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Voter registration committees begin work in line with minister's decision

'Abuse of HH the Amir a crime'

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 4: The voter registration committees have begun their work in line with the recent decision that has been issued by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Anas Al-Saleh to divide, to compose, and locate the voter registration committees, reports Al-Rai daily.

Informed sources told Al-Rai "the committees have started examining the voter lists to add the names of those eligible, those whose names were unlawfully eliminated from the previous lists and delete the names of the deceased and those who have failed to fulfill the conditions or those whose names were incorrectly included and those who have changed their addresses."

The sources revealed the ministries of Interior and Justice are coordinating efforts to delete the names from electoral lists of those who have been convicted by court verdicts for insulting the country, explaining that the Court of Cassation has established a detailed legal principle in the verdict it issued in 2016 affirming that the abuse of the Amir is considered a crime against honor and honesty, by deciding to delete the names of contestants and this was also confirmed by the Constitutional Court in its ruling in 2017 by rejecting the appeal submitted by Bader Al-Dahum whose name was struck off from the electoral lists.

The sources pointed out delisting includes abusive tweeters against whom final verdicts have been issued, in addition to those convicted in the case of storming the National Assembly, and those convicted in the case of repeating the speech of Musallam Al-Barrak (Enough of Frivolity), when the Court of Cassation yesterday upheld the verdict issued against 21 who were sentenced to two years imprisonment and fined two thousand dinars to suspend the sentence, including former deputies and political activists.

Permits for expats

4 officials authorized to grant travel permit

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 4: State Minister for Municipal Affairs Eng Waleed Khalifa Al-Jassem recently issued a circular specifying four officials authorized to grant travel permits to non-Kuwaiti employees at Kuwait Municipality, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The minister has also instructed officials assigned in the Municipality's administrative units not to grant travel permits to non-Kuwaiti employees under special contracts, as this is under the jurisdiction of the concerned authorities in the Municipality.

According to the circular, the four officials authorized to grant travel permits to non-Kuwaiti employees are as follows: Secretary General of the Municipal Council Bader Al-Rifaei, Deputy General Manager of the Financial and Administrative Affairs Sector Fouad Al-Raghaib, Personnel Affairs Department Director Osama Al-Omairi and Functional Affairs Supervisor Badr Al-Sarraf.

In the meantime, in response to a parliamentary inquiry before her resignation, former Social Affairs Minister Gadeer Aseeri confirmed the ministry's commitment to abide by the rules and procedures on Kuwaitization of governmental jobs, reports Al-Qabas daily.

She also affirmed that the necessary procedures were taken to reduce the number of non-Kuwaiti employees in the public sector. She revealed 14 expatriate employees in the ministry and nine in the Public Authority for Handicapped Affairs (PAHA) were terminated in fiscal 2017/2018; in addition to four in the ministry and eight in PAHA during fiscal 2018/2019.



KUNA photo
KRCSC Chairman Dr Hilal Al-Sayer meets Tunisian Ambassador to Kuwait

Assisting people around the globe

Tunisian Ambassador lauds efforts of 'Kuwait Red Crescent Society'

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 4, (KUNA): Tunisian Ambassador to Kuwait Ahmad Bin Al-Saqhir praised on Monday efforts exerted by Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCSC) over the years in terms of aid and relief to people everywhere.

In a statement to KUNA, Al-Saqhir said such efforts continues to provide various humanitarian and relief assistance to countries that have been exposed to natural or man-made disasters.

Al-Saqhir added, after his meeting with KRCSC Chairman Dr Hilal Al-Sayer that the speed in which KRCSC provides aid to affected peoples come as a testament and commitment to its humanitarian role and its duty in assisting countries and peoples

around the globe.

He expressed gratitude for its help to Tunisia as a result of the recent floods through KRCSC, which confirms the strength of the relations between the two brotherly countries at all levels.

For his part, Al-Sayer affirmed in a similar statement to KUNA, that the society continues to play its humanitarian role and duty in providing relief to suffering people, including participating in every international efforts around the world.

During their meeting, Al-Sayer reviewed most important Kuwaiti humanitarian aid and services in the region, especially to affected areas due to recent floods in Tunisia.



KCCI Al-Qatami with members from Lebanese Public Institution for Investment Promotion led by the Board Chairman and Director General Dr Mazen Sweid.

KCCI receives delegation from Lebanese PIIP

Chairperson of the Financial and Investment Committee at Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Wafaa Ahmad Al-Qatami on Monday received a delegation from the Lebanese

Public Institution for Investment Promotion (PIIP) led by the Board Chairman and Director General Dr Mazen Sweid.

The meeting was held in the presence of the institution's Arab

Relations Advisor Raouf Abuzaki and several members of the KCCI board. The meeting revolved around the plan to strengthen economic cooperation between both countries.

Bid to strengthen co-op between the two agencies

KUNA and ADI to sign cooperation agreement

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 4, (KUNA): Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) will sign a cooperation agreement with Djibouti news agency (Agence Djiboutienne d'Information - ADI) tomorrow, KUNA's Chairman and Director General Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij Al-Sabah said Tuesday.

The agreement will be signed Wednesday during the visit of the

Djiboutian media delegation to Kuwait. Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij, in a press statement, welcomed the delegation's visit upon KUNA's invitation.

The delegation includes director of communications and information at the ministry of communications, ADI's director and Arabic-language newspaper Al-Qarn's editor-in-chief.

Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij explained

that he will sign with his Djiboutian counterpart a cooperation agreement that includes exchange of information, news and photos, as well as exchanging visits.

Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij stressed vitality of this agreement, which strengthens cooperation between the two agencies, especially for KUNA into the African continent.



Cast of 'Najd'

Shehab to act in drama series

Saudi movie 'Najd' wins grand prize

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 4: The Saudi movie "Najd" won the grand prize in the second round of the Al Ain Film Festival as the best movie in the competition "The Long Gulf Falcon", starring the big star Hayat Al-Fahd and Ibrahim Al-Harbi in addition to Zahra Al-Kharji, and Majid the singer Fawaz and others, and the award was received by Dr Hana Salem from Film production team, reports Al-Anba daily.

The festival, which was held from Jan 20 to 25 this year under the slogan "Cinema of the Future", witnessed 65 films from the GCC countries and the Arab countries.

"Najd" is the first Saudi movie to be shown in the Kingdom after allowing cinemas to be activated in the country, and it is written by Khaled Al-Rajeh and directed by Samir Aref.

Meanwhile, news published by the Kuwaiti presenter Mai Al-Eidan on her Instagram account about the death of artiste Dana Abbas Al-Haidar came as a shock to the users of social media, reports Al-Shahed daily.

Many wondered about the reason behind the artiste's sudden death. Some claimed that she had recently discovered she had Stage 4 cancer, but some others denied this claim, insisting that she suffered from blood clot and was admitted in the hospital few days before her death.

The daily stated that it has no details about the last moments of her life.

Some people revealed that the deceased was a victim of bullying and was subjected to severe mocking throughout her life.

Furthermore, the artiste Rania Shehab hopes to make a move in 2020 and find the right husband and "spend with him for the rest of my life, as well as I hope for a shift at the professional level," reports Al-Rai daily.

Shehab recently signed a contract to participate in drama series "As if nothing has happened", written by Sahab and directed by Hussein Al-Halibi, and starring Zahra Arafat, Heba Al-Dari, Fahd Al-Abdul Mohsen, Nour Al-Sheikh, Shehab Hajia, Khaled Al-Shaer, Muhammad Safar, Muhammad Al-Dosari and others. The serials are expected to be shown during the next Ramadan season.

Shehab revealed the features of the personality assigned to her by saying: "In (as if nothing happened), I will look at the viewers by embodying the personality of Intisar, a very loyal friend and sister who is afraid for the interest of her friend (Zahra Arafat), as she tries hard to keep her away from everything that is offensive and harmful to her. But on the other hand, Intisar is exposed to many situations and accusations that are so offensive because of that fear, and I am content with this amount of personality, which I see as full of events that escalate slowly, depending on the element of suspense."

After announcing a number of its upcoming Ramadan projects, 'Eagle Films' company, producer Jamal Sinan, has started the latest preparations before launching filming of the series 'One billion riyals' in which 'Eagle Films' works in cooperation with 'All Over' by Khaled Al-Rifai, a project that will be filmed in Saudi Arabia within the next few days, to be telecast during the holy month of Ramadan, reports Al-Anba daily.

The comic work is composed of 30 episodes, and it will be directed by Asad Fuladkar, that touches Gulf societies, and raises many questions, while the answers come in the last episodes of the project, starring Haya Al-Shuaibi and some of the most prominent Gulf stars, including Ali Al-Hamidi, Abdul Majeed Al-Rahidi, Khaled al-Farraj, and others.

Furthermore, Ahmed Muqem is one of the most outstanding artists in the world. He has participated in several local and international exhibitions, and his paintings have been showcased in several vital utilities in Kuwait such as the painting of His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince at the new terminal belonging to Kuwait Airways in Kuwait International Airport, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Muqem's painting of the late actor Abdul Hussein Abdul Redha has been displayed at Abdul Hussein Abdul Redha Theater, and another of his painting will be displayed in Al-Salam Palace Museum in a few weeks.

A painting by artist Muqem was displayed at Ankara International Airport for three months.

'Appeal met with strong rejection'

Dr Nabil rues lack of govt support for theater

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 4: The head of the popular theater group, Dr Nabil Al-Failakawi, revealed that the group had borne all the expenses of participating in the 12th session of the 'Awaal' theater festival with the play 'The Black Death' after the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters refused to support the group under the pretext of lack of budget, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Al-Failakawi confirmed that he had previously appealed to His Highness the Prime Minister and also sought a meeting with the Minister of Information and also the Secretary-General of the Council, but "providing support" was met with strong rejection.

He said: "Unfortunately the participants represented Kuwait at their personal expense and this indicates there is no serious interest in art and theater or Kuwait's participation in international artistic forums." He said it is the third time the group had to bear the expenses of its 'foreign' participation.

It is mentioned the play 'The Black Death' was written by Al-Failakawi, Directed by Muhammad Jamal Al-Shatti, starring Abdulaziz Al-Masoud, Jarrah Mal Allah, Othman Al-Shatti, Ahmed Al-Rifai, Hiba Mutee, Basheer Al-Shinaifi, and Fatima Al-Alawi.



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