



A large number of people gather at a make-shift market in Mahboula area, where no social distancing is maintained in view of the corona crisis.

Photo by Bassam Abu Shanab



Taxis seen roaming the streets to get passengers after the government announced allowing only 1 person in a taxi.

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## Ministry announces teaching vacancies for '20/21 school yr

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 10: Ministry of Education has officially announced its need for teachers who hold university qualifications to teach 12 subjects in public schools during the 2020/2021 academic year, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to the announcements, these subjects are English, French, Science, Geology, Interior Design, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Music, and Arabic, as well as Islamic Education. Graduates from the College of Education are invited to apply for the positions.

The ministry highlighted the experience condition to accept applicants in all subjects with the exception of Music Education for female teachers and Interior Design for male teachers.

The experience condition that applicants must meet is three years of experience for those with non-educational qualifications and two years for those with educational qualifications.

However, the categories that are excluded from the experience requirement are

holders of a doctorate degree with a grade of no less than "Very Good" in university qualification, holders of master's degree with an average grade not less than "Excellent" in university qualification, graduates of the College of Education from Kuwait University, and graduates of the College of Basic Education in the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) from Kuwait.

In addition, acceptance of non-Kuwaiti male teachers with science qualifications is limited to graduates from the College of Basic Education in PAAET inside Kuwait.

The appointment of fresh non-Kuwaiti graduates from teaching colleges will be accepted after passing the interview stage; no case or specialization is excluded from this. The priority of appointment after the acceptance of all Kuwaitis in the required specializations will be as follows:

- 1- Children of Kuwaiti women
- 2- Bedoun residents
- 3- Citizens of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.

## Law College discusses legal aspects of COVID-19 crisis, says dept chief

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 10: The repercussions of the COVID-19 crisis have cast a shadow over the research orientation in the Private Law Department of the Faculty of Law in Kuwait University, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Chairman of the department Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Radwan explained that the interest of the department's professors is focused on the legal aspects of the COVID-19 crisis such as its link to rental contracts and work contracts. They have also been undertaking research works on those issues to assist courts in resolving relevant problems, especially since the affected persons are expected to file cases on that matter.

The department is moving towards developing the curricula by adding some new subjects and making them compulsory instead of elective subjects within the curricula. It includes teaching electronic signature, electronic evidence law, financial markets and some types of companies or new contracts. Many of the old topics have been removed from the curricula.

Meanwhile, Al-Radwan said the theoretical colleges rely on direct communication between the student and the faculty member

to explain the courses, stressing, "We are following the university's plan that adopts e-learning due to the ongoing pandemic."

He highlighted the keenness of the university administration to train the faculty members to deal with modern electronic programs, adding that the meetings of the department and the committees such as the Curriculum Development Committee and the Examination Committee are now carried out via electronic means.

Al-Radwan explained that the Private Law Department is the largest department in the college. Similar to other universities, it includes specializations such as civil law, pleading law, and commercial law.

The number of appointed faculty members is about 39 with five seconded professors. It is expected that there will be a surplus in the number of professors to ensure all members take the usual teaching load.

The department uses professors from the College of Sharia to teach personal status law from private law. It is sending law professors of this specialization, instead of using Sharia professors, to focus on the actual legal aspect more precisely beside Islamic jurisprudence.

# Awarding contracts at lowest prices gateway to bid rigging

Dealings in some of the tenders raise many questions

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 10: After years of implementation, it has become necessary to reconsider the condition of awarding contracts to the tenderer at the lowest prices, as stipulated in the Central Tenders Law, given the negative repercussions recorded sometimes through the application of this condition, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The evaluation of bids is done through two systems. The first is to submit two technical and financial envelopes for the tender, and the technically acceptable offers are determined and arranged according to grades obtained by each bid, then the financial offers are opened to only those who are technically acceptable and evaluated. An equation is made, based on which the order of bids is determined, and often, the owner of the lowest financial offers from the technically is accepted.

As for the second system, which is applied in all Kuwaiti tenders, bids are submitted through the one-envelope system that includes technical and financial offer. The lowest bids are financially studied from a technical point of view and an appraisal budget made to ensure that prices are appropriate for all items.

Informed sources said the awarding process sometimes pushes the authorities to accept offers that do not often achieve the desired goal of the tender, with the required efficiency. The major problem is that it often plays the major role in the technical committee of the relevant sector.

In light of the price burning operations, and despite the tenders law permitting some contracts to be awarded at a value less than the estimated cost, according to the adequacy principle and opinion of the technical committee, the dealings in some of those tenders raise many questions about how various items listed in the contract are implemented, including the process of floating bid for an amount less than one-third of the estimated value of the tender.

According to sources, many of the problems in tenders - especially those related to operations and maintenance that require the purchase of a lot of materials, surface after the period of its inception due to challenges the contractor faces through low tender price in general and high price requirements, while different items demand heavy spending.

This opens the door to the issuance of variation orders to compensate for the difference, besides purchasing non-original spare parts, supplying insufficient quantities or carrying out substandard technical works to escape the dilemma of high contract cost, given that no



Kuwait Red Crescent Society delivers medical equipment to hospitals damaged in Beirut.

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## Kuwait Food, Relief Bank launch urgent relief campaign

# Two planeloads carrying 92 tons of emergency needs sent to Lebanon

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 10: The Kuwait Food and Relief Bank announced the launch of an urgent relief campaign to rescue and help the brothers in Lebanon under the title "Beirut without hunger from the country of humanity", in line with its charitable, social and humanitarian role in offering a helping hand to the brothers in distressed Lebanon, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The Food Bank added in a press statement yesterday, that the relief campaign aims help the afflicted, affected and the displaced Lebanese with the help of Kuwaitis, whose number exceeds 300,000.

contractor wants to lose and the idea of making profits is inevitable to ensure that the company continues to operate.

The same sources pointed to the problems of those types of contracts in which what can be described as "price burning" occurs in the form of sudden technical defects, stumbling in implementation and delaying completion

The relief materials cover areas of health, shelter, food security and various necessary needs for subsistence.

Deputy Chairman of the Kuwait Food Bank Misha'al Al-Ansari expressed Kuwait's full solidarity with the Lebanese people in this ordeal, expressing his confidence that the Lebanese people will come out of the situation stronger and more coherent thanks to his solidarity and the help and assistance

Meanwhile, upon directives of HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, and in the spirit of brotherhood

and joint cooperation between the two countries, two Kuwaiti Air Force planes carrying 92 tons of emergency needs and foodstuffs arrived at Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport - part of the airlift that was designated to transport needs, emergency medical aid and foodstuffs to alleviate the sufferings of those affected by the 'Beirut' explosion.

This aid was organized in cooperation and coordination with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Kuwaiti Flour Mills and Bakeries Company.

percent caused the contractor to neglect the implementation of many listed items.

Some countries rely on study conducted by a specialized insurance company to support the vision of the contract owner in determining the acceptable value of the award by which the competing offers are evaluated.