



HH the Crown Prince receives Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled and the heads of the new diplomatic and consular missions.



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Audiences of His Highness the Crown Prince

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Monday a number of newly appointed Kuwaiti diplomats.

In the presence of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf met each of the newly appointed diplomats to the Kuwaiti Consulate in the

Chinese city of Shanghai, the Pakistani city of Karachi, and the country of Malta – Consul General Mishaal Al-Shamali, Consul General Salem Al-Hamdan, and Ambassador to Malta Faisal Al-Mutairi respectively.

His Highness the Crown Prince congratulated the diplomats on attaining their new post, calling on them to do all that was necessary to serve Kuwaiti interests and image abroad.

On their part, the diplomats each vowed to attend to their duties as best as they could, expressing gratitude and honor to have met His Highness Sheikh Nawaf.

His Highness the Crown Prince also received Monday at Bayan Palace Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh. (KUNA)

‘Health’ has surplus nursing staff compared to global rates: minister

‘Issue at Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital has been resolved’

KUWAIT CITY, July 22: Minister of Health Dr Sheikh Bassel Al-Sabah said the number of nursing staff in the ministry’s facilities is sufficient and has a surplus in comparison to the global rates, reports Al-Rai daily.

The minister explained that the rate is 3 nurses for every 8 beds while the global rate is one nurse for every eight beds.

In response to a report in Al-Rai on the possibility of a nursing crisis at the Mubarak Hospital, the minister said the issue at the Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital has been resolved and that the company supplying the nursing staff has requested a renewal of the contract

for 50 percent increase in the volume of employment, which was rejected by the ministry, so the company has amended its terms and accepted the renewal of the contract under the same conditions.

Dr Bassel said that the ministry is considering direct contracting with the nursing staff, in coordination with other concerned bodies, which will give hospitals greater stability with these important technical workers who play a major role in completing the hospitalization of patients.

The minister pointed out that the ministry is also considering the demands of the nursing body to adopt the overtime as the case with

doctors; which will in turn provide more numbers for re-distribution to benefit from them in other workplaces especially with the ministry’s new openings.

In order to ensure the proper functioning of the medical facilities, the Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Mutairi held a meeting recently with heads of departments at the Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital.

Medical sources told the daily the expansion of privatization of the nursing sector sometimes leads to adverse results, calling for a return to the expansion of appointment of the nursing staff.

The sources expressed regret that the Civil Service Commission did not provide the ministry with the necessary degrees for the appointment of the nursing staff, which obliges the ministry to sign contracts with companies at higher costs.

The sources pointed out that the alternative plan to address the shortage in the number of nursing staff depends on the expansion of additional work, and focus on the training of nurses appointed in the ministry with continued efforts to fill any potential shortage especially in sensitive areas such as pediatrics or intensive care.



Dean of College of Social Sciences at Kuwait University Dr Humoud Fahad Al-Qashaan received recently, the Deputy Head of the Diplomatic Mission of the Netherlands Witchar J. Salaktar to discuss ways to enhance cooperation in the academic field, and invite experts and researchers in the field of social sciences to participate in the college’s conferences.

MoJ employees set to receive bonus

MoE sets aside KD 200K as bonus for school principals working in summer

KUWAIT CITY, July 22: Ministry of Education has allocated KD 200,000 to offer as bonus to the school principals who work during the summer, reports Al-Nahar daily.

According to the ministerial decision, the principals were assigned to follow-up the needs of the schools in terms of maintenance and preparations for the new school year, in order to avoid problems related to air-conditioning.

Sources clarified that the ministry will ask the heads of all departments and the teachers if the principals and vice principals avoided participating in preparing the educational institutions prior to their opening.

Meanwhile, Acting Undersecretary of Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Omar Al-Sharqawi announced the disbursement of excellent performances bonus to the employees of the ministry, indicating that the bonus will be deposited into their bank accounts next week, reports Al-Anba daily.

He revealed about the existence of

some with problems related to lack of holidays or sick leaves, indicating about the coordination with the Civil Service Commission (CSC) concerning this matter. Al-Sharqawi stressed that the issue of selection for promotion will be discussed soon based on the relevant ministerial decisions as well as the decisions of CSC.

In the meantime, Minister of Justice and State Minister for National Assembly Affairs Fahad Al-Afasi has affirmed that the ministry appointed 4,805 Kuwaitis and 666 expatriates from 2014 to 2018, reports Al-Nahar daily.

In response to a parliamentary question in this regard, the minister clarified that the ministry will abide by the policy of Kuwaitization of all governmental positions.

He indicated that some fresh graduates as well as experienced individuals were hired in line with the ministry’s budget in order to meeting the needs of the ministry, facilitate the work flow, and realize achievements.

Wholesale market in sector

CITRA reveals mechanism for the ‘4th’ telecom firm

KUWAIT CITY, July 22: The Communications and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA) has revealed the mechanism to be followed by the “fourth” telecom company when it obtains a license to operate in Kuwait, explaining that through the default operator it will buy the minutes at wholesale price and then sell to customers at retail, reports Al-Qabas daily.

By implementing this mechanism, the CITRA aims to open the wholesale market in the sector (which has not previously existed at the local level), which will contribute to the development of the sector to keep pace with the global communications technology. It will give the customer more options and thus benefit will be in the public interest.

This came in a special statement to Al-Qabas issued by the head of the market and competition sector in the Public Authority for Communications and Information Technology Amer Hayat. The company, which will win the fourth license, will provide all the telecom services to its customers. However, what distinguishes it is that it will not need to use Etisalat towers to deliver its services, but will use the network of one of the three major telecommunications companies.

On the extent of the absorption of the Kuwaiti market to contain more companies, the sources indicated that its mission requires the work of all that is in the interest of the telecommunications sector and opening the market and development, based on studies and research, and therefore considered that the implementation of such a step will work to develop the sector and expectations of its repercussions will have a positive impact on the future of the sector and the market as a whole.

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any Arab country which helps in the renaissance of other countries.

This is the UAE which Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed wants to make a key partner in the regional peace industry and a vast investment haven where investors enjoy freedom of action and speedy implementation of international agreements, without obstacles or disagreements over details of the main objective.

These are the leaders of the UAE who view the future with the power of faith in the ability of their people to overcome difficulties and transform their country into a soft force with a civilized message, influential in the regional and Arab environments.



Head of Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE) Faisal Al-Atel received recently in his office the Country Director for Kuwait of Oxford Business Group Yeliz Tugce and Editorial Director of Oxford Business Group Rodrigo Diaz in the presence of Humoud Faleh Al-Za’abi who prepared the report to be issued by the group in the coming period. According to a press release, Al-Atel presented to the guests a complete explanation about the society and its role in serving engineers in the country as well as the society. The delegation from Oxford Business Group commended the role played by KSE, and expressed interest in further cooperation with the society.

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