, to be buried on Wednesday at 9am. Condolences: (Men) Shamiya, Diwan Al Hoti, Block 9, Tel. 99400637 (Women) Rawda, Block 3, Street 35, House 5. **Makiya Ibrahim Ahmad Al Baghli**, 80 years old, widow of Husein Abdullah Al Ameer, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Kaifan, Block 2, Fahed Baraak Al Sebahi Street, House 5, Tel. 99563553 (Women) Jabriya, Block 8, Street 1, House 29, Tel. 99688309.



Hind Al-Sabeeh