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# Kuwait chairs UNESCO meet on ethics of artificial intelligence

PARIS, April 28, (KUNA): Kuwait chaired on Tuesday a UNESCO experts meeting on negotiating a draft text of the Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Kuwait's delegate to the UNESCO Dr. Adam Al-Mulla moderated today's virtual session of the UNESCO intergovernmental special

committee meeting of technical and legal experts meeting. In statements to KUNA, Al-Mulla noted the experts meeting is held during the period from April 26 to April 30. He pointed out that the technical and legal experts would convene again next June to negotiate and

endorse a final draft of the Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The approved text will be submitted to member states for the adoption by the UNESCO General Conference at its 41st session in November 2021, he elaborated. Al-Mulla stated that the UNESCO

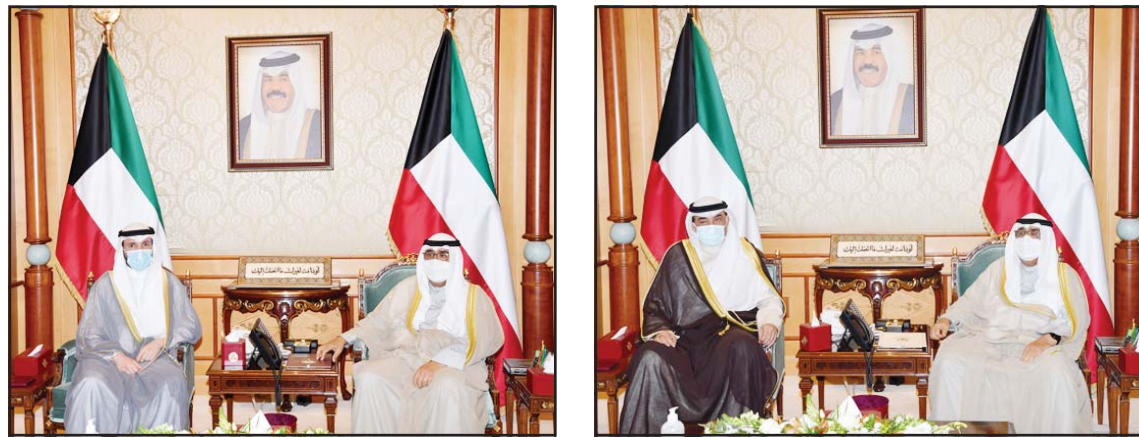
efforts to write and negotiate an international code of ethics for artificial intelligence had begun in November 2019. According to the UNESCO, these efforts aim to find international and national policies and regulatory frameworks to ensure that artificial intelligence technologies benefit

humanity as a whole. It stressed that the world needs a human-centered artificial intelligence to be used for the greater interest of the people, not the other way around. The UNESCO believes that the development of a comprehensive global standard-setting instrument

would provide artificial intelligence with a strong ethical basis, that will not only protect but also promote human rights and human dignity. If adopted, it will be an ethical guiding compass and a global normative bedrock allowing to build a strong respect for the rule of law in the digital world.

# Married graduates to get 'aid' for a year or until joining work

79% of Kuwaiti women work in govt sector



From left: HH the Crown Prince with Speaker Al-Ghanim and HH the PM Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaleed.

**KUWAIT CITY, April 28: The Family Welfare Department in the Ministry of Affairs has issued the circular detailing conditions for married graduates who are entitled for assistance, reports Al-Anba daily.**

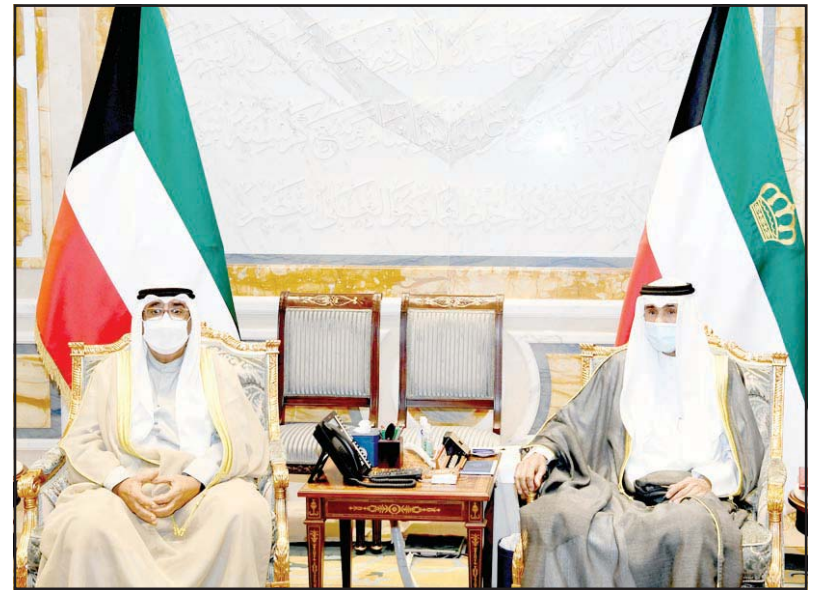
The daily quoting reliable sources stated that "the assistance is disbursed to the students after graduation for one year or until joining work, whichever is earlier, provided that he is registered with the Civil Service Commission (CSC) or the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) to find a job. The source added the circular also stipulates that this assistance will continue in the event a married student is nominated to work after the graduation but rejected was rejected. In this case the assistance will be paid until the graduate finds the job for a maximum of one year.

**Freedom**

On the other hand, the same administration issued another circular that says given the exceptional circumstances the country is going through due to the corona pandemic, which has restricted citizens' freedom to enter and exit through the land and air ports, causing some recipients of social assistance to be unable to return to the country, based on the instructions of the Minister of Social Affairs, it was decided that the from Aug 4, 2021 until Oct 7, 2021 is not counted as a period of residence outside the country the aid will continue to be disbursed to the beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, the latest labor market statistics show the total number of Kuwaiti women in the labor force has reached 234,422 or which 79 percent work in the government sector, reports Al-Qabas daily. The statistics issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics on the labor market concerned with the distribution of employment as recorded by the insurance sector indicated that 79.3% of working Kuwaiti women are insured in the government sector or 185,891 employees, while 10.9% of them are insured in the Al-Ahly insurance sector or 25,619 employees.

The statistics also indicated that the percentage of insured women in the oil sector was 0.1% of the total number of female Kuwaiti employees whose number is only 255, while the percentage of insured women in the state-owned oil sector was 1.2% or 2,800 employees. The percentage of Kuwaiti women in Chapter Five insurance was 4.1% of the total Kuwaiti women workforce or 9,576 women, while 4.4% or 10,281 working Kuwaiti women did not find the type of insurance available to them.



HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad.

**Audiences of HH the Amir**

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at Bayan Palace on Wednesday. His Highness the Amir also received

National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim. Furthermore, His Highness the Amir received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

## HH the Amir congratulates Sierra Leone president on National Day

KUWAIT CITY, April 28, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable to President of Sierra Leone Julius Maada Bio Wednesday to congratulate him on his country's National Day, wishing him good health and for the Republic further progress and prosperi-

ty. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables to President Bio congratulating him on the National Day.

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**Sheikh Mishaal tours area**

## Abide by curfew hours, says Farwaniya governor

KUWAIT CITY, April 28: The Governor of Farwaniya, Sheikh Mishaal Al-Jaber, made an inspection tour of a number of areas of the governorate, accompanied by the Director General of the Farwaniya Security Directorate, Brigadier Abdullah Safah, and a number of security officials, reports

Al-Seyassah daily. During the tour, Sheikh Mishaal Al-Jaber met the Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Operations and Traffic, Major General Jamal Al-Sayegh, and was briefed on the security situation at the entrances and exits of the regions and the measures taken by the security

leaders at these points during curfew times, especially the work mechanism to limit the repercussions of the new coronavirus. He praised the efforts of securitymen their dedication to work and called on the citizens and residents to cooperate with the securitymen and abide by the curfew hours.

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The Guest Show on Radio Kuwait welcomes Melody Mitchell this Thursday. Retired Lt Col Melody H. Mitchell served the United States Air Force for two decades. As a federal agent, she spent most of her career in security and counter-terrorism and protecting assets and people from danger. A natural leader and go-getter, and passionate about

gender equality and empowerment Melody went beyond the call of duty and touched lives through her roles as a TedX Speaker, Middle East Specialist and, in her personal capacity, Founder of Lean In Kuwait. Here on The Guest Show, Melody speaks of her life in the Air Force, her passion for work and her experience in Kuwait.

**Speaker adjourns session until after Eid**

## 'Govt missing as MPs occupied vital seats'

By Saeed Mahmoud Saleh Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, April 28: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim adjourned the session slated for Tuesday until after Eid Al-Fitr, indicating the government declined to attend the session because some MPs occupied the seats allocated for ministers and HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid.

A few days before the session, the opposition MPs posted a joint statement on their Twitter accounts stating "no grilling, no session". When the session started on Tuesday, several MPs occupied the front seats where members of the government are usually seated. They also pasted papers with the statement: "We have taken the 1962 oath," referring to the issuance of the Constitution in 1962.

The government then issued a statement, clarifying they went to the Assembly building to attend the session as the agenda included important items such as the grilling motion against Minister of Health Dr Basel Al-Sabah; voting on the second reading of the bills to amend the printing, publishing and audiovisual laws; and approval of the

budget allotted for the incentive of frontline workers dealing with the coronavirus crisis. However, they were surprised as the seats allotted for them were occupied by some MPs; pointing out this is a violation of a parliamentary tradition practiced in various legislatures throughout the world.

They affirmed the government is ready to cooperate with the Assembly, pointing out the illegal action of some MPs proves wrong the allegation that the executive authority is disrupting parliamentary sessions.

**Dismissal**

On the other hand, the opposition MPs announced that they will continue calling for the dismissal of the Speaker and HH the Prime Minister. MP Muhammad Al-Mutair said the absence of the government shows how it disparages the Assembly, indicating the prime minister's excuse that he did not attend the session because some MPs occupied his seat only proves he is concerned about his position whether such move is in the interest of the citizens or not.

Al-Mutair pointed out the government "cries about parliamentary traditions and ignores the statement of former State Minister for Cabinet Affairs

Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah Mubarak who asserted that ministers can sit on any of the seats in the Assembly hall." He stressed the MPs will not carry out their monitoring task with the current government which protected itself against grilling through its alliance with the speaker who covered up its illegal procedures. He said it is not true that the government proved the MPs caused delayed payment of the incentive to frontline workers in the fight against corona. On the contrary, the government is behind such delay, he concluded.

On the other hand, 10 opposition MPs submitted a proposal for the Budgets and Final Accounts Committee to complete its report on adding KD600 million to the budget allotted for the incentive of frontline workers that was supposed to be approved by the Assembly on Tuesday. However, Chairman of the committee MP Bader Al-Mullah said they failed to complete the report because the government did not respond to their questions.

MP Saoudon Hammad called for the formation of a committee consisting of psychiatric doctors to regularly check the MPs to determine who among them are not capable of attending the sessions.