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Arab interior ministers honor HH the Amir with Order of Prince Naif

Kuwait, Tunisia sign MoU to boost judicial co-op



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Minister of Justice and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Dr Fahad Al-Afasi during the signing of the memorandum of understanding with the Tunisian minister of justice.

'No increase in rent allowance to citizens'

Bids for managing Jaber, Jahra hospitals being studied

KUWAIT CITY, March 4: Minister of Health Dr Bassel Al-Sabah has affirmed that the bids presented by international medical institutions to run Jaber Hospital and Jahra Hospital are being studied transparently, and opinions are being invited from many entities to submit to the concerned supervisory bodies, reports Al-Rai daily.

In response to a parliamentary question submitted by MP Osama Al-Shaheen, the minister explained that Kuwait Care Company, which was established by Kuwait Authority for Investment to manage hospitals and develop the medical services rendered by all hospitals and medical centers of the ministry based on a decision of the Cabinet, will be responsible for the management of Jaber Hospital.

Regarding Jahra Hospital, he said a committee has been formed to study

the mechanism for the management of the hospital.

Meanwhile, sources from the housing sector have denied reports circulating on social media about the increase in the rent allowance offered to citizens by Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) from KD 150 to KD 300, reports Al-Jarida daily.

According to the latest report issued by Ministry of Finance, the total cost for electricity production and water desalination through the use of fuel during the period from April 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019 reached KD 1.267 billion, reports Al-Rai daily.

Also, the rate of expenditure on the goods and services item in the budget including the value of fuel required for operations reached to 81.6 percent, mak-

ing Ministry of Electricity and Water first among 30 governmental bodies in terms of expenses for this item during the aforementioned period prior to closing the current budget in April.

The report clarified that the estimated sums for this item in the budget is nearly KD 1.554 billion, and the highest monthly expenditure in stations that consumed fuels was registered last August with total value of KD 372.6 million.

Kuwait University President Professor Husain Al-Ansari suspended classes from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm on March 4 at Shuwaikh campus to give way for the ceremony in honor of excellent graduates of the 48th batch and higher studies graduates for academic year 2017/2018.

TUNIS, March 4, (KUNA): The Arab Interior Ministers Council announced Sunday granting the Order of Prince Naif for Arab Security to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

His Highness the Amir earned the Order for his outstanding performance in bolstering Arab security and serving just Arab issues, Secretary-General of Arab Interior Ministers Council Mohammad Koman said in conclusion of the Council's 36th session.

The Kuwaiti Amir's notable contributions to boosting the spirit of fraternity and solidarity among Arab nations prompted the supreme commission of Prince Naif Prize for Arab Security to award him with such a prestigious decoration, said Koman.

The commission expressed utmost appreciation to His Highness the Amir's great leadership qualities and political sagacity that were shown in all senior posts he had run with profound merit and aptitude, he noted.

Security

For his part, Kuwaiti Minister of Justice and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Dr Fahad Al-Afasi told KUNA the Council decided to grant the Order of Prince Naif for Arab Security to His Highness the Amir this year.

Prince Naif Prize for Arab Security's commission, co-headed by Saudi Arabia's Interior Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif and UAE's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior Lt General Sheikh Saif Al-Nahyan, honored His Highness the Amir for his efforts in boosting Arab security and joint action, added Al-Afasi.

"His Highness the Amir is no stranger to honorary accolades thanks to his multiple worldwide humanitarian efforts that earned him the UN's honoring of naming him an international 'Humanitarian Leader' and Kuwait a 'Humanitarian Center,'" he said.

Meanwhile, Fahad Al-Afasi and Tunisian Justice Minister Mohammad Jamoussi signed Sunday a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance exchange of information and experience in judicial field.

Aims

The MoU deals primarily with the administration of justice, and aims to enhance cooperation and exchange of experiences between the two countries and to give greater effectiveness to the daily practice of judicial services.

In a statement to KUNA and Kuwait State Television, Al-Afasi said that the MoU was a result of strong ties between the two countries' leaderships and people, stressing that such agreement comes also as a complement to the legal and judicial cooperation agreement in civil and commercial matters and personal code between the two countries.

The Kuwaiti minister added that such agreement would also strengthen the mechanisms and practices of legal and judicial cooperation between the two countries, as well as the exchange of legal and judicial researches and legal documents, information on modern legislation and studies, experiences for resolving disputes through conciliation and mediation.

For his part, the Tunisian minister said "the memorandum will provide an opportunity for both ministries of justice to enhance the exchange of information and experience, which dates back to previous agreements signed between the two countries all the way to 1977."

Jamoussi pointed out that the legal and judicial cooperation agreements concluded between Kuwait and Tunisia cover various criminal, commercial, civil, personal status, arbitration and mediation fields, which "reflects on the depth of relations between Tunisia and Kuwait."



Honoring the great writer Abdel Aziz Al-Saree for the leading (play) character.



KUNA photos
Some of the leading figures in the theatre being honored.

12th Theatre Days Youth Festival opens

PAY affirms importance of theatre in fostering youngsters' creativity

KUWAIT CITY, March 4, (KUNA): Director General of Public Authority for Youth (PAY) Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi underlined Sunday the importance of theatre in fostering youngsters' artistic creativity.

The theatre is a real-life art school consisted of a harmonic unit with genuine direct and indirect rhythm that contributes to energizing human senses and attitudes toward events, Al-Mutairi said during the opening of the 12th edition of Theatre Days Youth Festival at Dasma Theatre.

The annual festival, which runs until March 13, reiterates the importance of theatre in acknowledging skills, talents, and creativities, and employing them all to build a groundbreaking exhibition for human interaction between young citizens and their societies, he said.

Such live and active communication would boost the spirit of patriotism among youngsters and affirm their significant role as real partners in the coun-

try's achievements and national unity, added Al-Mutairi.

He also stressed the importance of theatre in building a social capital for young people, and contributing to their upbringing as an educational institution under the tutelage and expertise of fine veterans of the art.

The event's grand prize for best overall theatrical work has been named after renowned veteran actor Saad Al-Faraj, he noted, adding YPA has also selected veteran theatre scriptwriter Abdulaziz Al-Mansour as the pioneering personality of this year's festival and one of the pioneers who left a historic mark in the Kuwaiti theatre.

YPA is keen on providing creative prospects for all members of youth theatre on local, regional, and international levels, Al-Mutairi affirmed, noting the Authority decided to send the winner of this edition's grand prize to participate in the International Festival of Liberal Theatre in Jordan next April.

Contractor said taken precautionary measures

Delay affected infrastructure of 18,519 plots in Mutla'a residential city project

KUWAIT CITY, March 4: The Public Authority for Housing Welfare said the rate of delay caused by the Chinese contractor to implement the second contract in the Mutla'a residential city has affected the infrastructure of 18,519 plots in 8 suburbs, up to more than 35 percent, after the actual completion rate of 28.56 percent compared to 63.65 percent work as per the contractual terms and conditions, reports Al-Jarida daily.

However, the actual rate of achievement in February rose by only 1.64 percent from January.

The daily has learned from its own sources that the contractor has taken precautionary measures against the continued delay of the project after the official warning, noting that the completion of work in the 8 suburbs need 5,000 workers, but currently there are only about 3,500.

The sources pointed out that the Authority will decide on its decision in terms of continued delay at the end of next April as per the legal aspect contained in the contract signed between the parties according to several scenarios

which may terminate the contract or continue to give a final deadline to rectify the situation.

The monthly report of the implementation sector revealed last February that Al-Mutla'a residential project in its first contract on the main roads and infrastructure services under the implementation of the Italian-Turkish alliance witnessed a rise in the actual completion rate to 57.41 percent higher than the 46.57 percent of the contractual rate.

On the N1 and N4 segments, the report indicated that the contractor has completed the infrastructure of 4,999 plots in the first and fourth sections and continues to exceed the actual completion rate in excess of the contract rate, reaching a realistic rate of 22.89% compared to the 21.26% assumed contract rate.

The completion of the N2 and N3 infrastructure for 4,770 plots, with a slight delay of the actual rate of 20.12 percent, compared to 22.62 percent contractual, and the four suburbs are expected to be completed in March next year after their implementation in March 2018.

News in Brief

Tenure of Al-Modaf renewed:

The tenure of Credit and Savings Bank Director General Salah Al-Modaf with the rank of undersecretary was renewed for four years starting from July 18, reports Al-Rai daily.

On the other hand, Hisham Mubark Al-Modahaka and Adnan Salem Al-Sowailam were appointed to the Crown Prince Diwan with the rank of assistant undersecretary.

Equality for patients: MP Askar Al-Enzi sent a proposal to the National Assembly concerning patients suffering Alzheimer's disease.

In a press release, he said Public Authority for Disabled Affairs took a decision to limit the classification of Alzheimer's disease as a terrible disability for patients younger than 65 years old.

'43,580 citizens hired':

According to a report issued by Public Authority for Manpower (PAM), a total of 234 private companies hired 43,580 Kuwaiti citizens, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In addition, the total number of citizens who are entitled to national labor subsidy has reached nearly 61,000 citizens of both genders.



Al-Baloushi

Actress in new series

Actress Hind Al-Baloushi affirmed that she will soon be busy with the shooting of her new series "25 minutes", reports Al-Anba daily.

The series is directed by Saed Al-Hawary, written by the popular writer Sehab and features stars such as Ibrahim Al-Harbi, Huda Al-Khateeb, Abdullah Boushahri, Saoud Boushahri, and Noor Al-Ghandour among others.

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