

## Prayer Timings

Fajr .....	03:48	Asr .....	15:22
Sunrise ..	05:11	Maghrib ..	18:20
Zohr .....	11:46	Isha .....	19:42

# Local

## Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

**By Day:** Hot and partly cloudy with light to moderate north westerly wind to light variable wind with speeds of 08-28 km/h.

**By Night:** Rather hot to fair and

## Weather

partly cloudy with light variable wind to light to moderate north westerly wind with speeds of 06-26 km/h.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	37	30
Kuwait Airport	40	22

Abdaly	42	24
Jahra	43	26
Salmiyah	32	28
Ahmadi	32	28
Nuwaisib	43	23
Wafra	42	23
Sally	42	23

VACCINE REGISTRATION WEBSITE: [https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD\\_19\\_Vaccine\\_Registration.aspx](https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD_19_Vaccine_Registration.aspx)



Asian expats from all nationalities and faiths being distributed 'Iftar' meals by a charitable society at the Salwa Coop premises on Friday, the 11th fasting day of the holy month of Ramadan.

## Minister 'visits' troops in north

KUWAIT CITY, April 24: The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Al-Jaber visited the ground force in the northern region, accompanied by the Chief of the General Staff of the Army Lieutenant-General Khaled Saleh Al-Sabah, Deputy Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Fahd Al-Nasser and a number of senior army commanders.

The Chief of Staff said in a press statement Sheikh Hamad Al-Jaber was received upon his arrival, by Commander of the Land Force, Brigadier General Muhammad Al-Dhafiri and a number of senior officials of the ground force. The minister shared the breakfast with his brothers and military sons – members of the land force.

## Call to halt paper tests

### Free tuition for 12th Graders: official

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Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, April 24: The Hawalli Educational Zone has approved the operation of a virtual learners care center to provide support for Grade 12 students in the scientific and literary departments.

The director of the Hawalli Educational Zone, Walid bin Ghaith, said in a statement: The aim of establishing a virtual learners' care center is to raise the level of education among high school students and provide support to them by strengthening the special subjects in high school in the scientific and literary departments.

Bin Ghaith explained the one who will supervise these centers will be the technical guide in the Hawalli Educational Zone who will implement all methods of teaching for a group of teachers and heads of scientific subjects departments with experience and

competence.

Bin Ghaith added the registration for students will be via the QR code shown in the introductory video, through which high school students will be registered to provide free remedial education through two virtual centers to take care of learners through the 'TIMES' application, one for boys and the other for girls.

Meanwhile, a number of parents expressed their regret that a private foreign school held paper exams for their young children despite the repercussions of the "corona" pandemic, and the health risks, says Al-Seyassah.

Parents ask where is the government and the MPs and called for a halt to these tests.

They told Al-Seyassah that the private school had obtained the approval from the Special Education Department at the Ministry of Education to hold final exams for second grade primary schoolchildren -- 7 years old.

# 'Partial curfew might be lifted on Eid if all is well'

Direct flights, infection rate linked

KUWAIT CITY, April 24: Officials are optimistic about a breakthrough in the health crisis in the second week of May, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting highly reliable sources from the government.

Sources pointed out that if there is no remarkable increase in the number of coronavirus deaths and infections, as well as those under intensive care, in the next two weeks, the partial curfew might be lifted during Eid Al-Fitr.

Asked about the possibility of opening the airport, sources said this depends on the vaccination rate of citizens to ensure they are protected in case of contact with arriving passengers, indicating the airport will most likely open on July 1. Sources revealed the government's plan is to resume direct flights for citizens to return from many countries listed as high risk for coronavirus, which will be discussed in the next Cabinet meeting.

Sources went on to say that the government also issued a directive to open many establishments once the curfew is lifted -- probably at the end of Ramadan; including health clubs, certain companies, restaurants and associations on the condition that all their employees are vaccinated and

## MoH approval holds sway

### Kuwait-Egypt direct flights 'maybe'

KUWAIT CITY, April 24: Director of the Air Transport Department at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Abdullah Al-Rajhi said the DGCA has asked the health authorities to look into the possibility of resuming the operation of commercial flights to and from Egypt as per the request of the national carriers, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Al-Rajhi disclosed the communication with the health authorities came after the national carriers submitted a request to resume the Kuwait-Egypt-Kuwait direct flights with the aim of reviving the commercial aviation traffic movement, especially since many Kuwaiti students in Egypt want to return directly to the country without going through transit stations.

He added the request includes compliance with health regulations for all

citizens entering the country, pointing out the resumption of commercial operation with Egypt does not signal the return of expatriates to the country. Rather, the circulars of DGCA on allowing the entry of Kuwaitis, their first-degree relatives and their companions -- domestic workers -- are still in effect, he stressed.

Asked if the Egyptian airlines submitted a request to reopen commercial flights with Kuwait, he clarified this will be allowed only if the health authorities or Council of Ministers approve the resumption of Kuwait Airways Corporation's Kuwait-Egypt-Kuwait route to transport Kuwaitis studying in Egypt. The Egyptian side may resume the operation for the Egyptians residing in Kuwait to travel to their homeland, he added.

they should strictly comply with the health regulations.

Sources disclosed one million doses of vaccines are expected to arrive in May and June, emphasizing that vaccination is not mandatory, but those who have been vaccinated will likely enjoy benefits such as permission to enter many places and to travel which will be determined later.

On easing restrictions for some establishments, sources confirmed this is possible only once all the workers in cooperative societies, markets, banks and others are vaccinated; affirming the vaccination of these workers is currently being conducted in mobile units in an efficient man-

ner.

Sources said the vaccination of service sector workers will greatly contribute to the ongoing efforts to achieve community immunity that will lead to stopping the implementation of various regulations and lifting restrictions.

Sources also stressed the need for the public to be committed to their vaccination schedule -- whether in the health centers, Kuwait Vaccination Center in Mishref or mobile units.

Minister of Commerce Abdullah Al-Salman said his ministry did not receive complaints about the delayed payment of salaries for cleaning workers or others over the last five

years, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Regarding the measures that the ministry took to ensure the cleaning workers receive their salaries on time, Al-Salman disclosed the concerned companies are required to submit the salary transfer statement before disbursement of salaries every month, verification of the companies' documents related to the opening of bank accounts for all employees, the General Services Department conducts inspections regularly to ascertain that salaries are paid on time, and withholding cleaning contract payments until the ministry is sure that the workers have received their salaries.

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