

Atmosphere not conducive: Khaja

Government to study draft law to privatize postal sector

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8: The ministerial legal committee has gone a long way before the government's resignation to study a draft law to privatize the postal sector at the Ministry of Communications, say senior government sources in an exclusive statement to Al-Anba daily.

The sources said that according to the plan, the draft law to privatize the postal sector will be one of the priorities of the new government, as the system in force in the post will now be developed to be similar to the regulations applied in developed countries.

The sources pointed out that the draft law was subject to the usual procedures, as it was presented to the Fatwa and Legislative Administration that studied it extensively and inserted the necessary legal wording.

The sources praised the privatization system that was applied in some governmental services sectors such as managing the new passenger terminal at Kuwait International Airport T4 by giving the contract to an international Korean operator.

The sources continued, saying the new privatization system aims primarily to develop and refine national workforce with theory and practical training that are stipulated in bilateral contracts between the government and the contracting party.

The sources added, linking additional benefits that the employee gets in exchange for production and creativity would be a strong incentive to increase employee productivity.

Meanwhile, Director of the Postal Movement Department at the Ministry of Communications, Siddiqh Khaja, has submitted a resignation to the Assistant Undersecretary for the postal sector, Buthaina Al-Subaie, because she does not want to work in an atmosphere that does not appreciate the efforts of workers, reports Al-Rai daily.

She said this is despite the efforts made by her in facilitating the postal movement in Kuwait, after the company which had a contract with the Ministry of Commu-

nications stopped work after the contract between the company and the ministry ended.

Al-Subaie is said to have accepted the resignation, starting next Sunday, but asked her to continue to perform the tasks entrusted to her until the opinion on the subject of the resignation is given, taking into account the procedures and laws in force in the Civil Service Commission.



Kuwait Red Crescent Society Chairman Dr Hilal Al-Sayer with the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent in Kosovo.



Dr Al-Sayer and Dr Saleh Al-Tuwaijri during the meeting.

Charity work basic pillar of society

Renew license 1 month before expiry, domestics recruitment agencies told

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8: The Public Authority for Manpower has requested the owners of domestic workers hiring offices to renew their licenses at least one month before the expiry, reports Al-Anba daily.

Speaking to the daily, the sources said the owners of these offices must keep a copy of the contract signed with overseas domestic workers hiring offices duly authenticated by Kuwait Embassy in those countries and by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Meanwhile, the sources indicated that the employer anyone can update the data on his behalf by visiting the website of the authority and upload the required information such as the change in mobile number (by the person who is authorized to sign) by filling the form.

The head of the work and women's activity unit at the International Mercy Society Nahed Al-Rifai said charity and humanitarian work has become a basic pillar in building society, reports Al-Anba daily.

She called charity work a human practice closely linked to good work, noting that the women's committee at the International Mercy Society emphasizes the importance of activating the role of women in charity and humanitarian work, "to cement our belief in the role of women."

She told the daily, the society opened a few days ago two centers for those who are

newly proclaimed their Islam, with the aim of qualifying the British Muslim women and teaching them their religion in a proper way to be educators and preachers carrying with them the reform of society and a mosque in Montenegro.

Owner of an online account that advertises exam cheating materials affirmed that he has telephone receivers that can't be detected when used in cheating, because it is covered by some sophisticated plastic, which detectors can't locate, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The man claims it is possible to send cloth containing the receiver within two days but the price will be increased to KD130 in such an instance. He said the student will put down half of the cost as down payment and then complete the payment upon delivery.

Using men's wallet or automobile remote control for cheating is also an option as many students refuse to drop their personal belongings outside exam centers, although they submit phones and routers, which investigators do not feel could be used for using. The use of sophisticated materials for cheating is not limited to this country as many of such account owners claim to be exporting the idea to neighboring countries.

According to language teacher at the Language Center Dr Bander Al-Khaldi, cheating is a problem university dons and high school teachers suffer from.

KTS stresses need to set up central agency responsible for governance

Some lawyers express concern about procedures

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8: Board Chairman of Kuwait Transparency Society (KTS) Majid Al-Mutairi stressed the need for a central agency responsible for governance, as seen in several countries of the world, reports Al-Jarida daily.

He revealed that KTS has submitted its proposal to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for formally establishing such an agency, which was preliminary accepted and referred to the Cabinet.

In an interview with the daily, Al-Mutairi stated that governance contributes to controlling procurement and recruitment processes through specific transparent mechanism, adding that it covers about 95 percent of areas of corruption that could be created by the financial and administrative system in Kuwait.

He praised the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for the 8th Kuwait Transparency Society Forum, which will be held in Kuwait on Sunday, Dec 8 and Monday, Dec 9 under the theme "Public Sector Governance".

Al-Mutairi stressed that "governance" is one of the most advanced sciences at present, and all of the global strategies are majorly keen on this science.

He said, "The forum will focus on three main points - appointments in leadership positions, administrative development, and procurement, given that we are a country where large part of the state income goes to government spending. If these points are properly handled, Kuwait would achieve remarkable progress".

It is worth mentioning that the Forum seeks to highlight governance in a different way, through theoretic and practical aspects of governance and the presentation of international experiences.

The forum is technically the largest regional partnership of Transparency International with the presence of its president, as well as representatives of the World Bank and the United Nations House [United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA)] and Qatar's Administrative Control and Transparency Authority, and the UAE Government Performance Forum, in addition to a member of the Saudi Consultative (Shura) Council and experts from Bahrain, Jordan, Egypt, and Kuwaiti experts and professors.

Meanwhile, some lawyers have expressed concern about the procedure of executing judiciary verdicts, adding notifications on the dates of court sessions are not conveyed to defendants in most cases. As a result, court decisions are issued in absentia against the defendants who are not even aware that sessions took place, reports Al-Shahed daily.

In this context, former Minister of Education and former MP Ahmed Al-Mulaifi stressed the importance of doing away with the current system, which he described as outmoded, as regards the method of conveying notifications to the defendants and plaintiffs about the date of sessions. He explained that the current system is no longer valid.



Participants at the opening ceremony of the activities of Kuwaiti Cultural Days in Brazil.

'Kuwait Cultural Days in Brazil' held

The Consulate of Kuwait in Sao Paulo, Brazil, has declared open the activities of "Kuwait Cultural Days in Brazil", in collaboration with the National Council of Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL), to strengthen cultural and social intimacy between both countries.

The event kicked off on Thursday, Dec 5 with a

musical show in which the "Al-Nakhat Al-Arabi" (Arabic Calligraphy) Band performed under the leadership of maestro Dr Ayoub Khidher. He presented a book titled "Mohammadiyat", which contains artistic design of Fared Al-Ali, to the Ambassador of Kuwait in Brazil Nasser Al-Mutairi and Brazilian Minister of Citizenship Osmar Terra.

Subscription reaches 850 pc

Work in full swing at PAM: Al-Ansari

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8: Director of the Labor Inspection Department at the Public Authority for Manpower, Mohamed Al-Ansari, said the work of the authority is in full swing in order to finalize the paper documentation cycle, reports Al-Anba daily.

He told the daily, that the authority is currently working on the implementation of several automated development projects for the inspection department, including adding a registration service for a direct violation on the inspection device, especially the 'irregularities', in addition to notifying business owners via text message in case of any infraction.

He pointed out that the authority approved the linking to the fingerprint attendance system for companies working on government projects directly under the administration, in addition

to the automated work project of the joint inspection committee.

He added the authority is working to pay salaries of workers in all companies through automated linking with banks and that in the event of any company committing the violation the system will refuse to complete any transaction.

He emphasized that the authority is currently working to establish an automatic link with cooperative societies, and with regard to the investment institutions the workers must be registered with the main file of the investing company.

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The percentage of allocating shares at the Kuwait Stock Exchange Company to Kuwaitis is 11.2%, although the subscription now stands at 850%.

The shares offered by the Capital Markets Authority is 50%, reports Al-Anba daily.

The sources said the process of allocating the shares will be completed today, and the surplus will be returned to subscribers before December 29, 2019.

The sources said about 83 thousand Kuwaitis have subscribed for shares in the stock exchange company.

According to the allocation percentage, each citizen will be assigned a minimum of 70 shares, in addition to 11.2% of the shares in which the citizens have subscribed.

Kuwait, Saudi, UAE agree to additional cut in production

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8: Kuwait, along with its brothers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, have succeeded in leading the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies (OPEC+) to agree to an additional reduction of oil production by 500,000 barrels during the meetings that took place last Friday in the Austrian capital (Vienna), reports Al-Anba daily.

The Kuwaiti Minister of Oil, Dr Khaled Al-Fadil said the success of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the UAE in leading the production cut is considered one of the most important results of the (OPEC) meeting to reduce oil production by half a million barrels per day to stabilize the markets.

It is noteworthy that the OPEC members and its partners, including Russia, announced after the meeting of OPEC coun-

tries and their allies (OPEC+) to further reduce production to an additional 500,000 barrels per day to support oil prices.

The meeting was attended by the Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud, UAE Minister of Energy and Industry Suhail Muhammad Al Mazrouei and Al-Fadil to lead the organization's efforts to enhance the balance of the oil market.

KJA threatens to cancel membership

MPW to update data of cos, contractors which work on govt projects at Dec end

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8: The Ministry of Public Works said it will update the data of companies and contractors which work on government projects at the end of this month based on a request by Central Agency for Public Tenders and the Audit Bureau, reports Al-Anba daily quoting a reliable source.

The source added, more than 70 companies are expected to be covered by this exercise. The source informed, updating the data is one of the conditions which will qualify the companies and contractors to bid for tenders.

The source said any company which fails to abide by the decision will not be able to fill the tender for the project.

The Kuwait Journalist Association (KJA) has sent a threatening letter to newspapers signed by Secretary-General Adnan Al-Rashid warning to cancel the subscription of members who are registered with the KJA or else the newspaper must send a list of journalists who are still in employment and who are not as of

Jan 1, 2020, reports Al-Shahed daily.

It is worth mentioning that it is the first time the KJA has threatened to cancel the membership if they don't pay the annual subscription before the specified date.

Writer Dr Haifa'a Al-Sanoussi has delivered a lecture at the Kuwaiti Writers Forum on the art of monodrama, reports Al-Rai daily. Al-Sanoussi said monodrama is a type of theater writing which is also classified as medicine narrative.

She added, this art is well appreciated in Europe and the United States but it does not receive a similar popularity in the Arab world.

She pointed out that she started monodrama in 2006 inspired by students of the Faculty of Medicine since this art is part of the psychological therapy. In her first year at the Faculty of Medicine, Al-Sanoussi said, she was attracted by one of the students until the character was formed in her mind and so she wrote her first monodrama under the title (Delirium of a Wise Man).

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