

'Far from the eye, far from the heart'

Road to Wafra littered with total waste

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 28: Discarded old vehicle tyres, dead animals and car skeletons is what you see on both sides of the Wafra Road and some other parts in the area which is a pitiful sight as the Kuwaiti Municipality seems to have forgotten this area and the Environment Public Authority allowed the violators of the Environmental Law to distort this landscape of this agricultural city of Kuwait which once represented the green lung of Kuwait and the food tank of vegetables, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

As soon as a person climbs drives the Maghreb highway towards Al-Wafra, what awaits him is a lot of surprises as both sides

of the street resemble a dumping ground for people who have built their stalls in the area and feel free to discard waste at will.

If the perpetrators of these heinous acts are still unknown, then the responsibility for turning a blind eye falls on the shoulders of the Kuwait Municipality, the Environment Agency and other concerned institutions because it is clear they have abandoned their role and encouraged the violators of the environmental law to continue what they are doing unperturbed in an area that is supposed to be a basic food source for its crops.

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Collection delayed: The Industrial Bank of Kuwait (IBK) decided to postpone the collection of installments from the owners of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) financed by the bank for another six months starting from October 2020, reports Al-Anba daily.

The bank clarified that it took this decision due to the exceptional circumstances the country is going through, particularly the repercussions of the novel coronavirus which continues to negatively affect the owners of SMEs. This is also part of the bank's commitment to fully support the SMEs under its funding.



Photo by Bassam Abu Shanab
All kinds of garbage strewn on both sides of the road to Wafra, south Kuwait. Municipality department seems to have neglected the area for quite some time.

News in Brief

Medical panels on hold: Ministry of Health Undersecretary Dr Mustafa Reda recently issued an administrative decision to cancel administrative resolution number 3160 of 2020 on the formation of the Higher Medical Committee for Overseas Treatment, which consists of local and visiting consultants, reports Al-Rai daily.

This is a continuation of the decision that the ministry issued in October to stop the work of overseas treatment committees in public and specialized hospitals due to the high number of coronavirus infections in most countries, especially the destinations where citizens are usually sent to undergo treatment.



Dr Reda

Filipina in suicide bid: A 36-year-old Filipina has been admitted to the Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital under police guard to interrogate her why she wanted to end her life, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the Filipina who reportedly works as a maid for a Kuwaiti family in Sabah Al-Salem attempted to commit suicide by taking a large quantity of medicine pills.

Without divulging more details, the daily said the maid was taken to the hospital by paramedics.

Police officer insulted: A corporal working for the General Traffic Department has filed a complaint with the Salmiya Police Station accusing a Kuwaiti of verbally insulting him, reports

Shops with fake goods shut

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 28: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced the closure of 27 shops for violating Law No. 10/1979 after seizing a number of counterfeit goods and accessories in addition to commercial fraud.

The Ministry of Commerce said in a press release its inspection teams seized, during their regular inspection tours, a number of shops that were selling counterfeit goods, in violation of local and international laws which is equal to violation of international property rights.

The Ministry explained the owners of the shops have been referred to the concerned authorities for necessary action.

The Ministry affirmed its inspectors will continue in their campaigns to ensure the health of consumers and to control the spread of counterfeit products.

Al-Rai daily.

This happened when the Hawalli police patrol on a round in Salmiya saw the suspect violating traffic laws.

The Kuwaiti was ordered to pull over and asked to show his driving licence and car registration book. However, he refused and instead insulted the officer.

Indian steals cash: An unidentified Syrian has filed a breach of trust case against an Indian, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the Indian and the Syrian were engaged in a commercial project selling mobile phones and accessories and the Indian is said to have escaped with the money from the proceeds of sales.

A case of betrayal of trust has been filed against the suspect.

Two hurt in fight: One Kuwaiti has been arrested and the other has been admitted to the Jahra Hospital with undisclosed injuries, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the two met at the Stables area to settle a dispute with their respective families and ended up assaulting each other. The one in police custody is being interrogated.

Egyptian assaulted: An unidentified Egyptian has filed a complaint with the Shamiya Police Station accusing four unidentified people driving in a four-wheel drive of assaulting him and gave police the suspects' car plate number, reports Al-Anba daily.

The man did not say why the suspects beat him. Police are looking for the suspects.

KNG officer robbed: A Kuwaiti working for the National Guard has filed a case with the Adailiya Police Station accusing an unidentified thief of breaking into his Jeep and stealing his National Guard rank and a spare tire, reports Al-Anba daily.

He said the incident happened at night in Block No 3, where he lives.

180 volunteers from 'Nazaha' to cover parliamentary polls

Training course held for volunteers

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KUWAIT CITY, Nov 28 : The Public Authority for Combating Corruption (Nazaha), in cooperation with the Kuwaiti Transparency Society, organized a training course for the society's volunteers participating in covering and monitoring the National Assembly elections 2020 scheduled for next Dec 5.

The Assistant Secretary for the Supervision Sector at Nazaha, Abrar Al-Hammad, expressed her happiness with the participation of 180 volunteers in this training course to monitor the elections after the decision of the Council of Ministers to allow the Transparency Society to monitor the elections as a community monitoring role to ensure transparency during the elections and the correctness.

She added, "We were proud of the participation of these volunteers during the Covid-19 pandemic, and today we are most proud that we have volunteers to fight corruption."

She pointed out that the training course program is to train and educate young people about the election law, the code of occupational conduct for the observer, aspects of combating corruption, its types and effects in order to unify the concepts and to impart on the volunteer his/her duties, rights, procedures and limits.

She added that the aim of the session is to raise awareness of how to prevent corruption in the electoral field, and to increase the values that enhance integrity and combat corruption.

Regarding the role of "Nazaha" in the elections, Al-Hammad said that the authority has a role in the process of facilitating the tasks of observers who will visit Kuwait in cooperation with the Transparency Society, whether facilitating their visit to the country or facilitating their movement, pointing out that the monitoring process will have a kind of transparency by allowing them to enter the committee halls and will prepare a report that Nazaha will review.

She added that this report is important to Nazaha, as "We have read their previous reports and learned of the flaws, so it is important for us to read a transparent and accurate report to know the pros and cons of the electoral process."

She explained 11 observers from Arab countries will visit Kuwait, and Nazaha representatives will meet with them on Dec 3, noting that the procedures for their entry into the country have been adopted in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice with regard to hosting them in Kuwait and the quarantine and movement process and faci-



Photo by Bassam Abu Shanab
Officials from the 'Anti-Corruption Authority' during the training seminar.

MoE officer accused of harassment

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KUWAIT CITY, Nov 28: An unidentified senior officer in the Ministry of Education took his case directly to the Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Saud Al-Harbi when an unidentified employee in his sector accused the officer of harassing her.

The officer did not wait for the investigation to end in a complaint filed by an employee and told the minister the charge has been slapped against him because he used his position to transfer the employee to another department.

Informed educational sources told the Al-Seyassah daily the Minister Al-Harbi has referred the senior officer to the Civil Service Commission for investigation.

The sources stated the minister has initiated a request for statements and fact-finding from the various parties concerning the complaint, indicating the officer has accepted the decision on the issue and cleared his name from the employee's complaint until everything becomes crystal clear.

Meanwhile, the female employee is said to have disclosed everything in front of some officials in the minister's office and revealed all the harassment she was subjected to.

The sources indicated some officials asked the employee to remain calm and not to provide any information about the harassment she was exposed to publicly, especially since there is an investigation going on into the incident or go to the 'police station' which was another option in front of the complainant.

tating their tasks.

For his part, the constitutional expert, Professor of Public Law, Faculty of Law, Kuwait University, Dr. Muhammad Al-Feely said that according to the procedures announced by the government administration, a method has been organized that guarantees people infected with the virus their right to contest and vote, as "we are always looking for a way to reconcile these interests, and within the framework of the democratic system the electoral process takes place and through it, the nation expresses the sovereignty it possesses, with consideration to protecting the public from the risks of the spread of epidemics."

Al-Feely added that if the specialists decide that it is possible to reconcile these two interests, they will not cancel the other, and there are models in other countries, and that this matter has been completed, and the apparent situation confirms that reconciliation between the two interests is possible through taking measures.

He pointed out that on the day of the

election there is a need to lay down a special corridor for those infected, and there is nothing wrong as long as this does is done in a proper manner.

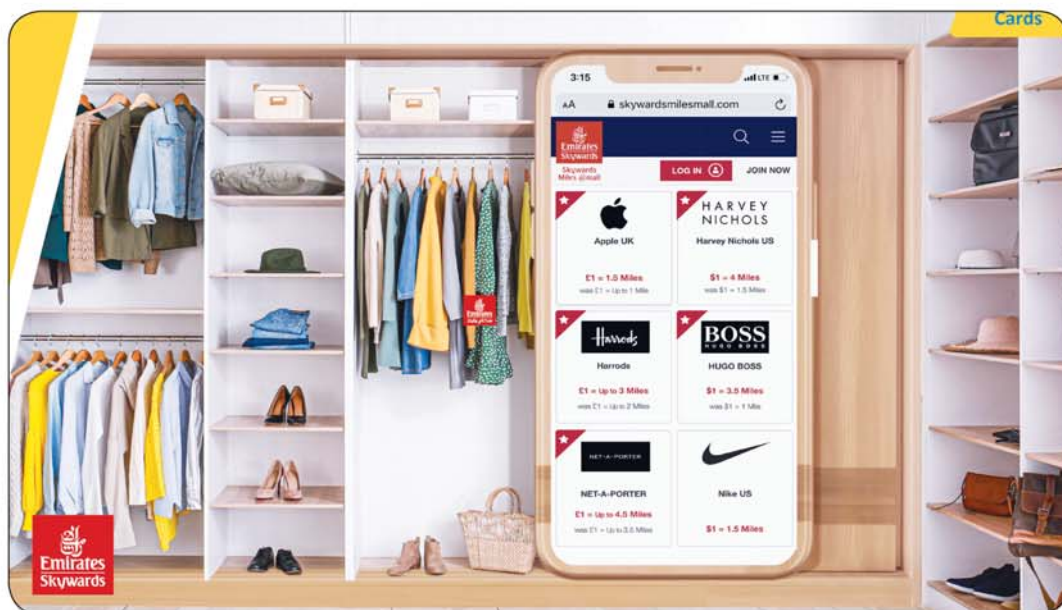
Al-Feely said: Voting takes place in accordance with the established law, rules and regulations and the constitution specified this election law, and that these rules currently govern the electoral process and accordingly the voting takes place at the election site, pointing out that if the law is amended as this matter exists in other countries the ballot box goes where the voter is, there is nothing wrong, but until the law is amended, it must be respected.

Dr. Feely explained to the volunteers the election law while the association presented an overview of the electoral observer's code of conduct the most important procedures on polling day.

The head of the Kuwaiti Transparency Society Majed Al-Mutairi said the volunteers participating in the training course said the training period will end after briefing them on some general procedures.

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