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# MoH okays request on computer training for students & parents

Need to adhere to preventive health guidelines: Al-Mutairi



Visitors to the PACI headquarters seen wearing face masks as the number of coronavirus cases increases. Kuwait government is planning to re-impose curfew in view of the increasing number of cases.

## KRCS hands 10,000 food baskets to Palestinians in Gaza

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 15, (KUNA): Kuwait on Thursday said it would provide a sum of USD 1.5 million in immediate aid to the United Nations agency helping Palestinian refugees, in a bid to ensure the cash-strapped body's services remain uninterrupted.

"Kuwait is committed to the protection of Palestinian refugees to ensure their access to essential services," Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah told a virtual United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) pledging conference, co-chaired by Sweden and Jordan.

The minister, who was heading Kuwait's delegation to the talks on video-link, said his country supported the "path of institutional reform" the UN agency has pursued, praising UNRWA's determination to remain active and its commitment to its goals.

Describing UNRWA as a "pillar of stability" in the region, the Kuwaiti foreign minister said it was imperative the agency is able to plug funding gaps needed to keep operating persistently.

UNRWA provides essential services to Palestinian refugees across Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank and Gaza.

Meanwhile, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) started packing 10,000 food baskets received from Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) to distribute them to the Palestinian families affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Speaking to KUNA in a press statement, Abdulaziz Abu Eisha, head of PRCS' disaster department, said the Kuwaiti-funded baskets aimed at alleviating sufferings of people affected

by the coronavirus pandemic.

This aid also targets those quarantined and affected by the curfew and lockdown that raised unemployment rate and poverty, he added.

The Kuwaiti assistance came in response to calls launched last August to all international and Arab institutions following registering coronavirus cases in the Strip, he noted.

He thanked Kuwait, its leadership and people as well as the KRCS for the rapid response to provide relief aid to the Palestinian people, amid the Israeli blockade and the spread of the pandemic.

He also expressed heartfelt condolences to Kuwait over the demise of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The PRCS will begin distributing the food baskets to the Palestinian families next week.

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 15: Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Mutairi has approved the request of the Ministry of Education – represented by some private schools – to organize workshops and training courses on computer programs and electronic educational platforms for students and parents inside the schools, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The daily obtained a copy of the official letter that Al-Mutairi sent to the Ministry of Education, in which he stressed the need to adhere to preventive health guidelines in order to guarantee the safety of students, parents and the teaching staff; as well as to curb the spread of coronavirus. He also stressed the importance of activating distance education and tests to ensure the disease does not spread further.

### Request

Meanwhile, informed sources told the daily that 30 American, British, bilingual, Indian and Pakistani schools submitted a request to Assistant Undersecretary for Special Education Dr Abdul Mohsen Al-Huwailah to organize in-campus workshops and training sessions on computer programs for parents and students.

Sources confirmed Al-Huwailah discussed the request with acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Faisal Al-Maqsid, and then the matter was referred to the Ministry of Health.

The private schools, which submitted the request, confirmed their keenness to ensure the realization of the aspirations of students in terms of academic achievement and quality education for them to pursue higher studies with excellence and success.

These schools also confirmed their commitment to implement the online learning system in an advanced manner.

### Explained

Sources explained the request is in response to the insistence of parents to provide support and assistance for them to help their children, facilitate the online education mechanism for them, and provide the required facilities to support students who are educationally distressed and in dire need of continuous communication with the academic advisor to improve their performance.



Dr Al-Mutairi



KUNA photo  
Ambassador Sami Al-Suleiman handing over the letter to Director of the Middle East and North Africa Department at the French Foreign Ministry Christophe Farno.

## Ambassador delivers Amir's letter to Macron

Kuwaiti Ambassador to France Sami Al-Suleiman met with Director of the Middle East and North Africa Department at the French Foreign Ministry Christophe Farno, where he handed him a letter from His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to French President Emmanuel Macron.

In a statement during the meeting on Thursday, Al-Suleiman thanked France for its kind feelings and support to Kuwait after the passing away of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

He expressed his appreciation of the statement made by French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian and the visit of Minister of Armed Forces Florence Parly to Kuwait, where she met with His Highness Sheikh Nawaf and delivered a cable of condolences from President Macron.

On his part, Farno said France and Kuwait built strong relations in the era of His Highness Sheikh Sabah. He also noted that the late Amir was a man of wisdom and peaceful leadership, who was respected by the whole world. (KUNA)



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Indian ambassador with Sheikh Thamer.

## Indian envoy meets Sheikh Thamer

India's Ambassador to Kuwait, H.E. Sibi George on Wednesday met the President of the National Security Bureau of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali Al-Sabah, says a press release issued by the embassy.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed bilateral relations between the two countries and ways to enhance and

strengthen them in addition to various aspects of the existing bilateral cooperation.

Mutual issues of interest and latest regional and international developments, including the COVID-19 pandemic situation and the collective fight against it were also discussed during the meeting.

## Saad Al-Abdullah City project in focus

Meeting among concerned parties vital to solve issue of 'obstructions'

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 15: A government source said the solution to the issue of the so-called 'obstructions' to the southern city of Saad Al-Abdullah will not be accomplished except by holding a meeting that includes the concerned ministers, reports Al-Rai daily quoting reliable sources.

The source added, the obstacles and solutions must be placed on one table and discussed; the recommendations should be taken into consideration and if applicable should be immediately implemented.

The Saad Al-Abdullah South City project causes the citizens to turn their back on the Al-Mutla'a City project, where work continues to move forward due to the proximity of the area.

The source indicated that the relevant authorities are trying to absolve themselves of the responsibility while it is assumed that each contracting party with the companies investing in the site should bear the responsibility of removing obstacles in accordance with the contracts concluded with them, and that the burden should not be put on the shoulders of the Kuwait Municipality, because it is an executive body that performs its work in response to the desires of the requesting party.

He added that the file was transferred to the Council of Ministers due to its importance, and the concerned authority was invited to take over the site, which in turn expressed its willingness to put in place a clear program at the right time that defines the obstacles and timelines necessary to remove them.

The 'Housing' had previously developed a comprehensive view of the site, but it was supposed to include alternative places with the provision of the required services for them. Regarding the recent removal of some obstacles in the southern city of Saad Al-Abdullah, the source emphasized that the procedure will lead to filing cases against some government agencies.

The source pointed out there is an important point that must be paid attention to, and that is the country's food security, since 50 percent of poultry products come from existing farms in South Saad Al-Abdullah area, and therefore the decision to remove them must be fully considered in all aspects to prevent plunging into a food crisis and disaster once again.



Rare breed falcon.

Bird weighs 1.1 kg

## Rare breed falcon fetches over 600,000 Saudi riyals

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 15: In the largest sale of its kind ever, a small rare breed falcon weighing 1.1 kg which was caught in the wild in Hafar Al-Batin in northeastern Saudi Arabia fetched more than 170,000 dollars during an annual auction for a bird of prey of prestigious status in the Gulf countries, reports Al-Rai daily.

The auction organizers at the Saudi Falcon Club said in a statement the bird was sold on Tuesday for 650,000 Saudi riyals (\$173,000) due to its unique characteristics and rarity.

The club described the sale as the largest in the world for a bird of the small Shaheen breed. Falconry, and its training in hunting, is an important part of the desert cultural heritage in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other neighboring countries and dates back to thousands of years.

Falcons can exceed 300 kilometers per hour, but have become internationally recognized as an endangered species. Countries set various regulations governing their sale, hunting, breeding and fishing activities using them.

The auction which began on the third of October runs until November 15. Owners of falcons in the Gulf seeking hunting opportunities, usually with their birds, travel by plane to countries such as Pakistan, Morocco and Central Asia in the colder months.

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