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'Residence permits of 102,000 expats cancelled over 4 years'

6,715 violators of residence law in private sector: statistics

KUWAIT CITY, July 3: The statistics issued by the Ministry of Interior and the Central Administration of Statistics revealed the cancellation of 102,000 residence permits of expatriates who have been working in the civil and government sectors since 2015 until the end of last year, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The statistics showed that the number of expatriate in the government sector declined by 2,501 in 2018, an increase of 671 residence permits canceled than in 2017.

In contrast, the number of cancellations dropped to 15,734 last year, compared with 16,141 in 2017, where Asian workers accounted for 63% of the total, while Arab expatriates accounted for 32% of the total number of cancellations.

In the public sector, the rate of cancellation of residence permit for Arab expatriates was 1,769 cases representing 70% in 2018, while the number of Arab workers leaving the government sector during the four years 5,401 expatriates.

The statistics showed that the total number of current residence under Article 18 for employment in the private sector amounted to 1,531,000, of which 957,000 were Asian workers and 549,000 are from Arab countries, while the other figures are distributed among the African, European, North and South

American, Australian and other countries.

The statistics show a clear decline in the number of employees in the government sector at 2,588 against the total registered new arrivals under Article 17 to about 108,000, which is the smallest number compared with the numbers recorded between 2015 and 2018.

The total number of expatriates from Arab countries is 53%, with a total of 57,124, followed by 47,754 Asians, 492 Africans and the lowest was from Australian and Pacific regions with only 58.

The statistics pointed out that there are 6,715 expatriates violators of the residence law in the private sector including 2,354 Arabs, 3,721 Asian, 11 Africans and 7 Europeans.

The government agencies do not lag behind on this issue registering 94 cases in 2018, down from 2017, which recorded 119 cases of expatriate residence permits.

The Arab expatriates represent the highest number of offenders in the government sector with a total of 66 violators, followed by Asians in 21 cases.

Statistics show high figures for violators of the residency law, especially in the category of 'temporary residence' Article 14, where it was found that 8,408 expatriates, 57% of whom are Asians, followed by Arabs with 3,000 cases.

The number of those who obtained free employment under "Article 19", was the lowest in number of residency law violators.



KUNA photo
Al-Jarallah meeting with Kuwaiti groups partaking, along with British counterparts, in the 14th meeting of the Kuwaiti-British Guidance Committee.

Kuwait Deputy FM coordinates talks with Britain

Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah held a meeting on Wednesday with Kuwaiti groups partaking, along with British counterparts, in the 14th meeting of the Kuwaiti-British Guidance Committee.

The two sides, during the session, examined results of currently held meetings at this level, due to conclude by the weekend. Deputy Foreign Minister Al-Jarallah praised efforts that had been exerted by the various teams, forecast to contribute to putting the bilateral relations at higher levels.

The joint commission was formed during the State visit to Britain by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in 2012.

It is co-chaired by Al-Jarallah and Andrew Morrison, the UK Secretary of State for the Middle East and North Africa.

The common body, which meets twice per year, comprises a number of representatives of state departments from the two countries. Its tasks primarily focus on status of the bilateral relations between the UK and Kuwait. (KUNA)



KUNA photo
Director-General of the General Authority for Industry Abdul Karim Taqi during the 47th Session of the United Nations Industrial Development Board (UNIDO).

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Other Voices

Our situation after 500 years

By Ahmad alsarraf

During my teenage days I was fond of collecting stamps and collecting my father's mail was a source of enjoyment because I used to get a good collection of new stamps every time. One time, I noticed that the British stamps were free of the name of the state but carried only the picture of the queen on the stamp or in a corner of it was the price.

I knew later that this exception was granted to Britain only in honor of its priority in providing this service, dating back to 1516.

Later in 1837, Roland Hill invented Adhesive Postage Stamp - The Black Penny, which today costs perhaps one million pounds in the antique stamps market, but was officially issued only three years later, and then the service with time developed and spread throughout the world.

This was an introduction to the subject of our article on the deterioration of the postal service in Kuwait, until it reached the bottom with a complete halt in the last three weeks. From the view of the heaps of letters and postal parcels that have accumulated in the post offices, both in and out we are very sad to realize that there are tens of thousands of people who still use this method, either personally or commercially, and rely on it although there are other alternatives whether high or low cost such as the Internet, WhatsApp and the courier service.

Distribution of messages often

needs the postal officer to read the PO number and put it in the right place, or place a card in the box telling the owner that there is a parcel to receive from another place.

A small percentage of messages require delivery to their owners on their addresses, therefore the performance of this service can be considered the simplest work in the government, however, we have failed since liberation, without exaggeration, until today to provide the service properly, or to delegate it to an efficient third party.

If we look at the postal sector, we will find an army of undersecretaries, managers, supervisors and heads of departments, almost all of whom perform prayers, most of them were fasting in Ramadan, some of them performed hajj (pilgrimage) several times and all of them receive their salaries monthly.

Most of them go to their homes daily without feeling any guilt when they see tons of messages and packages that are delayed in distributing them to their owners outside Kuwait, or being distributed inside.

It is nice that we care, dream of a new Kuwait, and it is more wonderful to see our dreams come true in the region, but all these expectations will be meaningless if we are not interested in minor issues and addressing them. How does a country like Kuwait with her human and financial capabilities fail to provide a half-reasonable postal service over twenty years?

What is the benefit of a new Kuwait, without reliable human beings and efficient managements? The treatment is not difficult, but I hope we would find it when it is too late.

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Special recruitment contracts mullied

Budget for salaries of MoE employees reach KD1.9 billion for fiscal 2019/20

KUWAIT CITY, July 3: Assistant Undersecretary for Financial Affairs in the Ministry of Education Yousif Al-Najaar said the budget for salaries of the ministry's employees reached KD1.9 billion for fiscal 2019/2020 while the remaining amount in the approved budget is only KD200 million and this is allocated for projects, maintenance, furniture, books and other items, reports Al-Rai daily.

Al-Najaar assured the daily that the preparation for the next school year is going on without obstacles, noting the completion of the maintenance contract of Mubarak Al-Kabeer Educational District in the State Audit Bureau while the remaining contracts will be adopted soon.

He affirmed the availability of furniture and books for 20 new schools which will open in the next school year. He added

the first batch of the budget for schools will be transferred to them in August.

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Administration procedures have been amended for the appointment of 300 male and female employees under special contracts in various sectors of Kuwait Municipality and the Municipal Council, reports Al-Anba daily quoting informed sources from the municipality.

They revealed that the new procedures include standardization of the contracts for those employees from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

The sources said these procedures aim at standardizing the number of holidays and salaries for the employees, adding that the decision will be applied after the new budget is implemented.

News in Brief

Signs of favoritism seen: There are indications about a parliamentary movement aimed at granting employees of Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIIC) a number of functional benefits and grades as well as exempt the employees of joint operations department from the fingerprint attendance system, reports Al-Anba daily quoting informed sources from the oil sector.

They revealed that a proposal was submitted to the National Assembly to increase the number of functional grades in the operations department of the company for all levels starting from the top supervisor, supervisors of various units, and operators of the control room.

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Mol preps list for promotion: The Interior Ministry is preparing a list of those eligible for promotion from colonel to brigadier and from brigadier to brigadier-general during the current month, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting security sources.

The same sources told the daily that two assistant undersecretaries in the

Ministry of Interior will reach the end of service at the beginning of next year due to their retirement age and the ministry has shortlisted the names of persons who will fill these two positions which will be vacant.

In this regard the list of nominees will be submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval.

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Firm violates law: The Commercial Control and Consumer Protection Sector has issued a citation against a shop for displaying the 'homosexual' logo, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

The daily added, this happened when a number of shoppers complained about the sign and the concerned commercial control department sent officers to run a check and the signboard was removed and the person responsible has been referred to the concerned authority.

The sources stressed the need to abide by the laws in force and its responsibility in applying the law in its context that does not allow any irregularities that conflict with the laws and regulations.

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