

## Move to protect homeland and society from coronavirus epidemic

## Activation of e-government need of the hour

KUWAIT CITY, May 19: It is imperative that the concerned parties begin to activate the e-government quickly and apply the system fully after the end of the total 'lockdown', to protect the homeland and society from this epidemic and achieve social divergence and prevent gatherings, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

The activation of e-government is very important at this stage in particular, with the economic situation gradually limping back to normal in order to reduce the risks of spreading infection, and reduce the number of people in work areas keeping in mind the safety of the people which is a priority.

Every citizen aspires to see his country rubbing shoulders with developed countries, especially since Kuwait has ample expertise among its citizens and they should be given opportunities to work in various fields.

Here it must be pointed out that education is the cornerstone because excellent education will undoubtedly

give birth to genius engineers, chemists and physicists who will benefit the homeland.

The best way to address all obstacles and mistakes which are piling in all sectors, including health, food, construction, and others, is to start developing education and restructuring it. The sources say, the stage that

we are going through is sensitive at the cost levels, and therefore it is not permissible to disrupt the work of the National Assembly, because there are proposals that must be approved at this stage, especially the electronic litigation (electronic system) to preserve the rights of litigants, and to give a role to lawyers

to perform their work.

Countries can progress scientifically and practically only with conscious governments and peoples, and here we realize the difficulty of imposing awareness on some and convincing them of the importance of values in a way that is difficult to find a vaccine for the corona virus, added the sources.

## 600 people register online

## Minister Gowda assures 'repatriation' flights to Karnataka from Kuwait soon

BENGALURU, India, May 19: Honorable Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers and former chief minister of Karnataka Sri D. V. Sadananda Gowda assured Kannadigas residing in Kuwait that Indian government will arrange flights to Bangalore/Mangalore within 10 days for repatriation of 600 people who have registered online.



Gowda

Various Karnataka associations in Kuwait have requested the Indian government to arrange flights from Kuwait for the people of Karnataka stranded in Kuwait having medical emergency issues, pregnant

women, jobless Indians and those with expired visas in Kuwait.

In a video conference with Honorable Minister Gowda organized by Tulu Koota Kuwait on 16th May, Ramesh S. Bhandary, President of Tulu Koota Kuwait explained the situation of about 50,000 Kannadigas living in Kuwait and requested for repatriation of people affected by COVID-19 pandemic. Leaders of other associations participated in the meeting are Kuwait Kannada Koota Association's Rajesh Vittal, Kuwait Canara Welfare Association's Steven Rego, Karnataka Muslim Welfare Association's Abdul Naser Khan, Kuwait Bhandara Sangha's Guru Hegde, Kuwait Billava Sangha's Krishna S. Pojari and Indian Muslim Association's Jafar Sadik.

## FM receives call from UNRWA Comm-General

KUWAIT CITY, May 19, (KUNA): Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah received a video call from the new Commissioner-General of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Philippe Lazzarini.

Sheikh Ahmad affirmed Kuwait's support for the agency's work and its lofty goals once again in light of what the world is going through as a result of the outbreak of the

coronavirus pandemic.

For his part, Lazzarini hailed Kuwait's vital role in supporting the agency, expressing his deep appreciation, gratitude for the pioneering and distinguished humanitarian role played by Kuwait in supporting the afflicted and affected peoples, and assuming a prominent position on the level of humanitarian work regionally and internationally led by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

## Al-Jassem's decision to reduce number of expats wins support

'Kuwaitization will happen, to be more effective in govt sector'

KUWAIT CITY, May 19: The article published recently on the front page of Al-Rai newspaper concerning the statement made by the State Minister for Municipal Affairs Walid Al-Jassem towards dispensing with expatriates had sparked broad public and parliamentary reactions mainly in support of the step taken by Al-Jassem, and amid calls for taking similar steps in all parts of the state for eliminating unproductive workers, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to sources informed about the marginal workers' file, Al-Jassem's decision to stop appointing expatriates and dispense with those present in Kuwait Municipality had stirred the stagnant water in the issue of Kuwaitization. The legal aspect relating to violation of the residency law revealed a governmental plan to reduce those workers as the first step, followed by serious steps through legislation and laws that will put an end to unreasonable increase in the proportion of the number of expatriates which has exceeded 70 percent of the total population.

## Kuwaitization

The sources affirmed that Kuwaitization will happen, and its application in governmental jobs will be more effective, highlighting that the first hint was the directive from the state minister for municipal affairs not to appoint expatriates and to sift through files of their employees in Kuwait Municipality.

They revealed that the number of marginal workers, both legal and illegal, has exceeded 600,000.

According to the latest statistics, the number of residency violators who took advantage of the amnesty granted by Ministry of Interior to leave the country within a month without paying any financial fines incurred by them reached 168,000. This is in addition to monitoring more than 400,000 others who can be considered marginal workers as they do not work for their sponsors and work on the basis of daily wages.

In addition to the marginal workers and residency violators, the workforce that can be dispensed with is the non-technical employees working in public and private sectors in areas and professions that do not need expatriates as they often carry out office tasks that do not require contracting with other countries except within narrow limits.

The sources emphasized that the train of the containment governmental plan to sort out the number of unproductive expatriates who proved to be burden for the country and its infrastructure during the coronavirus crisis is on the rails, and is now in the process of being approved, adding that as soon as this plan is approved, its implementation will begin on both short-term and long-term basis.

The sources explained that the replacement of expatriate workers in the public sector will be carried out within three months after the end of the coronavirus crisis. Expatriates in the public sector will be screened. Those who work on the basis of the system of assignment and services, as well as those in non-technical jobs will be terminated. The contracts of those working on contract



Dr Ibtisam Al-Hammadi with the heroes of 'Muhammad Ali Road'.

## 'Role of fashion in enriching TV drama vital'

## Two series turning point in my career: Dr Ibtisam

KUWAIT CITY, May 19: Dr Ibtisam Al-Hammadi, a professor of Fashion at the Higher Institute of Theatrical Arts, considers the series 'Umm Haroun' and 'Muhammad Ali Road' a turning point in her career spanning more than two decades, at the same time stressing on the importance and role of fashion in enriching TV drama, reports Al-Rai daily.

Dr Ibtisam revealed the design stages of any drama or theater work, stressing that the first stage in fashion design in addition to dealing with personalities begins after reading the text, "where I deal with the text as if it is a novel in order to leave space for my imagination to coexist with events and be with the characters within time and location, so that the first aura of each

pattern is formed'.

She continued, saying this is followed by the second stage, which is the study of the boundaries of the temporal era of the text and the work of studying the compatibility between patterns of personalities in their social and economic degrees.

Here, she says, the initial image of the third stage figures is formed, dealing with the design and color, and its compatibility with the psychological state of each personality, with its dramatic and time-shifting movements and transmissions, separately.

Regarding the color formula that she works on, Dr Ibtisam replied: "The color formula is the case that deals with the costume

to highlight the formation of the dramatic character. In every work I put a plan that matches color and its connotations, and I rely a lot on (theory) whether in decoration or fashion as a modern line compatible with modern art and adapting it to serve the era, as the task of the fashion designer is very difficult which is to convince the recipient, because he needs to reach a color climate condition that convinces the recipient that what he sees is within the limits of logic."

She drew attention to the interest of Kuwaiti art since ancient times in fashion as it is part of the culture of society, and this was manifested in several works.

## ACA launches Voice Your Vote write-in campaign

WASHINGTON, DC, May 19: ACA, a section 501(c)(4) tax-exempt, non-profit, nonpartisan, volunteer organization, has launched its Voice Your Vote write-in campaign. As the premier thought-leader on issues affecting U.S. citizens living and working abroad, ACA has consistently supported legislation assuring the fundamental rights of overseas American voters. Voting rights along with citizenship transmission was one of the founding issues of ACA.

Today the organization continues to support those rights by providing overseas Americans with a write-in campaign where voters can ask the incumbents and candidates running for office in the 2020 Presidential and Congressional elections their opinions on issues directly affecting the overseas American community.

The write-in campaign is quick and easy to use either on your laptop or portable phone. Voters provide their U.S. voting address - this is the last known address an overseas American resided at prior to leaving the U.S. incumbents and candidates running in their district and for President will pre-populate the form so individuals can directly write to those running for office asking where they stand on issues. Many

Americans born overseas but never lived in the U.S. may still qualify to vote using their parent's last known U.S. residential address.

ACA Voting Director, Roland Crim, views the write-in campaign as a natural extension of ACA's advocacy work: "The campaign complements our voting rights advocacy by giving voters a voice, providing the community with a tool for speaking to candidates directly. Campaigns have traditionally been seen as a one-way flow of information to targeted voters, and this should not be the norm. In a better world, voter sentiment impacts a candidate's positions throughout the campaign, and the more channels we offer for the expression of popular sentiment, the better."

"Candidates running for office and those incumbents running for reelection must remember that their constituency includes Americans living and working overseas. ACA estimates that there are 5 to 6 million Americans living overseas. These voters' issues and their voice in the voting process should not be overlooked. Far too often the issues of overseas Americans are overshadowed by domestic issues, but this makes them no less important," added Jonathan Lachowitz, ACA

Chairman.

ACA's research from its work on Residency-based taxation, estimates that 5 to 6 million Americans live and work overseas. With more and more tax legislation directly affecting Americans overseas and with concerns over COVID-19 and the effects of the pandemic, ACA anticipates overseas American voter turnout in the 2020 elections to be high.

The ACA Voice Your Vote campaign builds on ACA's already existing write-in campaign platform where Americans overseas can also find a write-in campaign to support hearings on the tax issues of Americans living and working overseas - Tax Fairness for Americans Abroad: An Idea Worth Fighting For. ACA anticipates adding more write-in campaign efforts to its platform in the coming months.

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"The Resources Development Committee warned repeatedly about the negative implications of coronavirus crisis, especially about the high number of expatriates and the need to implement Kuwaitization in government jobs and approve the quota system. The issue of marginal labor is the reason behind the depletion of state resources, so the government has become obligated to take strict measures and address this file seriously. This file can be addressed by draining sources of residency dealers and applying the quota system to the proportions of communities."

## Failure

He stressed that the root of the problem lies in the failure of the government to impose strict control on the recruitment of workers from abroad and that it allowed residency trade to flourish without accountability or scrutiny.

Al-Saleh said, "Implementation of the Kuwaitization policy has become a public and parliamentary demand. As a form of support, we in the Human Resources Committee presented recommendations and solutions for this file."

## Ramadan Timings

Iftar ..... Wednesday ..... 18:37  
Imsak ..... Thursday ..... 03:08

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Prayer Timings	
Fajr	03:23
Sunrise	04:54
Zohr	11:44
Asr	15:20
Maghreb	18:36
Isha	20:04

Kuwait Weather			
Expected weather for the next 24 hours:			
By Night: Fair and partly cloudy with light to moderate south easterly wind to south westerly wind with speed of 10-30 km/h.			
By Day: Hot and partly cloudy to cloudy with light variable wind to light to moderate south easterly wind with speed of 08-30 km/h.			
Station	Max	Min	Exp
Kuwait City	41	31	31
Kuwait Airport	44	26	26
Abdaly	44	28	28
Bubayan	-	-	-
Jahra	43	29	29
Falaka Island	38	27	27
Salmiyah	39	31	31
Ahmadi	-	-	-
Nuwaisib	40	25	25
Wafra	41	25	25
Salmi	43	27	27

4 days forecast - Weather			
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>			
Expected weather..... Hot and some scattered clouds will appear			
Max Temp.....	42°C		
Min Temp.....	24°C		
Wind Direction.....	NW-SE		
Wind Speed.....	12-32 km/h		
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>			
Expected weather..... Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas			
Max Temp.....	41°C		
Min Temp.....	24°C		
Wind Direction.....	VRB-SE		
Wind Speed.....	08-28 km/h		
<b>Friday, May 22</b>			
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Wind Direction.....	VRB-SE		
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Marine Forecast				
Station	Max Exp	Min Rec	Sea Surf	Today's Waves
South Dolphin	-	-	-	3ft NW
Umm Mudyarah	-	-	-	3ft NW
Beacon M28	-	-	-	3ft NW

Beacon N6	-	-	3ft NW
Qaruh Island	39	28	3ft NW
Umm Al-Maradim	39	27	3ft NW
Sea Island Buo	-	-	-
Salmiyah	39	31	3ft SE

4 days forecast - Marine			
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1st low tide:	16:38		
2nd low tide:	04:33		
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Sunset:	18:35		

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport			
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Min temp.....	22°C		
Max Rh.....	39%		
Min Rh.....	06%		
Max Wind.....	S 21 km/h		
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs.....	0 mm		
Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin			
Min/Max Air Temp.....	-/-		
Min/Max Rel Hum.....	-/-		
Wind Direction/Wind Speed.....	N/- km/h		
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht.....	N/- ft		
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Sea Current.....	End of downdraft		
- Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.			

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## deaths

Hessah Salem Al Hilal, widow of Ibrahim Khaled Ibrahim Al Hasawi, 86 years old, buried on Monday. Condolences: Tel. 99077202. **Eilham Ibrahim Mahmood**, widow of Suhail Abdul Ghali Al Jaijan, 56 years old, buried on Monday. Condolences: Tel. 66331477. **Haifa Matar Ali Matar**, wife of Minawar Degham Al Rasheedi, 66 years old, buried on Monday. Condolences: Tel. 99724320.

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Walid Al-Jassem