

## Needs of elderly require specialists

## MoH and MoSA in bid for more health services for elderly

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 3: The Ministry of Social Affairs held the first joint meeting of the Health Committee for the Elderly with the Ministry of Health in preparation for the activation of more healthcare services for the elderly, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs Musallam Al-Subaie explained that the meeting was aimed to arrange joint services and teams with the Ministry of

Health in preparation for launching more healthcare, psychological and social services for the elderly category, with the announcement of the return of normal life in the fifth stage, which is expected to be announced by the Cabinet soon.

The Ministry of Social Affairs requested a specialized medical team and a distinguished nursing cadre from the Ministry of Health for providing services to the elderly to keep pace with the services provided by

the Ministry of Social Affairs.

The Ministry of Social Affairs provided vehicles for the medical teams as well as mobile centers in the six governorates to serve the elderly.

Al-Subaie stressed that the needs of the elderly are not only related to what doctors or nurses offer, as they require specialists of specialized specifications who are able to meet the needs and requirements of the beneficiaries of these services.

He said the ministry is cooperating

with the Psychiatric Department to provide psychosocial health professionals to be part of the teams that provide mobile and home services for the elderly.

Al-Subaie revealed that the total number of beneficiaries of the mobile service for the elderly in the country reached 3,503, and a total of 23,528 priority cards have been issued for the elderly people to benefit from the services provided by the state ministries.

## 96 pct of road development project completed: Hassan

'Project consists of six sections'



Asphalt laying in progress in one of the areas.

Photo by Rizk Taufiq

## 82,000 sq-mtrs of road covered with asphalt in a week

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The Ministry of Public Works announced its maintenance engineering sector as part of its maintenance program has laid asphalt on more than 82,000 square meters in eight sites in various governorates between Jan 20 and Jan 26.

The ministry said in a press release, that the works related to asphalt brushing in the internal road network during this week included

Rumaithiya, Al-Sabahiya, Jaber Al-Ali, Al-Adan, Al-Jahra Al-Qadima, Sabah Al-Salem and Hitteen, in addition to Abdullah Hamad Al-Hashemi Street.

The ministry indicated the nature of the work carried out by the Maintenance Engineering Sector focused on asphalt brushing operations in addition to responding to a number of citizens' complaints such as potholes in various areas, maintenance, development and repair operations for some sites.

The ministry called for the need to cooperate with emergency and maintenance teams in order to accomplish their tasks, stressing its complete keenness to respond promptly to all complaints from citizens and residents around the clock – complaints which are received through phone calls directly on the Hotline (150) or via the WhatsApp No. 93333150 or via the online application of the Ministry of Public Works on smart devices.

## 24,639 firms benefited from 'As-hal' system since launch

## Al-Mazyad highlights PAM's online services

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 3: The official spokesperson of the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM), and the Director of the Public Relations Department Aseel Al-Mazyad says 24,639 companies have benefited from the services of the "As-hal" system since its launch, reports Al-Qabas daily.

She explained that the launch of the new system was based on a gradually defined work plan for implementation of online services for a period of one month from the date of the launch that was previously announced.

The total accomplishments since the launch on Jan 12 reached 25,565 trans-

actions, including vehicle registration, printing certificates, manpower disclosures, renewal of 10,461 work permits, and cancellation of 1,086 others. This is in addition to the renewal of 3,637 national workers' permits and the registration of notices for 112, as well as the cancellation of work permits for a total of 127 workers due to their death.

Al-Mazyad said, "The management of the Information Systems Center is ongoing day and night to supervise the completion of the work. It is a qualitative leap in the implementation of online services of PAM, with the cooperation of the Labor Affairs Sector

and other concerned sectors. This is in addition to the activation of the emergency plan internally."

Regarding the names of users and the authority of the employees, she said the mechanism involves sending more than 1,198 user names via SMS messages due to the COVID-19 pandemic and training all employees, in addition to ensuring the presence of a specialized task team, consisting of 31 employees with different specializations, on a daily basis in the labor departments in order to provide immediate technical support and submit daily reports to the management.

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KUWAIT CITY, Feb 3: The project engineer looking after the construction, completion and maintenance of roads and bridges linking the cities of 'Sabah Al-Ahmad' and Al-Khairan residential areas, Engr Munira Hassan, said 96% of the project has been completed.

She explained work on the project is proceeding at a steady pace to modernize and develop the road system in the country in addition to other road projects implemented by the Public Authority for Roads and Transportation (PART), which in turn will contribute to realize Kuwait's new vision.

Eng Hassan said in a press statement, "This project is one of the important development projects, and aims to develop the roads linking the city of Sabah Al-Ahmad and Al-Khairan residential city, and make good the existing roads and build modern roads according to the standard designs of highways."

She explained the project consists of six sections with a total length of 130 km in length – three of which are new.

## Secure

It also includes 17 intersections, most of which are an overpass to secure traffic flow with a roundabout at ground level to secure the connection between cities.

Eng Hassan stressed on the keenness of the executive body and the concerned parties working within the project to closely follow up and accelerate the pace of work; get rid of all obstacles facing the project to complete the project on time and achieve the desired goals.

She pointed to the full implementation of all precautionary measures that have been approved by the health authorities in order to prevent the spread of the virus corona by providing masks, sterilizers, and temperature measuring devices at all project work sites.

She pointed coordination is continuing with all concerned authorities, including the General Traffic Department, during the implementation of various stages of the project, in addition to implementing safety and security measures at work sites to protect lives and property.

## 5 govt bodies hold 'training' programs for non-employees

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 3: Five government agencies, namely the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), the Kuwait Fund, the Public Institution for Social Security, the Central Bank of Kuwait and the Capital Markets Authority, have organized training programs for the non-employees, as all of the aforementioned bodies have participated in preparing training programs out of social responsibility, reports Al-Shahid daily.

The Central Bank of Kuwait is one of the first bodies to organize training programs through the Institute of Banking Studies since 1982 at a local level. It provides training services in the banking field in English language. This was followed by the Kuwait Investment Authority in 1995 and then the Kuwait Fund in 2004. The Public Institution for Social Security started in 2007 and the Capital Markets Authority in 2013.

It was discovered that these institutions organize training programs on their own, and some others in cooperation with other external institutions.

The number of trainees in all regions from 2015 until 2019 reached about 964. The lowest number of trainees was from the Capital Markets Authority with 82 trainees, and the highest from Public Institution for Social Security with 258 trainees.

The number of trainees in the Middle East Program reached 6,187. The allowances received by trainees in all authorities ranged between KD 750 and KD 1500. The cost for training programs incurred by the study bodies for non-employees amounted to KD 16.144 million at the Kuwait Investment Authority, and KD 835,120 at the Central Bank of Kuwait from 2015 until 2019.



Indian envoy with Dr Mahdi

## Indian envoy meets Dr Mahdi

The Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, HE Sibi George called on Dr. Khaled A. Mahdi, Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Planning & Development and discussed interalia ways and

means of enhancing institutional cooperation between India and Kuwait in the economic domain across various sectors and industries for mutual growth and development.

## UAE cases up by 3,977

## New COVID-19 wave nearing, lockdown 'possible': Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Feb 3, (KUNA): A new wave of the coronavirus (COVID-19) is eminently nearing, requiring a swift government and public response to avoid a possible lockdown, said Iraqi Health Minister Wednesday.

Speaking to the press, Minister Hassan Al-Tamimi said that the ministry had been monitoring the COVID-19 situation in the past couple of weeks, indicating that Tuesday's 1,135 infections reflected the need for tougher precautionary measures to prevent further spread.

He indicated that critical cases had increased from 1.5 to 2.6 percent, adding that hospital admissions were on the rise.

Al-Tamimi affirmed that authorities would take the necessary measures to counter the spread of the virus even if it meant reintroducing lockdown and curfews nationwide.

Iraq recorded 621,755 COVID-19 cases in total with 13,068 individuals succumbing to the viral infection while 594,594.

ABU DHABI: The UAE said its daily confirmed coronavirus cases rose by 3,977 to 313,626 on Wednesday.

Some 12 fatalities were recorded as the death toll increased to 878, state news agency, WAM, quoted health authorities as saying.

Meanwhile, some 4,075 people were cured from the virus, raising the total recoveries to 289,276.

DOHA: Qatar announced on Wednesday registering 396 coronavirus cases during the last 24 hours.

Qatar's Public Health Ministry announced in a statement that the pandemic total infections reached 152,491.

Some 191 cases recovered from Covid-19 as the total reached 146,302.

MUSCAT: Oman recorded another 171 daily confirmed coronavirus cases on Wednesday, raising the tally to 134,856.

The total number of virus-induced deaths reached 1,532 as recoveries rose to 127,169, state news agency, ONA, quoted health authorities as saying.

MANAMA: The Bahraini Health Ministry reported, Wednesday, 657 coronavirus (COVID-19) infections in the last 24 hours.

Deaths in Bahrain due to COVID-19 stood at 376.

Those recovering reached 99,285 with the addition of 285 individuals, indicated the ministry, saying that there were 4,578 people receiving treatment.

TEHRAN: Iran has recorded 6,870 daily confirmed coronavirus cases and 79 deaths in the past 24 hours, health authorities said on Wednesday.

The new figures raise the total number of cases to over 1.43 million and deaths to 58,189, health authorities said, adding that recoveries have risen to over 1.22 million.

TUNIS: Tunisia's Ministry of Health said Tuesday that 91 patients died from coronavirus and 1,367 people tested positive over the past 24 hours, bringing the country's caseload to 211,412. The Covid-19 death toll reached 6,893 and recoveries surged to 165,067, the ministry noted in its

## UAE gradual 'return' to schools on Feb 14

ABU DHABI, Feb 3, (KUNA): The UAE announced on Wednesday that it will allow a gradual and phased return of all grades to on-site government school classes across the country, starting from February 14 until the end of the current school year.

The UAE Ministry of Education confirmed in a press release that, in coordination with Emirates Foundation for School Education, the option of online education will remain available until the end of the school year, taking into account the importance of coordination between parents and school principals.

The plan was developed after studying the health situation according to recommendations of competent authorities, the statement added, pointing out that the students' parents in this framework are key partners in the educational system.

It underlined the importance of adhering to precautionary measures, COVID-19 preventive protocols and health measures in order to avoid the application of laws.

daily briefing.

RABAT: The Moroccan Health Ministry announced Tuesday 22 deaths and 835 new COVID-19 infections in the past 24 hours.

The new figures took death toll up to 8,309 and the number of total infected cases to 472,273 it added.

The ministry also recorded 795 recovered cases to raise the total tally to 450,847 cases.

BEIRUT: Lebanese Ministry of Public Health reported on Tuesday 2,770 new coronavirus infection cases, which brings the cumulative number of confirmed cases to 305,842.

In a statement the ministry said 81 deaths have been registered over the past 24 hours as well, bringing the total fatalities in the country to 3,226 people.

The statement noted that overall recoveries reached 186,052 cases, and laboratory tests reached 19,004 cases.

AMMAN: Jordan on Tuesday confirmed eight deaths from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and 1,132 new positive cases in the past 24 hours.

A joint statement by the premiership and the health ministry said the country's death toll rose to 4,334 and the total infections to 329,000.

It has added that the total recoveries have reached 316,400 cases after 978 patients have recovered from the virus while 404 patients are still receiving treatment.

RAMALLAH: Palestinian Minister of Health Dr. Mai Al-Kailah on Tuesday declared that the Palestinian territories witnessed nine new deaths with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) over the past 24 hours.

In a press statement, minister Al-Kailah added that the authorities recorded 513 new infection cases during the same period. Moreover, 502 patients recovered and were pronounced as cured of the germ contamination.

## Burgan Bank Appoints Kholoud Redha AlFeeli As Group Head of Corporate Communications



Mrs. Kholoud Redha Al-Feeli  
Group Head - Corporate Communications

Commenting on the appointment, Mr. Masoud Hayat, Burgan Bank Vice-Chairman and Group CEO said: "We would like to welcome Mrs. Kholoud Al-Feeli to the Burgan Bank family. Backed by over 25 years of experience in several fields and sectors, this appointment also comes from the bank's belief in the support of qualified national cadres. We are confident that Mrs. Kholoud will have a positive impact and heavily contribute to achieving the bank's goals by developing key plans and strategies necessary to enhance the brand equity of our Group in the banking industry."

Possessing global expertise in several fields with strong cultural capabilities, corporate understanding, core technical competencies and a sustainability-based leadership approach, Mrs. Kholoud has worked and led the Corporate Communications, Marketing and Public Relations operations in renowned organizations and companies such as EQUATE, Zain International Group, Wataniya Telecoms, Trukapital Investment – subsidiary of KFH investment company and Kuwait News Agency.

Mrs. Kholoud holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in English Literature from Kuwait University. She is currently a Board member of the International Public Relations Association (IPRA) representing West Asia, and of the Arab CSR Society based in the Kingdom of Bahrain. She has attended The Reuter Foundation Program, and won the 'Dame Violet Dickson' award from the British Council as a Chevening Scholar.

Burgan Bank announced today the appointment of Mrs. Kholoud Redha Al-Feeli as Group Head - Corporate Communications. She will be responsible for developing and leading all of the functions of the Group Communications Department, including the public relations and advertising related disciplines with a focus on building solid branding and marketing-positioning strategies. Through continuous communication with stakeholders, she will also be ensuring the development and implementation of the Banks corporate strategy.