

Prayer Timings

Fajr	05:15	Asr	15:07
Sunrise ..	06:36	Maghrib ..	17:28
Zohr	12:02	Isha	18:47

Local

VACCINE REGISTRATION WEBSITE: https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD_19_Vaccine_Registration.aspx

Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Day: Warm with light to moderate south easterly wind with speeds of 06-32 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear.

By Night: Rather cold and

partly cloudy to cloudy with light to moderate south easterly wind with speeds of 15-38 km/h.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	25	15
Kuwait Airport	25	08
Abdaly	26	08

Buayan	21	-
Jahra	26	12
Salmiyah	23	15
Ahmadi	22	16
Nuwaisib	25	10
Wafra	26	09
Salmiyah	23	11

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'All must join hands, seek way out of political tension'

"Since His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled has been appointed to form the government again, Kuwait has entered a new state of political tension especially after a group of MPs hinted that Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled's return to head the government for the third time will stifle political crisis," columnist **Fahd Abdulrahman Al-Moajel** wrote for *Al-Anba* daily.

"Of course, this is not the first time that the relationship between the two authorities has reached the point of no return but such tension and escalation today takes other dimensions as Kuwait is facing an economic crisis that requires efforts and action to get out of it and the whole world is suffocated by the repercussions of the Corona pandemic that is still in its initial stages, according to the opinions of most political and economic experts, add to that the escalation in violence and terrorism experienced in the whole region and the frequency of conflicts and wars.

"In other words, we are facing an exceptional era by all standards - politically, financially and health-wise - an era that requires cooperation and coordination, not conflict and escalation.

"There may be those who strive to calm down the two authorities so that life can progress in all its aspects. Certainly there are those who are trying to find a way out of this state of tension within the constitutional framework and yet the atmosphere is still tense and matters are still complicated, and no party initiates the correct and effective calming of the situation.

"It is true it is difficult there are signs of political tension between the two authorities, the government on the one hand and the elected parliament on the other hand. This is the characteristic of political action anywhere but the danger is when the source of this tension becomes purely personal, and the public is caught between conflicts and deserved political differences, revenge and personal disagreement that have nothing to do with real political action.

"Every follower of Kuwaiti affairs knows what the political arena is witnessing today in Kuwait which is neither aimed at reform nor at taking a step forward, rather it stems the conflicts are predominantly and purely of personal nature, and are directed to undermine opponents who disagreed on marginal and side issues that have nothing to do with the interests of Kuwaitis. Today we live in an atmosphere in which all parties are preoccupied either with attacking the other or defending themselves, each looking for a speck in the other person's eye forgetting the log in his own.

"Today, we need to work with wisdom of the politically motivated people whom all parties trust to set things right and turn the wheel of development towards a better future. People are tired of sterile congestion.

"We wish all parties, government, officials, the ruling family, opposition, and everyone, to dig the roots of their differences and disagreements and look at issues with an eye and heart devoid of all the consequences of personality in the dispute and in relations and political differences. We want this beloved country to rise with vigor and determination of all parties.

"May God protect Kuwait, its Amir and its people from all harm."

Also:

"There is no doubt that the speech in which Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled appeared after his reassignment began to be more realistic by shedding light on the fateful local issues and regional challenges that the State of Kuwait is going through, which requires cooperation with the National Assembly," columnist **Prof. Faisal Al-Sharifi** wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.

"Certainly, the opposition bloc still holds the initiative, and it can direct and lead the parliamentary work whenever it acts rationally that allows it to pass bills away from the policy of exclusion, including the comprehensive amnesty law, given that the demand for the application of the amnesty has two tracks

-- the first is in the hands of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and the second is in the hands of the Assembly. I will leave the first as it is in the hands of His Highness the Amir and I will talk about the pardon that can be agreed upon through the Assembly.

"The representatives' insistence on passing a comprehensive amnesty in its current form as a condition for cooperation with the government requires some flexibility and a lot of rationality and wisdom in order to reach a consensual formula that allows it to be approved and to obtain the sufficient number of votes. There are also those who believe that the amnesty should include all those who are convicted due to freedom of opinion and political issues without excluding any component of society.

"The diagnostic speech in which His Highness the Prime Minister appeared by presenting the mistakes made by the government during the Corona pandemic and the problems facing the country is considered a road map for reforming conditions related to combating corruption and education, addressing the economic situation, budget deficits, and reorganizing electoral districts.

"Identifying problems may not carry anything new, as previous governments had talked about the same problems, but this time I feel there is credibility more than before and that there is an action plan that the new government will adopt upon taking the oath before the National Assembly that can be agreed upon.

"These problems, as I mentioned, are not new, but their solution is not impossible when the government adopts a new policy for developing solutions, and the beginning may be with administrative corruption, as it is the interface and the engine of all the country's problems.

"If the government has a serious desire to reform the economic, educational, service and demographic conditions, it should be decisive and not allow resignation or dismissal of those who showed signs of wealth because of their position.

"The outputs of the current parliament may be ideal if we look at the number of opposition deputies and the nature of the relationship that governs the two authorities in a manner that the government can no longer be alone in the decision, so what is required of the brothers representatives is some flexibility and rationality and a lot of credibility and transparency while the government is under obligation to pass legislation and laws to eliminate corruption, and developing solutions to deal with the fateful issues identified by HH the Prime Minister by placing them on the list of priorities.

"Despite the importance of the issues raised by the Prime Minister, the issue of education quality has taken a great deal of follow-up and attention due to the vital dimensions it carries related to the economic future of Kuwait, and in resolving the demographic imbalances and addressing the country's needs of national workers and directing them properly."

"According to the mouthpiece of the executive and legislative authorities, we will continue the media wars as long as we have nothing to offer to the homeland and the citizens. Our government insists on its stubbornness and considers any bill submitted by the MPs to be a challenge presented against it," columnist **Mohammad Al-Ruwahil** wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.

"On the other hand, MPs believe that their constituents are in a raging war with the government, and they were chosen for this war in order to achieve a victory over the government.

"The misfortune of MPs is that they are exercising the role of a candidate who does not reject any request of any voter. We therefore see them still playing the same role in public without realizing that political action is completely different from electoral work. The situation cannot be stabilized, and the approach of the executive and legislative authorities is the approach of the ignorant in the interest of the homeland.

"The disaster is that everyone wants to break the bone of everyone. They are ignoring their patriotic and responsible role towards the prosperity of the

homeland and the welfare of the citizen, which is what should prevail over stubbornness, ignorance and ego without any concern for exercising the role that the constitution has drawn for them; they had taken an oath to defend it.

"Our government does not want to change the approach of stubbornness and arrogance, and consider MPs as opponents in a battle in which they must be victorious, regardless of the losses. And the MPs do not want to give up the electoral work that satisfies their constituents so that they do not lose their seats, which made political action in this absurd form.

"Exercising the constitutional powers of both sides is not a battle that a party must lose. When will the government understand its role and the MPs understand their role stipulated in the Constitution?"

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"Since the emergence and spread of corona, Kuwait has taken a clear and decisive approach in addressing it, such that there is no compromise in protecting the health of citizens and residents," columnist **Abdulrahman Al-Awwad** wrote for *Al-Sabah* daily.

"Therefore, Kuwait is among the countries that rushed to sign a contract with the company 'Pfizer' to import the vaccine it produced in cooperation with a German company. Then, Kuwait started the vaccination campaign immediately.

"Two days ago, the Ministry of Health announced the arrival of 200,000 doses of 'Oxford' corona vaccine, which is manufactured at a serum factory in India with a license from the international company - AstraZeneca.

"Assistant Undersecretary for Drug and Food Control Affairs at the ministry Dr Abdullah Al-Badr confirmed the successive arrival of batches of this vaccine in order to ensure that the ministry does not delay the implementation of its vaccination program. This is after checking the quality reports, evaluating the stability studies on the product, and ensuring that the principles of good manufacturing are applied in factories producing vaccines according to international standards to guarantee quality at all stages of manufacturing.

"The truth is that this tremendous effort on the part of the ministry deserves praise and appreciation. Certainly, it is not a secret that the efforts exerted by its officials and workers - including doctors, pharmacists, nurses, technicians and workers - exceeds all limits in dealing with the pandemic that took hold of the world, put it in disarray and caused terrible losses in the economies of most countries."

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"The escalation of political tension in the National Assembly surprised many people - the conflict between the two authorities during the first session of the Assembly and the continuation of this tension till date," columnist **Tariq Al-Derbas** wrote for *Al-Anba* daily.

"Undoubtedly, what is happening today is a natural result of our democratic system which is based on individualism and the absence of political bills in the previous Assembly, such as the restoration of citizenship that the lawmakers tried to achieve with all their might.

"The most important political bill in the 2020 Assembly in terms of electoral promises is the amnesty file, whether we agree or not. Parliamentary blocs and groups were formed to achieve and pay for electoral bills and promises which, I believe, their demise will break such blocs and then work in the Assembly will return to the work of an individual representative.

"Therefore, the approach of His Highness the Prime Minister is positive - coordinating and meeting with members of the Assembly. This includes absorbing and containing electoral pressures that the lawmakers face in dealing and negotiating over such files until political stability is achieved between the two authorities. Thus, there is no stability without dialogue.

"I also blame the two authorities for this escalation, as it is the result of our democratic system that is in dire need of review and amendment."

- Compiled by Ahmad Al-Shazli



Photo by Mohammad Morsi

People are seen at the Mishref fair grounds. Spokesman for the Ministry of Health (MoH) Abdullah Al-Sanad said that people would receive two doses from Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine within four weeks at some specialized centers in Kuwait International Fair, and southern and northern parts of the country. In addition to medical staff, workers at the MoH and the front lines, the elderly, people with special needs and patients with chronic diseases that are included in the previous stage of the vaccination campaign, the nationals aged 40-64 will be added to receive vaccines, he clarified.

Citizen's hand freed from meat mincer

Sewage water thrown illegally into sea

By Muhammad Ghanem

Al-Seyassah Staff and Agencies

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 3: During the first field visit members of a team comprising personnel from the Ministry of Public Works and the Environment Public Authority discovered an illegal link connecting sewers (A2, A3 and A4) which directly flow into the Gulf waters.

In addition to the process of inspecting the sewers and the extent of irregularities or illegal encroachments, the team carried out a set of checks and analyzes of the water components at the mouth of those sewers and collected and analyzed samples from the sewage water to ensure their compliance with environmental standards and to ensure the reduction of pollution of the coastal and marine environment.

The team included personnel from the

Ministry of Public Works -- engineers from the sanitary engineering sector -- engineers Ahmed Jawad, Hashim Al-Jadi, Hoda Al-Langawi, Jaafar Al-Tamimi, and Alia Amir, and from the maintenance sector Engineer Jassim Al-Rashidi.

Meanwhile, personnel from the Technical Rescue Center at the Directorate-General of Fire Department (DGFD) managed to free the hand of a Kuwaiti teenager which was stuck in a meat mincer, reports *Al-Anba* daily.

The daily added, the 18-year-old was taken to the Jahra Hospital and the hospital sought the help of the firemen to free the hand.

The firemen allegedly used special equipment and freed the hand without causing further injuries.

The victim allegedly had a minor cut on her hand when the accident happened.

Awqaf Ministry receives new building in Reqqa

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 3: Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Undersecretary Engr Farid Emadi confirmed that the ministry received its new building from its Public Works counterpart on Thursday; hence, they will soon start the gradual transfer to the new building in Reggae from the current location at the Twin Towers of the the Public Institution for Social Security (PIFSS) next to the Ministries Complex in Kuwait City, reports *Anba* daily.

In a press statement, Emadi explained the transfer is part of ongoing efforts to save public money as the payment of rent for the current building will stop; especially since the new building is ready for operation as electricity has been connected to it and other facilities are in place.

He said the higher management will be the last to transfer to the new building, affirming the old furniture will be transferred as well until the Ministry of Public Works completes the provision of new furniture within six months.

He added the new building has a distinctive Islamic architectural design with a huge capacity as it can accommodate a number of structures and external departments.

Case tied to holding of primaries

Several MPs could lose immunity automatically

By Khaled Al-Hajri

Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 3: Several members of the National Assembly who are accused of taking part in the so-called primaries before the Parliament elections which were organized by some tribes are facing the possibility of their parliamentary immunity being automatically lifted based on the requests of the Public Prosecution in light of the failure of the Parliament to decide on the issue, amid expectations that the legal time limit of 30 days will expire from the date the request was referred.

Informed sources warned that in the event these MPs lose their immunity, the cases in question based on the verdicts issued may lose their seat in the Parliament, which opens the door for the possibility of holding by-elections in some constituencies to fill their seats.

Recently, the Legislative Affairs Committee referred a report to the National Assembly not to agree to lift the immunity of MP Marzouq Al-Khalifa on the issue of participating in by-elections, calling it a malicious complaint, despite the defendant's admission and all documentary evidence including video recording to prove that he took part in the by-election.

The committee considered in its report that what the Public Prosecution relied on in its accusation was merely the officer's investigations of the incident, no other evidence was submitted to support the charge, and there was no material evidence except for what was mentioned in the investigator's investigations in the form of tweets on Twitter.

The sources added, what confirms the maliciousness of the prosecution and its lack of seriousness is that the Ministry of Interior does not carry out its duty,

starting with preventing the by-elections -- according to its claim -- because it is aware of the date and the preparations that have been made for organizing such primaries, as well as the name of the candidate from that particular tribe since the primaries are organized to choose one candidate and protect the votes from being split among members. It is noteworthy to make a mention that at least 20 MPs in the current Parliament were the product of by-elections.



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كمام نظافة

تطورات مرض فيروس كورونا COVID-19

Wednesday 2021/2/03 الأربعاء

وزارة الصحة
الإعلام الصحي

<p>756</p> <p>إصابة جديدة NEW CASES الإجمالي Total: 167,410</p>	<p>1</p> <p>حالة وفاة جديدة NEW DEATHS الإجمالي Total: 961</p>	<p>557</p> <p>حالة تعافى جديدة NEW RECOVERIES الإجمالي Total: 159,543</p>
<p>65</p> <p>إجمالي الحالات في العناية المركزة TOTAL SERIOUS CASES</p>	<p>6,906</p> <p>إجمالي الحالات التي تتلقى العلاج TOTAL ACTIVE CASES</p>	<p>9,621</p> <p>مسحة جديدة NEW TESTS الإجمالي Total: 1,557,044</p>

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