

'Kuwait to receive first batch of coronavirus vaccine early 2021'

'Infections among Mina Ahmadi refinery workers rising'



KUNA photo Foreign Minister and Acting Information Minister during his meeting with senior officials of the Ministry of Information.

'Holistic vote blueprint mirrors Kuwait's civilized image'

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah said the government is working comprehensive election plan purposed to show Kuwait's civilized image and highly regarded status.

Sheikh Dr Ahmad Al-Sabah, who doubles as Acting Minister of Information, made the press

remark following a meeting with senior officials of the Ministry of Information.

The ministry, with all its staff and sophisticated potential, spares no effort in covering the country's forthcoming parliamentary election in a way that reflects its civilized and modernized image, he affirmed.

He spoke highly of the ministry's efficient staff as having long outstanding experience in reporting and spotlighting the country's electoral processes over years.

However, the minister underlined that all health guidelines must be strictly followed at polling stations in a bid to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19). (KUNA)

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 29: Kuwait will receive the coronavirus vaccine early next year and the first batch will be approximately one million doses for citizens first, health workers, frontliners, elderly and people with chronic diseases, followed by other segments, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting government sources.

Sources disclosed the vaccine will be from three companies with successful and safe experiences - an American company, an American-German company and a British-Dutch company. Sources affirmed Kuwait has reached an agreement with these companies and it will be one of the first countries to import the vaccine. Sources explained that importing the vaccine entails several stages - manufacturing, supply and shipping.

Sources said the agreements with the aforementioned companies were approved by the concerned committees in the country, asserting the vaccine is safe and there is no serious symptoms after vaccination. Sources added obtaining the vaccine will be voluntary and it is likely that the coming period will witness some countries requiring future travelers to get the vaccine, which may compel some groups to obtain it.

Controlling

Sources pointed out that controlling the virus requires vaccination for all segments of society, including citizens and expatriates. Sources said the Council of Ministers recently formed a committee headed by Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah to conduct a study in this regard.

In a related development, the entry ban on travelers from 34 countries might be extended and this is subject to evaluation; while the two-week quarantine period remains in effect according to the recommendations of international health organizations, sources revealed.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Mina Ahmadi Refinery at Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) Nawaf Al-Daihani confirmed that the number of coronavirus cases among workers at Ahmadi Mina Refinery is increasing, reports Al-Anba daily.

Al-Daihani disclosed: "In the past few weeks, we recorded a number of infections that raise concerns. This indicates complacency in terms of following the instructions of health authorities in the State and violating the health protection standards in KNPC."

The daily obtained a copy of a circular that Al-Daihani issued to the refinery workers, indicating that social distancing and wearing masks are among the most important health regulations. These are among the few methods which have been proven effective in preventing spread of the virus, as well as protecting the safety and that of our families and colleagues from the virus, he added.

Al-Daihani added: "The repercussions of the novel coronavirus crisis still cast a shadow on the world, as it affected all corners of societies. The world never witnessed this crisis before, as well as such fast pace changes, while scientists are working hard to understand the nature of the virus and its characteristics.

With scientists on the verge of finding treatment or vaccine, the number of infections on the other hand is increasing; thereby, forcing many countries to re-impose severe measures and restrictions to curb the spread of corona."



Dr Basel Al-Sabah



The Indian ambassador with Nasser Al-Hein.

Registration for 'Vande Bharat' mission

Indian envoy meets Kuwaiti official

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 29: Indian Ambassador to Kuwait HE Sibi George recently called on HE Nasser Al-Hein, Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organizations at Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the meeting, both sides discussed bilateral ties and means of enhancing cooperation between the two friendly countries.

The Indian envoy and Al-Hein also discussed regional and international developments of mutual interest.

Meanwhile, a significant number of Indian nationals currently registered for repatriation from Kuwait to India have not availed of the 'repatriation flights' that are being operated under

the 'Vande Bharat' mission, says a press release issued by the Indian Embassy in Kuwait.

The Embassy is launching a fresh registration drive to assess the current actual demand for the benefit of Indian nationals stranded in Kuwait, who wish to travel on the earliest available repatriation flights from Kuwait to various destinations in India.

This is not in lieu of the ongoing registration drive for repatriation, which will continue to be operational.

However, the new drive for registration is for a limited period only. The last date for registration is Nov 5, 2020.

The link for registration is: <https://forms.gle/R12a8XDxYXfroXUaA>



Photo by Mohammad Morsi Water from broken pipes flows into the open drainage in Jleeb el-Shuyoukh area. The open drainage which is covered with a plank of wood poses a danger to the pedestrians and also to parked vehicles in the area.

'Visitors need to book an appointment'

Applications accepted for Bedoun students charity fund: Al-Huwaila

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 29: Assistant Undersecretary for Special and Model Education Dr Abdul Mohsen Al-Huwaila announced the start of receiving applications for registration in the Charity Fund for the Care of Bedoun students and the needy for the 2020/2021 academic year since Sunday, reports Al-Anba daily.

Al-Huwaila explained that the applications will be received in the private education building in Mubarak Al-Kabeer area from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. However, an appointment must be booked in advance by the visitors through the "When" platform.

The fund will continue to receive applications from students who meet the admission requirements until November 26. The estimated budget of the charity fund for the current 2020/2021 academic year is about KD 7 million, from which more than 18,000 students will benefit.

The acceptance of applications will be based on specific conditions, following the submission of documents to indicate the existence of financial problems based on the salary report, bank statement and papers showing the monthly expenses of the head of the family.

The applicant must satisfy the conditions for admission such as the presence of valid security cards of the student, father and mother, the student's birth certificate or birth notification, and a copy of the last two "successful" academic qualifications as well as a certificate of "To whom it may concern" from the school.

This is in addition to the account statement of the last three months, a certified copy of the rent contract, proof of marital status, as well as a copy of the family's monthly obligations.

Move aims to ease financial burdens

Stop seconding employees from outside to work in television, radio programs: Info

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 29: The Ministry of Information issued a decision to stop seconding employees from outside to work in various television and radio programs starting from the beginning of next year, reports Al-Jarida daily quoting sources.

Sources clarified the concerned ministry officials took this step to ease the financial burdens of the ministry in line with its policy on rationalizing expenditures and stop unjustified spending in a number of programs that second employees from outside the ministry from time to time, especially in certain technical jobs and others.

Sources confirmed the ministry decided to start taking serious and concrete steps to stop the wastage of public money at the beginning of the coming year - after the completion of

Miles Asia 'mourns' Al-Mazrouei's death

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 29: The Office of the World Organization for the Investment of Leisure Time in Science and Technology of Asia (Miles Asia) mourned the death of the former Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs, the late Abdulrahman Al-Mazrouei, reports Al-Rai daily.

The office said, "Kuwait has lost one of the leaders and pioneers of social work and the owner of the constructive role in the development of the youth and youth sectors in the State of Kuwait," pointing to the role of the deceased in establishing youth camps.

The office recalled the positions of the late Al Mazrouei towards the youth movement and its advancement and embracing the youth in order to develop their skills and mental abilities in an attempt to discover the talents and energies of the people of Kuwait.

The Vice-President of Miles International and the Head of the Miles Asia Office, Engineer Adnan Al-Mir expressed the deep sympathy on the sad demise of Al-Mazrouei and remembered his unlimited support for the associations and federations of the Ministry of Social Affairs, including the Kuwaiti Scientific Club."



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