

'Consider two teachers who died in terrible traffic accident as martyrs'

MP re-submits bill to liquidate ministers' court, prosecution regulations

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KUWAIT CITY, Dec 14: MP Riyadh Al-Adasani, commenting on the recently submitted bill to liquidate the ministers' court and prosecution regulations, said he had submitted a similar bill in January 2018, but that bill is yet to find its way to the National Assembly for deliberations, due to which he has decided to re-submit the bill with other

MPs to expedite processing. He stressed that the current law concerning the legal trials of ministers does not abide by the principles of equality ensured by the Constitution; therefore, its implementation is a violation. MP Al-Adasani explained that, during the early years of parliamentary life in Kuwait, there were no special courts for ministers, as there was no need for such an establishment. Since article 132 of the Constitution stipulates the procedures to be followed in terms of

prosecuting ministers, unnecessary expansion on this matter is considered a violation. Also, this law is in direct violation of article 29 of the State Constitution which stipulates that "People are peers in human dignity and have, in the eyes of the law, equal public rights and obligations". Meanwhile, MP Talal Al-Jalal called upon the relevant authorities to consider the two teachers Hadiya Al-Adwani and Al-Jazi Al-Ajmi, who passed away in a terrible traffic accident while carrying

out their work, as martyrs. He requested that their salaries not to be suspended as they sacrificed their lives for the sake of education and science. Ministry of Public Works has started conducting interviews with candidates for supervisory positions, reports Al-Anba daily quoting informed sources. They stressed that the interviews are being conducted with managers, and

heads of departments who meet the conditions of Civil Service Commission (CC) and the regulations of Ministry of Public Works. The sources revealed that the committee formed for conducting the interviews is headed by the undersecretary of the ministry, and has some assistant undersecretaries as members, adding that the committee receives about 20 employees who are subjected to written tests. They clarified that nearly 60 employ-

ees will be nominated for the supervisory positions from various sectors of the ministry including the Public Authority for Roads and Transportation. They indicated that the interviews with the employees sometimes get extended to late hours after the official working hours in order to cover the huge number of applicants for the supervisory positions, adding that non-Kuwaiti employees who are working on the basis of special contracts are not interviewed.



KUNA photo President of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly Tiji Muhammad-Bande, on the sidelines of the visit to the headquarters of Al-Nuwar Positive Initiative (Bareeq), headed by Sheikh Intisar Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah (left).

'Bareeq' and 'Boomerang' programs support education in Kuwait: official

UN's Mohammad-Bande visits HQ of Al-Nuwar Positive Initiative

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 14, (KUNA): President of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly Tiji Muhammad-Bande, on Saturday, commended the role of Bareeq and Boomerang programs in spreading positivity among students, admiring the role of civil society institutions in supporting government efforts and financing sustainable development goals.

Mohammad-Bande said in a press statement, on the sidelines of the visit to the headquarters of Al-Nuwar Positive Initiative (Bareeq), headed by Sheikh Intisar Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah, that Kuwait supports the UN in many projects.

He thanked Al-Sabah for giving him the opportunity to visit this non-governmental and non-profit organization that is doing a great job in the field of education and is important in trying to help those who have difficulty in learning.

Mohammad-Bande affirmed the depth of the historical relationship that binds Kuwait to the UN, appreciating Kuwaiti support for the activities and programs of the UN and its organizations.

He said that Kuwait was not only a leader of humanitarian issues in the world but was also ready to continue positive engagement with the UN system, especially in regional issues, noting Kuwait's contribution through its membership in the Security Council that will finish by the end of this month.

Highlight

Meanwhile, Al-Sabah stressed that civil society institutions are working alongside the Kuwaiti government to highlight the cultural image of Kuwait.

Al-Sabah gave a presentation on Bareeq program, which achieved outstanding success in schools, adding that this was due to the cooperation of the program with a team that includes a group of educators headed by the Program's Director Ruqaya Hussain.

She pointed out that it aims to spread and promote positive thinking and integrated psychological well-being for students, eliminating negativity through a set of interactive activities that are short, simple and easy to implement, based mainly on scientific research results.

The fruits of the program seemed clear in the great success that it has achieved in over 39 schools of the Ministry of Education to date, including nearly 500 teachers and more than 11,000 students, she noted.

Through the follow-up of the program, they detected a change among students, decreased tension and the ability to speak in front of the public.

What distinguishes Bareeq program is the distance from the traditional methods of lectures and seminars, which always afflicts the bored recipient, explaining that students enjoy the program activities, she said.

After their participation in the program, parents, teachers and school administrations testified these impressive results, which made the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning include the program.

Since its inception in 2013, it reinforced positivity in Kuwaiti society, which sought more of it through various activities and events, she emphasized. She confirmed that it has brought a great change in society, indicating that it was established in conjunction with the International Day of Happiness, which was approved by the UN on March 20, 2013.

She reviewed what the Boomerang program did, such as building school cultures in Kuwait through 12 private schools, explaining that Boomerang was the first school awareness program in Kuwait that uses applied theater to engage students, inspire and motivate them to experience a positive change in behavior through kindness as a sustainable solution to overcoming bullying.



Above: some photos from the cultural exhibition.

KU's college holds 'Across Continents' cultural exhibition

Under the patronage of Assistant Dean for Students Affairs in College of Business Administration at Kuwait University Dr Ali Al-Nami, the UNESCO Club which is affiliated to the Department of Art and Culture Activities held a cultural exhibition titled "Across Continents".

According to a press release,

the exhibition was launched on Monday, December 9 and lasted for two days.

A number of staff members, students and Arab and foreign communities attended the inauguration of the exhibition.

Many embassies took part in the exhibition including embas-

sies of Palestine, Jordan, Nigeria, Japan, Senegal, Oman, India, France, China, Iraq and Yemen.

The Expo965 team of Kuwaiti innovative artists for traditional handicrafts and Al-Tayebeen Team q8 as well as Al-Shaheed Office in the Amiri Diwan also participated in the exhibition.

Yemen congratulates Kuwait on RCRC membership

Kuwait rated among advanced global health coverage systems: MoH official

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 14, (KUNA): The local health system in Kuwait has been listed among the advanced global coverage index, spokesman for the Kuwaiti Ministry of Health, Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad said.

Marking World Health Coverage Day, Al-Sanad added in a press statement, the ministry's keenness to set, develop and update the relevant strategies and programs out of its commitment to the sustainable development goals.

He explained that the local development plan includes related construction and development programs that promote comprehensive coverage, foremost of which is the prevention and response program for chronic non-communicable diseases and related risk factors. He referred to the construction projects covering the six governorates of the country, programs and policies of quality, patient safety, performance development, and strengthening primary care capabilities as well as digital health programs, health insurance for retired citizens and health insurance for foreigners.

He stated that article no. 8 from the Sustainable development plan provides universal health coverage, including protection from financial risks, access to quality basic health care services, effective and affordable medicines and vaccines for all.

The comprehensive health coverage reports issued in 2017 and 2019 have showed the advanced Kuwaiti local health system, which reflected how the Ministry fulfilled its obligations.

Yemen's Minister of Public Health and Population Nasir Baoum on Thursday congratulated Kuwait on the election of Chairman of Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) Hilal Al-Sayer as member of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC).

Speaking to KUNA in a statement, Baoum said the election reflects Kuwait's leading position in the humanitarian level across the globe.

The KRCS is Kuwait's arm, which provides relief and humanitarian services to the needy all over

the world, he added. The KRCS and GCC relief bodies were among the first institutions that have supported Yemen in its humanitarian crisis, he noted.

The activities of these bodies have contributed to preventing a real tragedy in Yemen either through providing various relief and development assistance or funding international organizations to implement their humanitarian projects and support the health sector, he stated.

This is a gain for Kuwait, and both Arab and Muslim countries, he said, stressing confidence that Kuwait would continue its humanitarian marches and initiatives.

This achievement is added to Kuwait on the humanitarian level, he said, recalling the UN's naming of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as a Humanitarian Leader and Kuwait as a Humanitarian Center.

Electing KRCS as a permanent member of RCRC was done during the 33rd International Conference of the RCRC held on December 9-12.

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Sunrise	06:34
Zohr	11:43
Asr	14:33
Maghrib	16:51
Isha	18:14

Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Day: Partly cloudy with light to moderate north westerly wind to light variable wind, with a speed of 06-26 km/h.

By Night: Rather cool and partly cloudy with light variable wind, with a speed of 06-20 km/h.

Station	Max	Min
Kuwait City	23	16
Kuwait Airport	23	11
Abdaly	22	11
Bubyan	-	-
Jahra	23	13
Falaka Island	-	-
Salmiyah	23	16
Ahmadi	20	15
Muwaisib	24	12
Wafra	21	10
Salmya	23	19

4 days forecast - Weather

Sunday, Dec 15

Expected weather: Partly cloudy

Max Temp: 21C

Min Temp: 10C

Wind Direction: VRB-SE

Wind Speed: 06-26 km/h

Monday, Dec 16

Expected weather: Unstable and partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance for thunder rain

Max Temp: 21C

Min Temp: 13C

Wind Direction: SE

Wind Speed: 20-55 km/h

Tuesday, Dec 17

Expected weather: Sunny

Max Temp: 19C

Min Temp: 08C

Wind Direction: NW

Wind Speed: 15-38 km/h

Wednesday, Dec 18

Expected weather: Sunny

Max Temp: 25C

Min Temp: 13C

Wind Direction: NW-VRB

Wind Speed: 08-28 km/h

Marine Forecast

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec	Sea Surf	Today's Waves
South Dolphin	-	-	-	Ht 3ft Dir SE
Umm Mudyarah	-	-	-	Ht 3ft SE
Beacon M28	-	-	-	Ht 3ft SE
Beacon N6	-	-	-	Ht 3ft SE

Qaruh Island	22	19	-	3ft	SE
Umm Al-Maradem	22	18	-	3ft	SE
Sea Island Buoy	-	-	-	-	-
Salmiyah	23	16	-	3ft	SE

4 days forecast - Marine

Sunday, Dec 15

Expected weather: Partly cloudy

Sea state: Slight to moderate

Wave height: 1-3 ft

Max Temp: 21C

Min Temp: 10C

Wind Direction: VRB-SE

Wind Speed: 06-26 km/h

Monday, Dec 16

Expected weather: Unstable and partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance for thunder rain

Sea state: Moderate to rough

Wave height: 3-7 ft

Max Temp: 21C

Min Temp: 13C

Wind Direction: SE

Wind Speed: 20-55 km/h

Tuesday, Dec 17

Expected weather: Sunny

Sea state: Slight to moderate

Wave height: 2-5 ft

Max Temp: 19C

Min Temp: 08C

Wind Direction: NW

Wind Speed: 15-38 km/h

Wednesday, Dec 18

Expected weather: Sunny

Sea state: Slight to moderate

Wave height: 1-3 ft

Max Temp: 19C

Min Temp: 06C

Wind Direction: NW-VRB

Wind Speed: 08-28 km/h

Tide times at Shuwaikh Port

1st high tide	14:29
2nd high tide	00:27
1st low tide	07:38
2nd low tide	19:25
Sunrise	06:34
Sunset	16:51

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max temp	25°C
Min temp	15°C
Max RH	95%
Min RH	40%
Max Wind	S 53 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs	4.3 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max/ Air Temp	-/-°C
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	Upwelling

— Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

deaths

Fawziya Ghloom Hassan Husein Al Jamali, wife of Haidar Hamza Mohammad Haidar, 62 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Jabriya, Huseiniyat Al Balosh, Tel. 90002692 (Women) Jabriya, Block 5, Street 101, House 42, Tel. 99099008. **Majed Matar Hilal Al Otaibi**, 30 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Fahad Al Ahmad, Block 4, Street 426, House 77, Tel. 60055514. (Women) Fahad Al Ahmad, Block 1, Street 103, House 22, Tel. 99809458. **Husein Mohammad Mahmoud Al Kandari**, 79 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Shaab, Diwan Al Kanadra, Tel. 66604004 (Women) Adan, Block 7, Street 5, House 17. **Sarah Fahad Dinar Al Enzi**, 18 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Ardiya, Block 8, Behind Petrol Pump, Tel. 94468282 (Women) Ardiya, Block 10, Street 2, Avenue 2, House 6, Tel. 99900128. **Mohammad Abdul Karim Ramadan Abu Jaber**, 67 years old, to be buried on Sunday at 9:00 am. Condolences: (Men) Da'ija, Huseiniyat Boualyan, Opp Dasma, Tel. 60108868 (Women) Sabah Al Salem, Block 4, Street 17, House 12, at Asr only.