

Conference

500 attend virtual confab

E-transformation for libraries, info centers inevitable: official

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 8 : Acting Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education Faisal Maqseed was quoted as saying it is high time public libraries and information centers to adopt electronic transformation calling it 'inevitable', reports Al-Seyassah daily.

However, he went on to say it cannot be accomplished only with the desire to do so, but through concerted efforts at the level of all countries and a real desire by conducting studies and research, holding conferences and exchanging experiences to create a solid base because "the goal is to reach e-libraries and information centers through which we can produce, preserve and organize information and make it available to those who request it - specialists and all members of society, because right to information is for everyone."



Maqseed

This came during the opening of the virtual scientific conference organized by the Kuwait Library and Information Center under the title 'The Role of Libraries and Information Centers in Supporting the Process of Distance Education', via the Zoom platform.

The daily added, 500 participants from different Gulf countries and the Arab world attended the first day.

The conference talks about (the role of libraries and information centers in supporting the process of distance education), said Al-Maqseed.

He explained the plan of the Ministry of Education in Kuwait to adopt distance learning, with the libraries playing a supporting role will be followed not only in Kuwait, but all over the world, in light of the Corona pandemic that has changed the teaching methods and accelerated the process of e-transformation and giving the world no alternative but to use technology.

He added, "We, in Kuwait, have sought over the past years to provide school libraries with the latest programs and devices to provide information services electronically to all beneficiaries (teachers, researchers and students), but our ambition is to develop libraries and acquire the latest state-of-the-art technologies adopted by the world of libraries, as an ambitious project entitled (Sustainable Libraries with Technologies) which was launched this year.

This goes in line with Kuwait's Vision 2035, built on the pillars of a diversified, sustainable economy and creative human capital.

He explained this project aims to develop school libraries in accordance with international standards, create sustainable libraries in terms of furnishing, equipment, information sources and buildings, facilitate access to information for people with special needs and benefit from information services provided by the library, in addition to setting general specifications for building design with appropriate measurements for people with special needs movement.

Maqseed pointed out that the beginning of the next academic year will witness the application of the library administration - a service through which resources are provided on demand to teachers, students and ministry employees via e-mail in light of the existence of the Corona pandemic, and in conjunction with the launch of distance education program that will be applied at the beginning of the next academic year to provide information needed by the mentor, teacher and student to achieve one of the most important objectives of libraries, which is to support the curriculum through the search machine in the automated index on the ministry's website for the beneficiary group and send the request to the e-mail of the central library.

The Chairman of the conference, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kuwaiti Library and Information Center, Dr Abdulaziz Al-Swait, said with the current development of libraries and information centers, and the role of the library as a public benefit association specialized in libraries and information, "we did not stand idle but organized various activities."

The Deputy Director-General of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training for Support Services, Dr Jassem Al-Estad said: "There are databases in the applied libraries, and we are currently working on the authority's portal site so that the faculty members and students can benefit from the available resources in the library and have access to the databases."

The Deputy Director of Kuwait University for Academic Services in Support of Community Service and Libraries, Dr Muhammad Al-Dhafiri stressed the role of libraries is no less important than any corner of the educational process, and said after the electronic transformation of education, the need for the library to adapt its services to this electronic transformation will be vital.



Kuwait Zoo main entrance.

Cause probed as two giraffes reported dead in zoo

News have been circulating on a number of Twitter accounts which said two giraffes inside the Kuwait Zoo have died due to lack of air-conditioning, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The tweeters said this happened because according to them there was no air-conditioning or fans to relieve the hot, suffocating atmosphere inside the shelters for three months and the scorching heat was the cause of the death of the animals.

The tweeters questioned if it was 'negligence or irresponsibility'? In this regard the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) stated

that the death in some animal zoos varies its causes, and the actual causes of death are determined after the laboratory tests, depending on the animal's pathological history. PAAAFR said the heat may be a secondary factor for the causes of death, and it is known that these animals return to environments different from the nature of the climate in the State of Kuwait, in light of the high humidity which coincides with the extreme heat that puts a great stress on the health of the animals although the authority provides all possible livelihood needs of these animals.

European woman stresses to file charges against man for harassment, molestation

Eight arrested from 'wild party' venue in Fintas

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 8: The Hawalli police have arrested a Kuwaiti, who is believed to be in his 30s for harassing and allegedly molesting a young European woman inside a building in Sabah Al-Salem, reports Al-Anba daily.

Although the Kuwaiti has denied any wrongdoing, he did not have an answer to two questions - why a woman out of the blue would point a finger of accusation at him and two, what was he doing in that place at that particular time since he does not live in the area.

In the meantime, the woman is insisting to file charges against him.

According to a security source, the woman said she was surprised by the behavior of the stranger and he came close to her and when she rebuked him he left her alone following which she said, she provided the number plate of the citizen's car.

She said the incident happened when she was returning from a workout in a gym. The man was wearing sports gear when he attempted to molest her.

The security source said the Kuwaiti has been referred for interrogation.

**'Wild party' raided:** Personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) have arrested 8 persons for allegedly organizing a party inside a posh building in Fintas allegedly for consuming intoxicants, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to a security source, those arrested (men and women) were not supposed to be in the building as their job description do not permit them to be in the area.

A security source said the arrest came after the Operations Rood of the Ministry of Interior received a report that participants in a party were causing disturbance to the neighbors.

The source added, police then got a warrant from the Public Prosecution, raided the apartment and took into custody the eight people.

However, they were later released after forcing them to sign a pledge not to repeat the offence.

The daily added, a report on the incident has been sent to their respective work places for punitive measures, if any, to be taken against them.

**Threat to kill father:** The Saad Al-Abdullah police have arrested a Kuwaiti for allegedly threatening to kill his father, reports Al-Anba



Municipality inspectors writing a citation for the shopowner.

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405 used tires confiscated from Jahra shop

Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced that 405 used tires have been confiscated from an auto shop in Jahra Governorate, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to a press statement issued by the ministry, the Commercial Control and Consumer Protection Department

inspected and closed down the auto shop that was selling used tires, which is in violation of Law No. 216/2014 that bans importing and selling used tires.

The ministry affirmed that the experience of its inspectors enabled them to discover the huge quantity of used tires that were

hidden above the shop in a manner that would suggest they were not for sale.

It urged all consumers not to purchase such tires because they are cheap, as they may endanger their lives on the road especially during the hot summer season.

Check on compliance with noon-work ban underway

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 8: Official Spokesperson and Director of Public Relations and Media Department at the Public Authority for Manpower Aseel Al-Mazyad says the afternoon work team at the National Center for Occupational Health and Safety will continue with inspection tours of work sites in open places in all regions until the end of this month, reports Al-Anba daily.

In a press statement, she said she hopes business owners and companies are abiding by the decision to ban work in open places from 11:00 pm to 4:00 pm in order to preserve the safety and health of workers and to avoid being exposed to legal violations.

Al-Mazyad indicated that the authority, since the start of the implementation of the work ban

decision during noon time from June beginning, received via its WhatsApp service a total of 59 reports about the presence of workers in exposed places.

She revealed that six citations were issued by monitoring 375 violating workers registered on 266 companies in 161 locations that were covered by inspection tours, and warnings were issued to first-time violators.

Jahra investigation officers have arrested a young man, who is believed to be in his 30s, for threatening kill his mother and sister with a hammer while he was under the influence of narcotics, reports Al-Anba daily.

A security source said the mother refused to file a case against her son for the fear of destroying his future, while the sister is said to have insisted on pursuing him legally.

A case of drug abuse and threatening to 'kill' has been registered at the area police station.

**Mother, sis threatened:** The

**Jeep stolen in parking:** Personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) have circulated the descriptions of a 'Jeep' said to have been stolen by an unknown person which was parked in front of a commercial center in Mangaf, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to a security source, a Kuwaiti left his vehicle and went to a shopping center and when he returned he did not find the vehicle although the man had the keys to the vehicle in his possession.

A case of theft has been registered against an unknown person.



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Firemen trying to free the hands of the child.

Firemen free child's hand

Firemen from the Salmiya Firefighting Center free the hand of an unidentified child which was trapped between two pieces of iron without causing any harm to the child, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The daily quoting fire sources said, the firemen used special instruments and worked with delicacy in such complicated situations and called on the people not to panic or try to work their way but wait for help to arrive.

News in Brief

**Jet skier dead:** The corpse of a young Kuwaiti who fell off the Jet Ski and drowned has been referred to Forensics, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the victim was fished out of water by the Coast Guard personnel.

**Asian drowns at sea:** The remains of an Asian who died of drowning in the swimming of a chalet have been referred to Forensic Medicine, reports Al-Rai daily.

The death was reported to the Operations Room of the Ministry of the Interior that one of the Asian workers had drowned in the swimming pool of one of the chalets in the Mina Abdullah.

**Bootleggers arrested:** The Ahmadi police have arrested four Asians, including a woman, for bootlegging; they were arrested in Fintas, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to a security source, acting on information personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) raided the apartment of the suspects and seized 100 bottles of booze ready for sale.

**Delivery boy robbed:** An unidentified home delivery Asian driver working for a food restaurant was robbed by an unidentified person in Saad Al-Abdullah, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The daily added, the suspect also stole his vehicle. The victim has filed a complaint with the area police station.

**Drug addict nabbed:** Police have arrested an unidentified expatriate for driving under the influence of drugs and damaging a number of parked vehicles in Jabriya, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to security sources, police have seized from him drugs and drug consuming tools.

**Kuwaiti held with drugs:** The Ahmadi police have arrested a young Kuwaiti for possessing narcotic pills, chemicals and knives, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The daily quoting security sources said the suspect has been referred to the concerned authority.

The daily at the time of arrest the suspect was abnormal.

No plan to hire workers, says EPA chief

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 8: Director General of the Environment Public Authority (EPA) Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmad confirmed the cancellation of the authority's contract with a private company for the recruitment of workers needed in the implementation of the National Program for Drinking Water Management and Preservation in 2017, reports Annahar daily.

Sheikh Abdullah made the statement

after the spread of rumors about the contract in various social media platforms. He clarified the contract was cancelled in the same year, in coordination with the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM); affirming the recruitment of workers did not push through.

"Consequently, the authority stressed the necessity of ensuring the accuracy of information before spreading it," he concluded.

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