

Government working on 'dealing' with miners of virtual currencies

Devices said being operated in abandoned homes

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 1: Regarding the government's recent moves to deal with the issue of mining the digital currency "Bitcoin" and besieging encrypted virtual currencies locally in the absence of a law preventing or criminalizing them, informed sources revealed that a governmental study prepared in this regard concluded that there is a major scenario that the "miners" resort to in Kuwait, which is operating their devices in abandoned homes, especially in some areas of private hous-

ing due to the low value of the electric tariff, reports Al-Rai daily.

The sources said, "Users of coin-mining devices disconnect some of the cooling devices in the house in order not to draw attention to the unusually high consumption of electrical energy, and to use the amount of current saved from turning off the air-conditioning devices, which is also known to consume high amounts of electricity.

According to the government's understanding in this regard, the Ministry of Electricity and Water is due to work on increasing control over consumption indicators, especially in areas where there are abandoned homes. In the event of any warnings indicating that electricity consumption from these

homes may be a cause for concern, those in charge will inform the concerned officials in the Ministry of Interior to take appropriate measures, to deal with the seized devices if any, and refer them to the Public Prosecution with those responsible for the property".

The sources revealed that the Ministry of Electricity and Water, few months ago, had worked on tracking some of the rental properties where electricity was used to mine digital currencies, adding that the ministry cut off the power to one of the houses after discovering an unjustified rise in consumption and the existence of manipulation in the extensions that supply the high-consumption trading devices without reflecting it in the electricity meters.

In another development, while the competent authorities in the Ministry of Education are keen on solving the school cleaners crisis by recruiting 2,100 cleaning workers under the fixed-salary contract; the ministry encountered another problem as the recruitment conditions have not been met although more than 3,500 individuals have applied so far, reports Al-Jarida daily quoting sources.

Sources disclosed most of the applicants hold high school certificates or higher, but the requirement for this job is an average degree or lower, which means the committee tasked to evaluate applicants will not accept them.

Sources said only 350 applicants met the conditions so far; so the ministry has not recruited the required number of cleaners until now, unless an exception is applied.

'Programs' to keep pace with age spirit

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 1, (KUNA): General Director of the Joint Program Production Corporation of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Shafiq Al-Sayed Omar, said that the Corporation seeks to provide enlightened Gulf programs that keep pace with the spirit of the age and are based on heritage, Islamic, Arab and Gulf values, based on its vision and five-year plan (2021-2026).

Omar added in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) on Tuesday that the Foundation began five months ago to focus on several axes from which it aims to achieve its strategic objectives and reach that vision.

He explained that its first axis is documenting the heritage of knowledge of programs and artwork, including series, documentaries, radio and television programs, children's programs, and others, which it produced during the past forty years since 1979 until now, to preserve the institution's intellectual and property rights.

He stated that the second axis is to update the programs and artwork produced by the Foundation through re-montage according to modern techniques to raise the level of artistic production of radio, television and film programs in line with the Gulf arena, with the aim of preserving the national and cultural identity, highlighting the values of the Islamic religion and reviving the Gulf heritage.

Omar pointed out that the third axis is represented in launching an electronic platform that aims to enhance Gulf and Arab media, artistic and cultural work and be an added value to contemporary electronic media.

He stressed that the Foundation, with its professional expertise in the field of artistic, cultural and media production, is working to provide its services to the General Secretariat of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf and all its Gulf organizations and offices in order to add value and a building block to an effective Gulf society.



Shafiq Al-Sayed Omar

National Day greetings sent

Amir congratulates Central African Republic president

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 1, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent Wednesday a cable of congratulations to President of Central African Republic Faustin-Archange Touadera on the occasion of the National Day of his country.

His Highness the Amir wished

Central African Republic president everlasting health and wellness and further progress and prosperity to his country.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables.



HH the Prime Minister with Minister Ahmed Shide.

PM receives Ethiopian finance minister

His Highness the Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received Wednesday Ethiopian Minister of Finance Ahmed Shide and his accompanying delegation at Bayan Palace.

Minister of Oil and Higher Educa-

tion Dr Mohammad Al-Fares, Minister of Finance and State Minister for Economic and Investments Affairs Khalifa Hamada and His Highness the Prime Minister's Diwan Chief Abdulaziz Al-Dakheel were in attendance. (KUNA)

Outbreak of H5N1 avian influenza cited

PAAAFR bans import of live birds from Poland, Hungary, Kazakhstan

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 1: The Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) issued a decision to ban the import of all types of live birds, hatching eggs and one-day-old chicks and broiler chickens from Poland, Hungary and Kazakhstan due to the outbreak of the highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in those countries, reports Al-Qabas daily.

PAAAFR spokesman Talal Al-Daihani, told KUNA this decision was made based on the recommendations of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and follow-up on the latest developments in the animal health situation in these countries, as well as the authority's keenness to take precautionary measures and adhere to the utmost safety and security for birds imported from abroad.

Al-Daihani added that the decision stressed the necessity that all consignments, according to their type, be subject to the conditions and controls issued by the animal health department in the authority in accordance with the procedures of the World Organization for Animal Health and the procedures stipulated by the veterinary quarantine regulation in Kuwait and the Gulf Cooperation Council countries.

He stressed that consignments infected with any of the epidemic and contagious diseases will be rejected after examining the samples in the authority's laboratory, provided that the importer is instructed to return the infected birds and animals to the destination from which they arrived at his own expense without the authority bearing any responsibility.

Kuwait opens medical center in Taiz

ROPME working on strategy on climatic change impact on Gulf

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 1, (KUNA): The Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) declared on Wednesday that it is drafting a strategy to cope with climatic change and assess its impact on the marine environment throughout the Gulf region.

ROPME's Executive Secretary General Dr Jassem Bechara said in a statement that the organization has recently held a virtual meeting, in coordination the Centre for Environment, Fisheries, and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), in London.

CEFAS is an executive agency of the United Kingdom Government Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). It carries out a wide range of research, advisory, consultancy, monitoring and training activities for a large number of customers around the world.

Dr Bechara said ROPME at the London meeting briefed participants in the gathering about its efforts for facing the climatic change and its impact on marine life particularly in the Gulf region.

The regional organization has carried out wide-scale surveillance in the coastal environment stretching from the north-eastmost location of the Gulf to the Omani shores.

The Kuwait-headquartered organization groups as member states Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Iraq and Iran.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait-based Alnajat Charity has inaugurated a medical center in the southwestern Yemeni city of Taiz. The new center will offer healthcare services to 10,000 people in the conflict-ravaged city.

During the opening ceremony, head of



Food festival flyer

Korean Embassy holds Street Food Fest today

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 1: The Korean Embassy in Kuwait is organizing its popular 'Korean Street Food Festival' on Dec 2 (Thursday), at its premises.

A press release by the embassy says, the Korean street foods are known for their diversity, taste and easy accessibility in various cities like Seoul-Shincheon, Myungdong, Hongdae where young people and foreigners can enjoy eating street food dishes such as Gimbap, Teokbokki, Dak gangjung (fried chicken with special sauce) and Hotteok, which will be prepared during the festival.

People attending the event must be fully vaccinated. Grab the opportunity to feel like you are in the middle of a street in Korea and have great fun.

Limak contract

MPW confirms 'start' of personal interviews

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 1: Director of the Planning Department at the Ministry of Public Works Eng Iman Al-Omar has confirmed the start of personal interviews to complete the recruitment procedures for the Limak Company contract for Kuwait International Airport T2 project, which includes 36 job titles with a total of 161 job opportunities at the airport; as this is one of the largest strategic projects in the State's development plan in accordance with the decision to Kuwaitize contracts and agreements for the ministry's projects, reports Al-Jarida daily.

Al-Omar revealed that after the announcement of the recruitment for the airport project, there will be a series of a similar announcement under the current and future contracts and agreements to realize the aspirations of the Kuwaiti youths by providing them with job opportunities through which they can prove their competencies and contribute to the development of their country.

Taiz Health Office Dr Rajeh Al-Milaki expressed appreciation to the Kuwaiti government and people for their support to Yemeni people in times of peace and war.

Rasasi Perfumes to participate at the Kuwait Perfumes & Cosmetics Exhibition 2021

Rasasi Perfumes is excited to announce its participation in this year's edition of the Perfumes & Cosmetics Exhibition organised in collaboration with Boutiqaat. Set to take place from November 25th to December 11th at the Kuwait International Fair Grounds, Mishref, Rasasi, known for being one of the leading fragrance houses within the region, aims to showcase a variety of new products as well as those within its existing assemblage.

Bringing some of its best-of-the-year deals and super savers across an extensive selection of products, Rasasi will provide patrons with the opportunity to enjoy an array of products at the exhibition hall.

Over the last few years, Kuwait's personal care industry has seen strong growth and an uptick in interest from consumers looking to invest in fragrances. Kuwaiti consumers make up the highest per capita spend on luxury and lavish perfume products in the GCC region alone with their numbers (an impressive 9.7%) in comparison with their peers from



According to a report by IMARC Group, titled "Kuwait Perfume Market: Industry Trends, Share, Size, Growth, Opportunity and Forecast 2021-2026", the Kuwait perfume market is expected to grow at a CAGR of 9.7%

across the region.

In addition to showcasing popular Rasasi products, the brand will be debuting fragrances and products that cater to the tastes of the Kuwaiti customers while reflecting international trends in the world of perfumery. Rasasi also brings to the exhibition a

"The famed perfume house invites one and all to enjoy exciting offers and super-savers as they showcase new launches and product categories

rich curation of rare and popular agarwood, dhanal oud and other concentrated perfume oils.

Commenting on the participation, a spokesperson from Rasasi said, "We are delighted to be participating in this year's edition of the Kuwait International Perfume Exhibition. The Kuwait market has continued to recover in the aftermath of the pandemic, and we are confident this year's edition would further catalyse the market. The event will be an opportunity for us to showcase our newest launches, which we're confident will be well received by our Kuwaiti customers."

Rasasi will welcome shoppers in Hall E enclave E to discover for themselves the alluring new scents and exclusive offers across a wide range of product categories.

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