

MoCI: 2,040 brand requests received last month



Ambassador Hamad Al Masha'an during his meeting with the deputy Gabonese foreign minister.

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Gabonese Deputy FM: Kuwait's Amir is highly appreciated by African leaders

Meet touches on exchange of expertise

CAIRO, Dec 8, (KUNA): Gabonese Deputy Foreign Minister Nanette Kinda said Sunday that His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is held in high esteem by African leaders.

In a statement to KUNA, Kuwaiti Assistant Foreign Minister for Africa Affairs, Ambassador Hamad Al-Mishaan said that

this praise came during a meeting with Kinda in the capital Libreville.

Kinda expressed the appreciation of Gabon for the role of Kuwait and His Highness the Amir in the Gulf mediation and bridging the Gulf differences.

His Highness is greatly appreciated by African leaders due to his interest in the issues of the African continent and the role he plays towards it, appreciating Kuwait's active role and what it provided to international peace and security

and its interest in African issues during its membership in the Security Council. She praised Kuwait for its continuous support for the International Peace and Security Forum, which is held in Dakar in November of every year.

She also hailed the development role that Kuwait plays in the African continent through the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and the huge development projects it is undertaking there.

On the specifics of the meeting, Ambassador Al-Mishaan said that

it touched on the possibility of exchanging oil expertise, given that Gabon is an oil country.

"We also invited a delegation representing the Gabonese oil sector to visit Kuwait," he added.

Ambassador Al-Mishaan called on Gabon to support Kuwait's candidacy for the membership of the Board of Directors of the Universal Postal Union and the membership of the Postal Investment Council during the 27th conference of the Union to be held in Cote d'Ivoire 2020.

PIC awarded best Arab company in 2019

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 8, (KUNA): Kuwait Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Sunday announced that it has received 2,040 brand request applications online last November.

In a press statement, the ministry said that it had completed 905 transactions for registering a trademark, 807 for publishing a trademark, and three transactions for registering a trademark and issuing a certificate for it.

It noted that it completed 243 trademark renewal transactions and 345 visa applications by changing the title and name of the owner of the brand, transferring its ownership, striking out a registration and changing the name of the registration agent.

The ministry also pointed out that 607 transactions for publishing the renewal of brands were completed, in addition to receiving 15 appealing applications, adding that it obtained fees for all previous transactions by 249,003 Kuwaiti dinars (about \$822,000).

Kuwait's Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC) said Sunday that the company has been awarded the best Arab company for the year 2019, and its chairman as the best Arab chief executive for the same year.

PIC's Executive Chief has been awarded by Arab Best foundation as the superlative Arabian chief, during a ceremony organized by Arab's Best General Secretariat in Marrakech-Morocco, PIC said in a press release.

The decrees issued by His Highness the

Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalef are subject to appeal and nullification before the judiciary, including a decree mandating the Minister of Health to act as the acting foreign minister, reports Al-Anba daily quoting reliable sources.

The sources pointed out that the issuance of decrees is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, noting that the Prime Minister who has been appointed by the Amiri decree instructing him to form the government, whether he swears-in or does not, may not issue any decree except to prepare a decree forming the new government in implementation of the Amiri order.

The sources added, if the Prime Minister and Ministers take the oath of office, the official capacity of the Prime Minister will begin to implement the provisions of Article 123 and Article 126 of the Constitution.

Parliamentary sources disclosed that several MPs have embraced the draft law proposing subsidy increase for the sports clubs to KD 1.5million annually. The bill also regulates sporting activities in private sector and ensures professionalism in sports, reports Annahar daily.

The same sources said a number of lawmakers have strongly objected to the proposal on privatizing the sports clubs and transforming them to shareholding companies. They noted the current financial situation of Kuwaiti sports clubs hinders their progression, and there's a need for the clubs to develop their training camps and upgrade their facilities.

Iraq revolutionists,

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currencies and there was no crisis related to the living conditions. Despite all this, there was a revolution against the government as soon as people sensed that corruption was being perpetrated in the monarchy's palace.

Undoubtedly, the ruling political class is trying to get military protection today through the sectarian and partisan lines in the commands, and using the security apparatus as cover. They are disillusioned to think this can save them from the collapse, but they have forgotten that the military have been watching their brothers and compatriots being killed in a cruel manner and will not remain patient for long. The bloody scenario will motivate them to be disobedient to the mercenary government, especially when the situation is tilting towards further violence.

In the past, the military were on the side of the people. We remember how they killed Abdul-Kareem Qasim and how the Iraqis dissociated themselves from the butcher Saddam Hussein who was left to face his dark fate.

In view of this historical experience, there is no doubt that the Iraqi Army will soon be left with two options – either stand by the side of people or remain under control of Qasim Sulaimani and the agents of Iran.

However, those who know the army understands very well the extent of their patience as well as the rate of anger when they revolt.

During the recent Iranian public protest, the protesters raised a slogan with the inscription "Kill who kills your brother". Will the Iraqi protesters raise a similar slogan?

MP push

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year was not used, which resulted in surplus and shifting of the money from one item to another.

The committee concluded that the estimated budget was not based on serious and precise technical studies.

The Bureau of Financial Controllers attributed this shortcoming to the lack of sufficient space, as the employees did not move to the new building due to some obstacles, which the bureau was not responsible for, as well as lack of sufficient number of employees.

The committee stressed the need to remove these obstacles through the provision of a suitable building and filling the vacancies.

It inquired about the appointment of some consultants prior to the accreditation of their certificates by Ministry of Higher Education which is in violation of the relevant decision issued by the minister of Education and Higher Education.

The committee discussed the financial observations raised by the State Audit Bureau against Ministry of Oil especially the flaws in executing the budget of the 2018/2019 fiscal year and lack of accuracy in the final account report.

It discussed the shifting of the money in the budget that was not used, which implies lack of precise studies concerning the need for shifting the money.

The committee stressed the importance of activating the role of Audit and Inspection Office.

It highlighted a number of violations concerning the 5th item of the budget, as most of the expenditure was allocated for allowances, despite the fact that the committee had previously observed the same violations in the previous budgets and had stressed the need for relevant official procedures to be taken in order to avoid repetition of this violation.

The committee discussed the recommendation made by the State Audit Bureau for coordination between the Ministry of Oil and Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) concerning the money for subsidizing oil and gas products sold in the local market.

In another development, MP Mohammad Hadi Al-Huwaila submitted a parliamentary question to minister of Education and Higher Education, stating it was recently noticed that Kuwait University employed contracts with non-Kuwaiti employees under the item of wages and rewards, even though these positions can be occupied by Kuwaiti citizens.

He asked the minister to supply him with detailed information in this regard, including the reasons behind signing the contracts with non-Kuwaitis, and the number of such contracts as well as the date of each contract.

Al-Huwaila requested information about the number of Kuwaiti employees appointed under this item compared to the expatriate employees, as well as details about the procedures taken by Kuwait University for implementing the Kuwaitization (replacement) policy since the issuance of the relevant decision by Civil Service Commission (CSC).

He asked if Kuwait University is exempted from the decision to replace expatriate employees with Kuwaiti citizens. In addition, MP Faraj Zubin Al-Arbeed submitted a parliamentary question to minister of Education and Higher Education concerning the fees of private schools.

He indicated that the private schools keep on increasing the school fees by almost five percent per year in some cases.

Al-Arbeed asked the minister for information about the mechanism adopted for determining the fees of private schools – both Arabic and foreign.

He enquired if there are laws or ministerial decisions to organize this matters. He requested information about the number of private schools operating from 2009/2010 academic year to 2019/2020 academic year, and wondered if there are any criteria for classifying the private schools.

Al-Arbeed wondered if the ministry has punished any violating schools in the last three years, asking the minister to provide him with a list of violating schools, details about their violations, and the applied penalty, along with a copy of the decisions related to these penalties.

He enquired whether the private schools abide by the conditions specified by the ministry especially in terms of the capacity of students in the classrooms especially in Farwaniya and Jahra governorates.

Al-Arbeed asked the minister for information on the cost allocated for each student in public schools compared to the cost for each student in private schools especially Arabic schools.

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Last night, at least 43 people died in a fire in a factory and around 20 were being treated at nearby hospitals. (KUNA)

KUWAIT CITY: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah had played a crucial role in ending the rift amongst GCC countries, said Qatari Ambassador to Kuwait **Bandr Al-Attiya** Sunday.

Delivering a speech in a national Qatari celebration of founder of their country **Sheikh Jassem bin Thani**, Ambassador **Al-Attiya** stressed that His Highness the Amir was one of the most important Arab and international figures especially within the humanitarian and peacemaking domains.

He commended relations between Qatar and Kuwait, saying that both countries share similar views on regional and international issues. (KUNA)

KUWAIT CITY: The Norwegian Nobel Institute-based "Nobel Peace Prize Award" committee has officially invited Kuwaiti businessman **Dr Bader Khuraibet** to attend the official ceremony to hand over the award to the Ethiopian Prime Minister **Abi Ahmad**, reports Al-Rai daily.

Dr Khuraibet expressed his happiness over being chosen to present the ceremony, which will be held on Dec 10 at the Norwegian capital city, **Oslo**.

He said, "It is my honor to present the ceremony with eminent world leaders and personalities.

BAGHDAD: Anti-government protesters wielding a blood-drenched flag returned to Baghdad's central plaza on Saturday after a night of bloody attacks that left 25 people dead and more than 130 wounded.

Storm clouds gathered over **Khilani Square** as the protesters surveyed the blackened facade of a parking garage that had served as their de facto command post before unknown assailants torched it Friday night.

Buildings surrounding the square were pockmarked with bullet holes. One demonstrator collected as many as a dozen spent cartridges. (AP)

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