

Medicines to be provided for such patients: Dr Al-Wattian

Kuwait to provide psychiatrists inside health centers

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17: The Director of the Central Department for Primary Health Care, Director of the Department of International Health Relations at the Ministry of Health, Dr Rehab Al-Wattian revealed in about two weeks, Kuwait will witness the launch of a new service of its kind in primary health care centers, represented by the appointment of a psychiatrist inside health centers to provide service to patients that is

available at the moment at the Kuwait Center for Mental Health, reports Al-Anba daily.
She went on to say the health centers will also be authorized to provide medicines for these patients.
Dr Al-Wattian told the daily after the corona pandemic affected the health area in various ways, there have been periodic developments to keep pace with global health conditions, the latest of which was the

World Health Organization's (WHO) launch of the electronic training program for primary health care practices to confront and contain the emerging corona pandemic (Covid-19).
She explained the program includes an electronic training course on primary healthcare practices in the context of the "Covid-19" pandemic, which aims to support primary health care workers to help them continue providing basic services and assis-

tance to combat the pandemic as professionals and play an essential role in confronting the virus.
The electronic training course is indeed a unique event, as the organization announced the official launch of the program in cooperation with the World Organization of Family Physicians, United Nations agencies, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

It was prepared in coordination with the World Health Organization for the Eastern Mediterranean Region headed by the Director General Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari.
This course is concerned with training primary health care doctors in everything related to the Corona topic, and focused on 4 main pillars, which are the objectives of the course and the first goal is to diagnose and train doctors to diagnose Covid cas-

es.
"Many studies, experiments and lectures that were presented have all been directed and related to the topic of Covid. Therefore, the World Health Organization and the Eastern Mediterranean Region decided to focus on the concepts of primary health care because it is the first line to confront any pandemic or disease that affects a number of people in the community.



Dr Rehab Al-Wattian

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Ardhiya Industrial Area suffers from pollution ... wears a distorted look

Over 1,000 garbage containers placed disproportionately

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17: The Ardhiya Industrial Area suffers from pollution and wears a distorted look because of the spread of more than 1,100 garbage containers which are disproportionately distributed over a large area, reports Al-Rai daily.

At first look it appears the number of garbage containers far outnumber the number of shops in the area, and to make matters worse these garbage containers which are not emptied on time contain various types of waste such as food and bottles, and other waste such as industrial, medical and consumer equipment, as well as various car spare parts and worn out vehicle tires, and various types of oil cans and others, which brings in unpleasant odors in the direction of the wind blowing. The scenario has exasperated customers, given the hot climate and high humidity.

It is noticeable that these containers are full of food remnants from the restaurants which have helped to become the breeding ground for animals – dogs, stray cats, mice, and other harmful animals and insects.

Complained

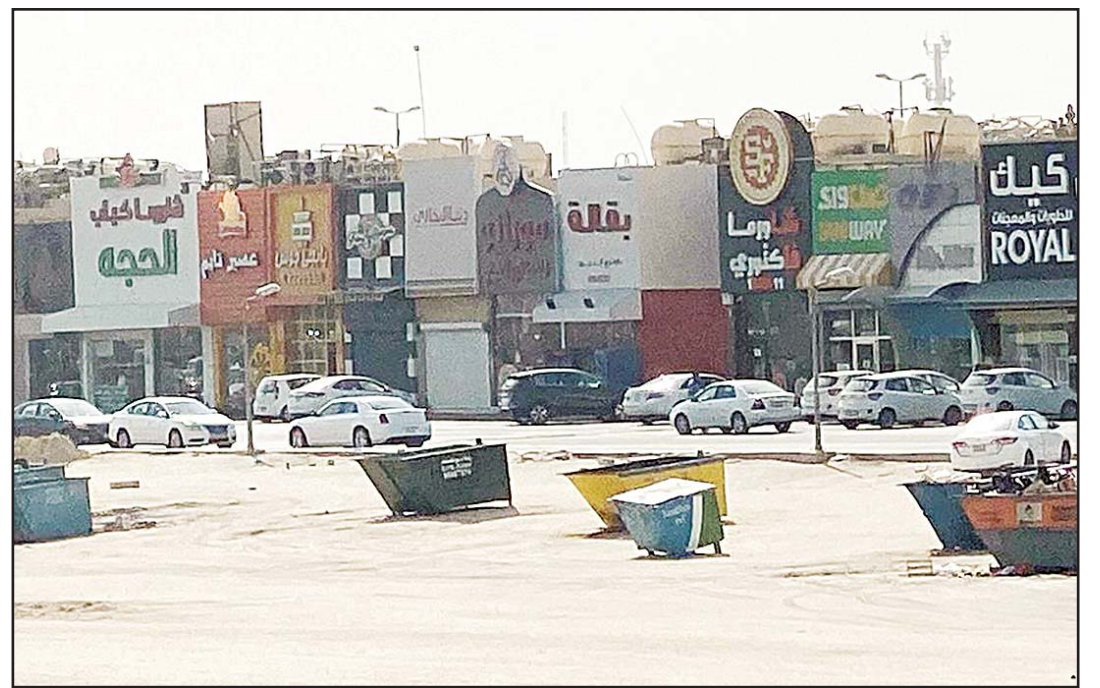
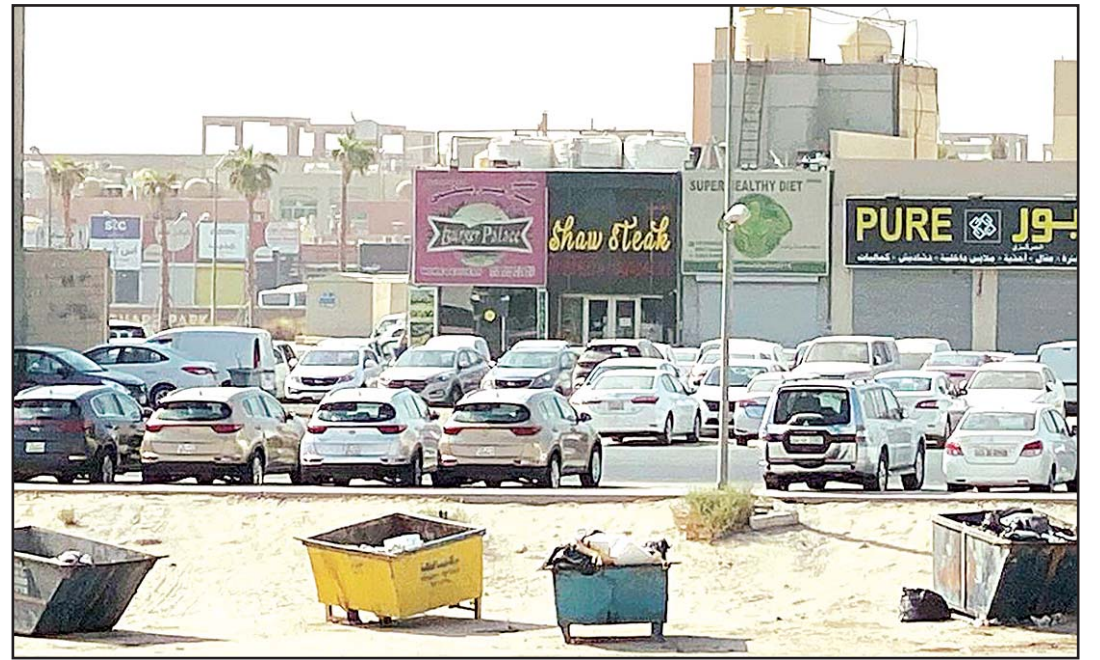
When the daily toured the area some shopkeepers complained about the lack in regulation of the distribution of garbage containers, which distorted the look and public taste, especially since the area has a large number of restaurants and cafes.

In many cases when a hungry man walks in a restaurant to have a decent meal, he finds himself facing a garbage container which makes him lose his appetite the moment he sees cats jumping in and out of the containers.

A group of restaurant owners explained that the Cleaning Department of the Municipality in the Farwaniya Governorate is negligent in its work, as it does not monitor the work of three companies which are responsible for cleaning the area and organizing the distribution of containers.

On the other hand, an official source in the Farwaniya Cleaning Department in the Kuwait Municipality confirmed to the daily the poor planning of the Ardhiya Industrial Area and craftsmanship in not allocating places for containers forced the Municipality to distribute them randomly in empty places or off the Fifth Ring Road.

The source supported the views of the shop owners that this distorts the general view, and that they must be rearranged to serve the shops of the area in a better way.



Top and above: Some of the areas where a number of garbage containers are seen.



Maintenance works of one of the roads.

421,203 square meters of asphalt done

MPW completes maintenance, repair of roads in various areas

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17: Ministry of Public Works has announced the completion of its road maintenance project on the internal roads of various areas within all six governorates, reports Aljarida daily.

According to reliable sources, the minister spread about 421,203 square meters of asphalt in 15 various areas during the period from August 22 to September 4.

They affirmed the ministry's keenness to fulfill all technical requirements regarding the quality of the asphalt used on the roads by following up the technical teams of the Maintenance Engineering Sector, which is the party responsible for the maintenance and repair works

and for spreading asphalt on the roads in residential areas.

The sources explained that the follow-up process is carried out during all stages of asphalt-application on the roads in order to ensure all conditions related to the improved mixture specified by the ministry in the contracts are adhered to by the contracting companies that implement maintenance contracts in all regions.

Asphalt was spread on a number of roads in Abdali, Saad Al-Abdullah, Andalous, Sabah Al-Nasser, Al-Raqi, Shuwaikh, Rawdah, Rumaithiya, Siddiq, Shuhada, Sabah Al-Salem, Qusour, Qurain Block 5, Sabahiya, and South Sabahiya areas.

'Some applications were rejected'

Reports denied about shortage of teachers for '20/21 academic year

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17: A reliable source from the educational sector has denied the reports regarding violations of the ministerial resolution issued concerning the labor needs of the Ministry of Education for the 2020/2021 academic year reports Al-Rai daily.

He clarified that some of the applications were rejected because the specializations are limited to a certain category, which as per the issued announcement is the children of Kuwaiti women.

The source explained that all those appointed in educational positions so far are citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council member states, children of Kuwaiti women and Bedoun residents. No expatriate teacher has been appointed. The Administrative Sector of the Ministry of Education is awaiting for the Civil Service Commission's approval of its request regarding the allocation of job grades to the successful interviewees in order to complete the procedures for their appointment and distribution to the relevant educational zones prior to the start of the new academic year on October 4.

With reference to the administrative

sector's announcement, the source affirmed that the mechanism for admission of teachers in the ministry is carried out on the basis of the need of the Public Education Sector for the aforementioned specializations in the 2020-2021 academic year.

He revealed that the number of applicants does not exceed 300 teachers, but the shortage is still high in some scientific specialties, which prompted the general directive for academic subjects to deal flexibly with applicants, adding that there are candidates who have succeeded collectively due to the ministry's need to fill the deficit currently present in all its educational zones.

The source indicated that the ministry may pave way for other categories to apply for some academic specializations, which had been restricted to the children of Kuwaiti women as per its announcement, in order to reduce the existing shortage in schools especially since the process of recruitment from overseas has been halted as well as the crisis of teachers stranded abroad.

He said he is expecting other categories to be used in the coming period as per the CSC directives.

Kuwait, US talk on customs ties

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17, (KUNA): The General Administration of Customs Director-General, Counselor Jamal Al-Jalawi, discussed with the US Ambassador to Kuwait, Alina Romanowski, the Kuwaiti-American customs ties, which dates back to 1993.

In a statement, Tuesday, the General Customs Administration said that the meeting discussed the cooperation agreement between the two countries, which made a quantum leap in developing customs work. The statement pointed out that the Kuwaiti Customs signed five agreements during the strategic dialogue between Kuwait and the United States.

During the meeting, Counselor Al-Jalawi appreciated the role of the American consultant office, saying that the relationship between the two parties contributed to facilitating and simplifying customs work and signing agreements, the statement added.

Kuwait Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) banned importing all types of live birds, eggs and one day old chicks from Russia due to the spread of a severe bird flu in the country.

All imports must commit to the regulations of the authority in accordance with the laws of the World Organization for Animal Health and the GCC states, the authority said in a statement on Tuesday.

'Teaching staff's efforts underestimated by budget planners'

University professors urged to refuse joining 'summer semester program'

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17: Chairman of Kuwait University Faculty Association Dr. Ibrahim Al-Hamoud affirmed that calls have been made for university professors to reject the idea of enrolling in the special summer semester program, pointing out that the 50 percent reduction of budget for the exceptional semester is a circumvention of the general draft budget, noting the Council of Ministers had suggested reducing all budgets in the state agencies by 20 percent while the faculty members' dues deduction is 50 percent, indicating the efforts of the teaching staff have been underestimated by the budget planners, whether in the government or the National Assembly, reports Al-Rai daily.

Al-Hamoud pointed out that a very large percentage of state employees work online but receiving full undiminished salaries, while faculty members teaching online are getting a reduction in their financial

compensation and allocations in the budget under the pretext of working online. Therefore, the argument is unfit for inference and cannot be relied on in principle.

He added, "It is known that the idea of exceptional semester is the decision of Civil Service Commission and under implementation of the university law, and subject to the rules of Civil Service Commission, while it is linked to the decree and law on salaries and financial entitlements. For this reason, its reduction – according to budget law, is an unconstitutional act, considering that budget law is a formal law."

According to the text of Article 143 of the Constitution, budget law cannot amend or affect any objective rule. Among the rules and substantive provisions are those related to salaries, bonuses, and allowances. For example, failure to establish financial approval for a specific job does not result in the cancellation

of the job, given that the job and its salaries, bonuses and rewards have been stipulated therein.

Budget law and lack of financial support do not affect the rights of the employee, while his financial dues are a debt owed by the state. Failure to establish financial credit to a degree or position does not result in the abolition of its existence, otherwise it becomes a means to abolish public jobs protected by the constitution and the law.

He pointed out that failure to hold the exceptional semester at the university will result in delaying the graduation of four thousand students, meaning the university spends an amount of 800,000 dinars per month at a rate of 4.8 million dinars throughout the semester, which will be added to the students until they graduate. The sum is approximately or almost equal to the size of what was reduced from the budget.

MoE to allow registration of Bedoun's children

'All high school students in distance education successful'

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 17: The General Secondary Examinations Control continues its work in two morning and evening shifts to monitor, review and audit the grades of twelfth grade students in the scientific and literary departments, and the religious institute, reports Al-Anba daily.

Informed educational sources affirmed that the results will be ready on Friday, and the decision to announce the results remains in the hands of the Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Saud Al-Harbi and the Ministry Undersecretary Faisal Al-Maqsid.

The sources gave good news to all students who committed themselves to attend the virtual classes

and interacted with their teachers, noting everybody attained success and that nobody failed in the second semester when distance education was applied. They noted the final success of the student will depend on his grades and performance in the first semester.

They indicated whoever completed the first semester with success, had no fear in the second semester, and their affairs are reassuring, because success is ascertained, God willing, whether they're from government or private education sector. They expressed deep thanks and appreciation to the school administrations for performing their duty to perfection.

On the other hand, Ministry of

Education announced that it would allow the registration of the children of illegal residents "Bedoun" in public schools, according to systems followed in this regard.

Assistant Undersecretary for Public Education Osama Al-Sultan in a letter said he directed the educational zones and the administration of religious education with reference to what has been done in advance regarding the registration of learners in the following categories: Illegal residents who are the children of military personnel working in the army or police or retirees, or those whose services ended at the helm of their work due to death, and their nationalities were not determined.