

Amnesty Committee's work said to be suspended

'Number of ambassadors, heads of missions may be reshuffled'

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: A large number of ambassadors and heads of missions will most likely be reshuffled in February, upon completion of procedures in this regard, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

Sources revealed the abovementioned move will include a number of important capitals and young dip-

lomats who will assume the leadership of diplomatic missions abroad. Sources confirmed the concerned units at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had earlier discussed the need to lay down new regulations regarding ambassadors, most notably limiting the representation period outside the country to eight years maximum

and four years in the country of representation.

Also, there have been talks on reducing diplomatic missions abroad; particularly the recommendation to cancel 13 out of 106 Kuwaiti missions, sources said.

Sources pointed out these decisions are in line with the strategy

of Foreign Affairs Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmed Al-Nasser to give young citizens a chance to prove their capability to serve as diplomats and to reduce expenses as well.

Meanwhile, the work of the Amnesty Committee will be suspended until further notice, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting a reliable source.

The source revealed that the committee was supposed to submit the new list of amnesty beneficiaries to the political leadership early this month; but the political symposiums organized recently by some of those covered by the amnesty prompted the committee to suspend its meetings.

The source pointed out the committee scheduled weekly meetings to complete the lists of amnesty beneficiaries, but the committee decided to postpone its work in this regard until further notice due to the speeches delivered by some of those covered by the amnesty decision during the political symposiums.

Animal breeders warn of meat, milk price hike should fodder cost more

Federation of Livestock Breeders seeks PM's intervention



Al-Fatat Sports Club took top place with a total of 173 points, in the first refresher tournament for women's athletics held on the track of Kazma Club. The two-day refresher tournament witnessed strong competitions among the female athletes in various competitions.

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: The prices of meat, milk and related products are expected to rise as the Kuwait Flour Mills and Bakeries Company and the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources plan to increase in the price of fodder for cows, sheep and camels, angering the animal breeders, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily quoting sources said the mills company cited the high costs of basic feed materials and put the blame on shipping and insurance cost which continues to incur losses, but the livestock breeders feel they are at the receiving end with the jump in the prices of subsidized fodder.

The breeders have warned should this happen, it will reflect in the rise in the prices of meat, milk and cheese, which prompted the Federation of Livestock Breeders to appeal to the Prime Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, to intervene and end the crisis, especially since the repercussions of the decision will affect the prices of weed, which jumped by about 20 percent.

Unsubsidized

Although the new decision to raise prices issued by the company was limited to unsubsidized fodder, it automatically withdrew from the prices of subsidized fodder, which has disappointed the breeders, in light of the lack of rain and the negative repercussions of the price hike.

An official source in the company explained there is no change in terms of subsidies, but the increase in the prices of unsubsidized fodder has naturally led to a rise in the prices of subsidized feed, because the value of the subsidy is still fixed, reassuring on the other hand that it is unlikely to witness any change in prices during the coming period.

He said as an example that the unsubsidized sack of barley (50 kilograms) became 4,950 dinars, while it was previously 4,100 dinars, an increase of 850 fils, noting that "despite the current increase in feed prices, they remain the lowest among neighboring countries."

The source confirmed that the new prices came as a result of global changes and conditions, and with the increasing losses borne by the Mills Company due to the high prices of grain and shipping, revealing that the allocations for the increase in cost was about 7 million dinars in the last fiscal year.

Ci-Net sets KD 500 yearly fee for banks

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: According to informed sources, the Credit information Network (Ci-Net) has set an annual fee of KD 500 for banks if they wish to use the warnings box listed on its system. This system includes a database that contains the names of bank employees whose services were terminated based on a punitive measure related to embezzlement, fraud or forgery. This will help in preventing the employment of any of those employees whose services were terminated by any bank for reasons related to fraud with another bank in the future, reports Al-Rai daily.

Ci-Net has also set a fee of KD 500 for each bank in exchange for its access to the reporting database, which is also included in its system, regarding the incidents of suspicion that banks can monitor in terms of the authenticity of the documents that the client can provide for the purpose of obtaining a loan or any other banking transaction. This will help in enhancing the ability to assess the customer's credit and banking risks if he decides to resort to another bank.

Bid to enhance its role in community service

PAY adopts regulations governing use of authority's facilities: official

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4, (KUNA): The Public Authority for Youth announced on Saturday the adoption of the regulations governing the use of its facilities, the most important of which are youth centers, in order to enhance the role and development to serve the community, provide all requirements for members and provide high-end community service.

Authority spokeswoman Asrar Al-Ansari told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that this trend, which comes with the follow-up and directives of Minister of Information and Culture and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdul Rahman Al-Mutairi, aims to develop the investment side of the authority and provide suitable opportunities for young owners of small and medium enterprises to work in these facilities.

Al-Ansari indicated that the regulation allows the authority to rent its outdoor playgrounds for football, basketball, volleyball, handball, indoor halls, padel (tennis) stadium, shooting fields and swimming pools for individuals, clubs, sports federations and government agencies to conduct sports activities, events and competitions according to controls and direct follow-up by youth center officials.

She added that the regulation also allows renting seminar halls and theaters to hold cultural and artistic seminars, theatrical performances, training courses and workshops.

Al-Ansari indicated that the permitted investment activities are cafeterias, cafes, food carts and food and beverage vending machines, stressing that this will make a



Asrar Al-Ansari

qualitative leap in the services that are provided, which will lead to an increase in the demand of young people to the centers and support youth initiatives, which will bring benefit to them and their community, as well as contributing to the provision of additional financial resources for the State.

She indicated that this step would contribute to the development of the commission's activities in youth centers, including the Volunteer Work Academy, the Arts and Media Academy, the Youth Valley, the football academies and the youth league, which is an important tributary to the continued success of the commission's activities.

'Jan 2023 until Dec 2024'

Kuwait re-elected to WFP's top board

ROME, Dec 4, (KUNA): Kuwait was re-elected as Executive Board member of the World Food Program (WFP) for further a two-year term as of January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2024.

This came during the 168th session of the Council of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), currently held in Rome, with the participation of 49 countries, including the Kuwait.

Speaking to KUNA in a statement on Friday, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to FAO Eng. Yousef Juhail lauded the re-election for a new term and the renewal of the FAO Council's confidence in Kuwait.

This reflects Kuwait's position and its strong partnership in global humanitarian work, he said.

Juhail, who headed the Executive Board, said re-electing Kuwait for a fourth term in ten years is a certificate of appreciation that prompts Kuwait to continue its humanitarian role to serve the vulnerable and marginalized segments across the world.

Kuwait, which chaired the Executive



Eng. Yousef Juhail

Board for the first time in January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2018, has been considered one of the outstanding countries that pays much attention to humanitarian activities of the WFP.

Panel must submit monthly report

Decision to form joint panel of PART and MoC to carry out business, transfer duties

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: Director General of the Public Authority for Roads and Land Transportation (PART) Rajaa Al-Moumin has issued a decision to form a joint committee between PART and the Ministry of Communications to carry out the business, and transfer the duties of the land transport department from the ministry to the authority, reports Al-Jarida daily.

He explained in the decision that the committee must set up a system for its work including the work mechanism and the dates of its meetings, provided that the quorum necessary for the validity of the meetings is not less than half of the number of members and one more member. In the absence of the chairman of the committee, the deputy chairman shall replace him.

The committee's work period is three months from the date of issuing the decision. It must submit a monthly report regarding all its work to the chairman of the Board of Directors of PART, the director general of PART and the undersecretary of the Ministry of Communications.

It is worth highlighting that the Minister of Public Works and State Minister for Communications and Information Technology Affairs Dr. Rana Al-Faris addressed the head of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to provide her with the necessary procedures regarding transferring the duties of the land transport department from the Ministry of Communications to PART prior to the issuance of the transfer decision.

A dispute arose among several government agencies following the issuance of the law on the Public Authority for Roads and Land Transportation concerning the subordination of some departments in those government agencies, and their failure to transfer their duties referred to in the law of PART, which led to PART's inability to carry out its work in accordance with the law of its establishment for years.

In implementation of Cabinet decision

Lieut-Gen Al-Nawaf tours ESC of Police Sports Federation

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, Lieutenant-General Sheikh Faisal Al-Nawaf, toured the Equestrian and Shooting Club (ESC) of the Police Sports Federation, where he inspected the club's facilities, field equipment, technical and administrative staff, horse stables, the veterinary clinic, the indoor and outdoor horse jumping tracks and shooting range, reports Al-Anba daily.

Al-Nawaf with members of the visiting team then held a meeting with the president and members of the Police Sports Federation and discussed current and future plans for developing the fields of training and the timetable for the championships of the Ministry of Interior sectors.

During the meeting the senior Interior ministry official stressed on the need to provide all capabilities to the Police Sports Federation including all facilities to the children of the security establishment personnel to motivate them to practice all kinds of sports to raise their fitness levels.

The President and members of the Police Sports Federation expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Minister of Interior and the Undersecretary for their support of the Police Sports Federation.

No. 1278/2016, the Ministry of Public Works agreed to transfer the departments of road design, highways, the planning and follow-up office, road implementation, and highway maintenance. Coordination is underway between PART and other relevant state agencies, including the Ministry of Interior and Kuwait Municipality, to transfer departments and duties as stipulated by the PART law.

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