

# MoCI closely monitors domestic workers offices over 'hiring' fees

Fees specified based on recommendations of advisory panel

## Kuwait gives priority to protecting rights of expatriate workers: Ambassador Al-Badawi

KUWAIT CITY, April 24: Kuwait's Ambassador to Belgium and the head of Kuwait's mission to the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Jasssem Al-Badawi stressed Kuwait gives great priority to protecting the rights of expatriate workforce.



Al-Badawi

Ambassador Al-Badawi was speaking at a virtual seminar on Immigrants in the Gulf organized by the Committee on Relations with the Arabian Peninsula in the European Parliament Thursday evening.

Speaking at the seminar he said Kuwait not only prioritized the health and safety of expatriate workers, but also strengthened its protection by passing the necessary laws and legislation and monitoring employers.

"We have provided international organizations and non-governmental organizations with free, unrestricted and unconditional access so that they can verify all efforts and protection measures in place to guarantee the rights of migrant workers in Kuwait," he added.

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## 'Kuwait-China ties enters new era of prosperous cooperation'

KUWAIT CITY, April 24, (KUNA): Acting Charge d'Affaires of the Kuwaiti Consulate in Quanzhou Abdulaziz Al-Mujil, on Thursday, said Kuwait-China relations has entered a new era of cooperation through the Belt and Road initiative, which coincided with Kuwait's 2035 Vision.

In a statement to KUNA, the Kuwaiti Consulate in Quanzhou said these statements were delivered by Al-Mujil at the opening ceremony of the Virtual Exhibition of Intangible Cultural Heritage entitled "Handicrafts with intellectual connotations",

held at the Museum of Western Arts in Foshan City.

Al-Mujil also affirmed that the continued visits and meetings of officials from both countries greatly attributed for this purpose, quoting Chinese poet Wang Bo, "Friendship across the world makes near neighbours of far horizons."

He also pointed out that the relations enlightened us of each other's traditions and intangible cultural heritages there forth eases the process of cooperative discussions and in turn greatly attribute to the bilateral relations in all fields.

European Union held their second informal dialogue on human rights on March 30, where the issue of workers' rights was discussed in a comprehensive manner and all questions raised by the European side were fully answered.

Ambassador Al-Badawi highlighted some of the major steps taken by Kuwait to protect expatriate workers, including the establishment of a formal mechanism to settle disputes between workers and employers.

He explained Kuwait has also taken other steps in this regard, including the formation of a crisis and emergency management team in order to ensure the safety and protection of workers during the new Covid-19 pandemic and to strengthen communication between the competent authorities and the relevant embassies and consulates in order to ensure the safety, protection and rights of expatriate workers and called Kuwait one of the most generous countries in the world.

## Dr Al-Anzi first Kuwaiti dentist to get US patent

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KUWAIT CITY, April 24: What is seen as a unique achievement and a new precedent, a specialist in Endodontic at the Farwaniya Specialized Center, Dr. Muhammad Al-Anzi, has obtained a patent for a tool for treating dental nerve and roots from the United States Patent Office.

Dr. Al-Anzi is the first dentist specializing in nerve treatment to obtain this achievement, as no doctor specializing in nerve treatment in Kuwait has obtained a patent from the United States of America.

It is worth noting that the inven-

tion that the tool is a precise machine that avoids the problem which the dentists faced in some root canal treatments, since the treatment was done through a primitive manner for treating some complex cases.

In other news, member of the Board of the Directors and the Executive Committee of the National Cancer Awareness Campaign, Dr. Hessa Al-Shaheen, spoke on the continuity of cooperation with Kuwait TV during Ramadan by presenting the program 'It is possible in Ramadan' for the tenth consecutive year. This year it is shown on the 'Stay at home' program daily at 10:50 pm, presented by Wajid Al-Othman.

Al-Shaheen said in a press statement is presented within the program 'Doctors Talk', and is distinguished because of the diversity of its educational topics.

Dr. Shaheen noted the aim of presenting these programs is to spread the correct nutritional awareness, taking advantage of the blessed month of Ramadan as an opportunity to highlight the healthy habits and is known to have a great impact in resisting many chronic diseases, including cancer.

She added, in some episodes, emphasis is placed on the issue of water due to its great importance, in addition to presenting many aspects of chronic diseases.

## KUWAIT CITY, April 24: In view of the recent decision of the government to resume the recruitment of domestic workers, Minister of Commerce and Industry Abdullah Issa Al-Salman explained his ministry's role is to closely monitor the domestic labor recruitment offices to ensure they remain committed to the agreement on fees as per the gender of the domestic workers, reports Al-Rai daily.

In response to the question of MP Ahmed Al-Hamad, Al-Salman said the ministry specifies fees for the recruitment of domestic workers based on the recommendations of an advisory committee.

The agreed recruitment fees depending on the workers' country of origin are as follows: Philippines - KD390 for both genders, India - KD200 for women and KD100 for men, Sri Lanka - KD240 for women and KD180 for men, Ethiopia - KD145 for both genders, Bangladesh - KD196 for both genders and Senegal - KD480 for both genders.

According to the minister, these fees were specified while taking into consideration the official fees and expenses in each country. He clarified that these fees do not include the commission of recruitment offices and intermediaries in the countries of origin, expenses of labor recruitment offices in Kuwait and their profit margin.

He pointed out that monitoring the recruitment of domestic workers for Kuwait families is the prerogative of the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) and the ministry is in charge of consumer-related complaints.

If the domestic labor recruitment offices are found to have not complied with the fees set by the ministry after inspection, a violation will be registered against them and they will be referred to the Public Prosecution, he added.



The Indian ambassador while meeting with Minister Al-Mutairi.

## Indian envoy calls on Minister Al-Mutairi

The Indian Ambassador to Kuwait H.E. Sibi George met Abdul Rahman Badah Al-Mutairi, Minister of Information & Culture, and Minister of State for Youth Affairs. During the meeting both sides

discussed inter-alia ways of further boosting ties between Kuwait and India especially in the domain of culture, youth, sports, media and information and matters related to mutual interests.

## '30,000 requests received for loan delay'

## Credit Bank affirms keenness to provide best services to clients

KUWAIT CITY, April 24: The Vice-Chairman and General Manager of the Kuwait Credit Bank Salah Al-Mudhaf affirmed the continuation of the development process, and the bank's keenness to provide the best services to the clients, reports Al-Qabas daily.

He said this during his recent meeting with the branch managers and head of departments which was aimed to review the latest developments in the workflow, especially with regard to the implementation of Law No. 3/2021 on the postponement of loan payments for a period of six months.

Al-Mudhaf stated that the bank receives requests to postpone installments through the bank's online portal and mobile application, branches and integrated services centers to serve the elderly and people with special needs, and the families of prisoners, martyrs and heirs.

Al-Mudhaf explained that the bank received 30,000 requests for loan payment postponement since the promulgation of the law.

The efforts of all employees of the bank are continuing to serve their clients through online services without the need for the latter to appear in person.

There are eight steps for the postponement of payments to Kuwait Credit Bank. They are:-

1. Create an account in the My Identity app of the Directorate General for Civil Information.
2. Create an account in the portal of Kuwait Credit Bank.
3. Postponement can be requested through either the bank's online portal or the mobile app.
4. Enter the civil ID number and password.
5. Select the installment postponement service.
6. Click on approval, and pledge.
7. Click on Submit Application.
8. A message will appear that the order has been accepted, and its reference number.

## 'MoE keen to fill all supervisory positions'

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KUWAIT CITY, April 24: Minister of Education, Dr. Ali Al-Mudhaf emphasized the Ministry of Education (MoE) is keen to fill all supervisory positions, whether in the ministry's general office or in all educational districts and schools.

He said this when he received in his

office a delegation from the Kuwaiti Teachers Association.

During the meeting a number of educational topics and files were discussed. The friendly meeting between the two sides touched on the proposed organizational structure for technical guidance and the importance of its implementation, as well as the Ministry of Education's plan for the gradual return of students in schools during the next academic year 2021-2022.

## NBK Social Program Leverages Innovative Approaches This Ramadan



Manal Al Mattar

**NBK's Public Relations Assistant General Manager, Manal Al Mattar, said that NBK's "Do Good Deeds in Ramadan" philanthropic drive initiated by NBK 30 years ago, is leveraging innovative approaches this year in response to covid-19 pandemic.**

"At NBK, we are driven to better understand how social responsibility can be used as an opportunity to support the front liners efforts, marginalized communities and lifesaving needs such as food and other kinds of social support", she added.

For almost three decades, the Ramadan program comprised a series of activities and initiatives aimed at encouraging community engagement and solidarity in Kuwait. "During these unprecedented times, NBK hopes



to encourage a greater sense of responsibility during the holy month", Al Mattar noted.

### Food Rescue

NBK Ramadan Social Program includes more than 3000 "Ramadan Baskets" to low-income families. This initiative is a-food solidarity initiative that is launched in partnership with ReFood to make a difference in the community.

The basket contains a variety of items that meet the needs of the beneficiary families during the holy month. Through this initiative, rescuing food and saving the environment goes hand in hand. ReFood's initiative works to bridge-the gap between excess food in the

industry that would've gone to waste and instead give it to those in need across Kuwait.

### Supporting Kuwait Vaccination Center

In addition, NBK presented a donation to the KRCS to support its efforts and help smoothing the vaccination process in Kuwait Vaccination Center in Kuwait International Fair Ground in Michref. The donation included providing golf carts to give elderly patients and people with disability free rides from and to the parking area.

### Supporting National Vaccine Campaign

Throughout NBK social media

channels, awareness videos from doctors are posted to highlight the effectiveness and safety of vaccines and correcting misinformation being shared.

### Promoting Health and Wellbeing

NBK Mobile ATM will be visiting different parks in Kuwait during the outdoor exercise period allowed during the curfew. NBK will be challenging people who achieved or exceeded 10 thousand steps walking to win prizes. This initiative aims at promoting positive health effects and wellbeing.

### Social Media Activities

NBK Ramadan Social Program will include daily awareness videos, competitions and health tips through the official social media channels of NBK.

### Supporting Employees

Despite social distancing, NBK is organizing a group of health events for staff that includes clinical visits to doctors for consultation. These events focus mainly on mental health and online education. In addition, NBK has a schedule full of fun and rewarding activities for staff including the traditional Graish celebration, which was, organized Live this year through the employees Instagram channel I Am NBK. It witnessed an array of entertaining activities and contests.

These staff activities aim to bring NBK family closer and find a way to demonstrate the ties between NBK family members are stronger in these difficult times.

## Beautification hailed

## Capital governor praises efforts 'exerted' by MPW

KUWAIT CITY, April 24: The Governor of the Capital, Sheikh Talal Al-Khaled, said "the governorate, in cooperation with the concerned authorities seeks to paint and beautify all bridges and tunnels in all its regions," and praised all the voluntary efforts and initiatives that serve the country and the governorate within its constructive roles in social responsibility and serving its community, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

This came in a press statement issued by the governor, on the sidelines of his follow-up of the beautification of some sites on the First Ring Road by volunteer teams including the First Ring Road Tunnel with Jamal Abdel Nasser Road in the presence of the Minister of Public Works (MPW) and Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology Dr. Rana Al-Faris, in addition to a number of senior officials of the governorate and the ministry.

Al-Khaled hoped the Ministry of Public Works will pay more attention to the governorate's related needs, while the same time praising the efforts exerted by Minister Al-Faris and appreciated the initiatives of the volunteer team.

## 'Deserving people'

## Kuwait distributes 1,000 food packets in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, April 24, (KUNA): The embassy of the State of Kuwait in Pakistan distributed over 1,000 food packs among deserving people here in federal capital Islamabad.

The Kuwait embassy Islamabad in coordination with Awqaf Affairs Council Kuwait managed to distribute food packages to 1,000 deserving families for the holy month of Ramadan mentioning the title "Kuwait is by your side".

The Kuwait Ambassador to Pakistan, Nassar Abdulrahman J. Al-Mutairi witnessed the distribution of the packages among the deserving individuals of the community in Islamabad through a welfare trust funded by Kuwait.

In a statement to KUNA on the occasion, the Kuwaiti envoy said, "Today we and our Kuwaiti people are proud to fulfill our duty for humanity in this holy month of Ramadan.

We want to do whatever we can for our Pakistani brothers especially at this time of difficulty when COVID-19 pandemic is on the rise. We wish and pray for our brotherly country Pakistan and we will fight this pandemic together."

The pattern in Chief of the welfare trust, former Chief of Air Staff Sohail Aman also witnessed the distribution process.

In his message on the occasion he said, "We started this hospital in 2005 with the help of Kuwait and people of Pakistan living in Kuwait.

"The ties with Kuwait have become stronger every passing day since then and Kuwait has always stood by us whether it be Ramadan, Covid situation or any other difficult time."

He expressed his gratitude to the State of Kuwait, people of the State of Kuwait and Pakistanis living in Kuwait for their generous support.