

# Election campaign activities may lead to imposing partial curfew

Voting mechanism eyed for those infected with COVID-19

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 27:** According to senior government sources, the health authorities will not hesitate to impose a partial curfew if seminars, gatherings and meetings for the candidates for the National Assembly elections increase in the coming period, reports *Al-Qabas* daily.

They affirmed that gatherings are unacceptable and will lead to

an increase in COVID-19 cases, indicating that compliance with the health guidelines should not be neglected, and that those who violate them will be sanctioned with the most severe penalties.

The sources explained that all government agencies, including the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Health, will retaliate in case of any gatherings or violations. If curfew is imposed, it will be lifted only a day before the election day. This is aimed to preserve the health safety of all the people in Kuwait. The government will not hesitate to take any action

it deems appropriate for the sake of everyone's health.

## Proposals

Regarding the most important proposals discussed at the recent election committee meeting, the sources affirmed that the application of health measures and health security is the primary concern to protect everyone.

They revealed that the most prominent proposals include putting in place a voting mechanism for those infected with COVID-19 or are in quarantine by providing the facility of setting appointments for them and specific locations.

The sources said one of the most important mechanisms that will be implemented is the increase in the 48-member committees from 542 in the past to 590 for schools located in areas with high voter density, in order to ensure there is no overcrowding among voters.

They stressed that the number of schools to be used is 107, including five main schools, adding that the number of delegates will be reduced, as there will be nine in large classes that allow this number, and five for the smaller classes.

The sources indicated that one platform will be allowed inside the halls instead of two platforms.

They revealed that the voting mechanism for the elderly was not discussed during the recent election committee meeting, "but everything necessary for protecting them will be provided on the day of poll".

## Do not request for new construction projects: ministry

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 27:** Ministry of Finance has asked government agencies not to request for any new construction projects for which sites have not been allocated by the Kuwait Municipality within the new 2021/2022 budget. It stressed the need to conduct feasibility studies for major construction projects in coordination with it, and attach a copy of those studies that were carried out on the projects, which will be reflected in the services and State sector, reports *Al-Anba* daily.

According to informed sources, the Ministry of Finance asked government agencies, upon requesting appropriations for new construction projects, to prepare feasibility studies for these projects, with their arrangement according to priority and the relative importance of each project within the entity's projects, taking into account the time estimate for the implementation phases of each project and the need to complete all schedules, forms and data for new construction projects.

Fulfillment of this form is a prerequisite, provided that it includes a project description and terms of reference (TOR) for studying the project and then including it in the draft budget. The inclusion of construction projects in accordance with what is contained in the State's development plan should also be taken into account.

The Ministry of Finance requested not to include financial appropriation estimates for any construction projects for which adequate prior study was not available, either from technical aspects related to engineering designs and drawings or feasibility studies, economic and social returns, or those related to coordination between the competent authorities in the State's administrative apparatus.

This is to ensure the completion of these projects within its limited timelines and in a manner that does not allow many amendments, as well as their completion with the highest level of efficiency, so as not to allocate funds without using them for what they were allocated for, or to modify their use in achieving other goals within the framework of the State's general budget while adhering to the studies required for construction projects and obtaining initial approvals for launching projects before execution with sufficient time.



HH the Amir receives the chairman of Audit Bureau.

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## HH the Amir receives Audit Bureau chief

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, received at Bayan Palace Tuesday, President of the State Audit Bureau Faisal Al-Shaya who presented the 2019-20 annual report.

The audience was attended by Amiri Diwan Minister Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah, Amiri Diwan Chief Sheikh Mubarak Faisal Al-Sabah, Deputy Amiri Diwan Minister Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Sabah,

Amiri Diwan Undersecretary and Director of His Highness the Amir's Office Ahmad Al-Fahad and head of the Amiri Protocols Sheikh Khaled Abdullah Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah also received at Bayan Palace Tuesday, President of the State Audit Bureau Faisal Al-Shaya who presented the 2019-20 annual report. (KUNA)



Jordanian PM Al-Khasawneh with Kuwaiti Ambassador Al-Daihani.

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## 'Jordan keen on boosting ties with Kuwait'

Jordanian Prime Minister Bishr Al-Khasawneh reiterated Monday deep-rooted relations and cooperation with the State of Kuwait, and said Amman was keen on further expanding these ties to new heights.

This came during Al-Khasawneh's meeting with Kuwait's Ambassador to Jordan Aziz Al-Daihani to discuss means of boosting relations and cooperation.

Al-Daihani, speaking to KUNA after the

meeting, said the two sides reaffirmed the excellent ties and cooperation in many domains.

He quoted Al-Khasawneh as commending Kuwait's support to the common Arab action.

Al-Daihani said he conveyed greetings of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah to Al-Khasawneh on his new post. (KUNA)

## Niger's leader sends congratulations

## HH Amir receives congratulation cable from president of Guyana

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 27, (KUNA):** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received on Tuesday a congratulation cable from the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana Dr Mohammad Irfan Ali, expressing his best regards to His Highness Sheikh Nawaf on assuming power.

The Guyana leader expressed hopes that both countries continue to bolster ties between them.

In turn, His Highness the Amir sent a cable thanking the Guyana leader, expressing his appreciations to the kind words and thoughtful sentiments, wishing him good health and prosperity for his people.

### Niger

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable from President of Niger Mahamadou Issoufou to congratulate him on assumption of office, looking forward to boosting ties in all domains and wishing success for His Highness the Amir.

His Highness the Amir thanked Issoufou and commended the excellent relations between Kuwait and the Republic of Niger, wishing him good health and for Niger progress and prosperity.

### Burkina Faso

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received

## National Day

### HH Amir congratulates St Vincent, Grenadines

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 27, (KUNA):** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent Tuesday a cable of congratulations to the Governor General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Susan Dougan, on the occasion of the country's national day.

His Highness the Amir wished Dougan best of health and for the country progress and prosperity.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent cables to Dougan to congratulate her on the country's National Day.

a cable from President of Burkina Faso, Rock Marc Christian Kabore, to congratulate him on assumption of office, looking forward to boosting ties in all domains and wishing success for His Highness the Amir.

His Highness the Amir thanked Kabore and commended the excellent relations between Kuwait and the Burkina Faso, wishing him good health and for his country progress and prosperity.

## Zakaria meets with KRCS' chief

## Chad ambassador extols Kuwait's humanitarian contributions, role

By Arwa Al-Wagayan

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 27, (KUNA):** The Ambassador of Chad to Kuwait Batoul Zakaria commended Kuwait's role and efforts in all humanitarian issues in order to help those in need, whether impacted by natural or man-made disasters.

After Zakaria's Tuesday meeting with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) Dr Hilal Al-Sayer, she told KUNA that Kuwaitis are racing to reach out to everyone in need, pointing out that in every forum of human concern, Kuwait steps in to help, thanks to the directives and initiatives of its wise leadership and people.

She deeply thanked KRCS, which has been keen to support the staff in the Embassy of Chad in Kuwait by providing food and health baskets.

Zakaria discussed with Al-Sayer about ways to support the Chadian peo-

ple, after their country was hit by floods and landslides that caused extensive destruction to lands and properties.

She also discussed many topics regarding humanitarian and volunteer work and ways to strengthen them between both sides, commending KRCS' efforts at Arab and international levels.

Accordingly, Al-Sayer welcomed Zakaria's visit to KRCS' headquarters, explaining the importance of supporting the impacted people in Chad, along with African countries that were recently flood-hit.

KRCS will follow-up on developments in Chad to evaluate the humanitarian situation and help, taking into consideration what is being monitored by the Chadian authorities there, he underscored.

During the meeting, Al-Sayer reviewed the humanitarian and relief work provided by KRCS inside and outside Kuwait.



The Ambassador with Kuwait's Assistant FM for Asian Affairs Al-Saeed.

## Indian ambassador calls on Ali Suleiman

The Indian Ambassador to Kuwait HE Sibi George recently called on His Excellency Kuwaiti Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs Ambassador Ali Suleiman Al-Saeed, to discuss, inter alia, bilateral ties, existing institutional cooperation and

take these relations to a higher level across all domains, says a press release issued by the embassy.

The ambassador also met with Rabah Al-Rabah, Director-General, Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry and discussed ways of

strengthening bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

The ambassador also discussed with Al-Rabah ways to increase contacts and engagements between the business communities of the two countries.

## Authorities ban media coverage of process

## Registration open for candidates to run for polls

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 27:** For a period of ten days starting from Monday, registration will be open for those wishing to run for the National Assembly election, which is scheduled to be held on Dec 5, reports *Al-Anba* daily.

Unlike previous years, the concerned authorities have, for the first time, banned media coverage of the registration process of the parliamentary aspirants except for the Ministry of Information and Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) through which news will be disseminated to other local media in regard to the aforementioned process.

The banning of media coverage by all private press establishments is aimed to reduce the number of people at the registration centers, avoid crowding of supporters, and most importantly, preserve the safety of everyone in those centers.

This was announced by the Director General of the General Administration for Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Interior Colonel Salah Al-Shatti.

Regarding the registration mechanism for candidates infected with COVID-19 or subject to quarantine, Colonel Al-Shatti explained that the Ministry of Health has provided

medical cadres to receive the infected candidates and the quarantined candidates by allowing them to register in the "Shlonak" app to obtain prior permission, and then proceed to the registration center at Khawla Girls High School.

Upon the arrival of such candidates, they will be received by the employees of the Ministry of Health for identity verification, and directed to the place designated for registration in accordance with the health requirements, in a private vehicle in a bid to ensure the aspirants will not come in contact with other people.

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