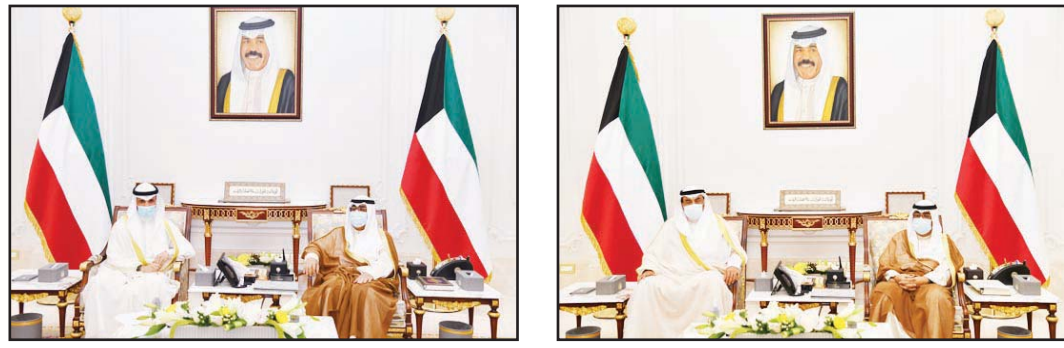


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'KD 544m for 5 strategic projects implemented by MPW and PART'

KOC preparing to float set of tenders



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

Audiences of HH the Crown Prince

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace on Sunday National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim.

His Highness the Crown Prince also received His

Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

Separately, he hosted Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Boosting Nazaha (integrity), Abdullah Al-Roumi. (KUNA)

Kuwait to participate in UN's Food Systems Summit

German and French embassies thank Kuwait for support during the floods

KUWAIT CITY, July 26, (KUNA): German and French embassies thanked His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for his kind feelings and words regarding the victims of the floods that hit Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland.

In a joint statement on Monday, the embassies thanked Kuwait for its support during such hard times, calling on officials in Kuwait to exert further efforts on cooperation to fight climate change as part of the Paris agreement.

Kuwait's private sector plays a big role in environment-friendly investments, said the statement,

also thanking Kuwait Investment Authority for cooperating with the "One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds" on the matter.

These floods are the worst in the past 100 years, they noted, adding that Germany and France are working hard to reduce emissions by 55 percent by 2030, as well as to build international alliances to protect biological diversity, fight desertification, and protect rain-forests and oceans.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Public Authority For Food and Nutrition (PAFN) announced Monday that Kuwait is participating in UN's Food Systems Summit in Rome.

PAFN Chairman of the board Reem Al-Fulaj in a statement for KUNA said that the UN's summit targets scientific methods to enhance food systems.

She stressed on the importance of this participation, and Kuwait will also partake in a conference (ahead of the summit) today at the headquarters of Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO).

"This conference paves the way for the high-class event set to be held in September, it also aims to launch a number of new commitments through cooperation and partnerships to reinforce food security in the world," she said.

Enrollment limited to bachelor's degree

Medical studies in HK allowed for Kuwaitis in 2 varsities

KUWAIT CITY, July 26: Minister of Oil and Minister of Higher Education Dr Muhammad Al-Faris has decided to suspend enrolling Kuwaitis for studies in medical specialties in Hong Kong universities, with the exception of two universities, namely the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, provided that the study in medical specialties is limited to bachelor's degree only, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to the decision issued by the minister Dr Al-Faris recently on the updated list of higher education institutions accredited to enroll Kuwaiti students for undergraduate and graduate programs in Hong Kong, it highlighted that students should be allowed to study at the two aforementioned universities in all disciplines in undergraduate and graduate degrees, but their enrollment in medical specialties should be limited to bachelor's degree only.

The decision approved the enrollment of students in all disciplines for undergraduate and graduate programs, except for medical specializations, in six universities - Hong Kong for Science and Technology City in Hong Kong, Polytechnic, Baptist, Lingnan, and the Hong

According to set percentage

Govt bodies resume their official working hours, staff attendance

KUWAIT CITY, July 26: Government agencies on Sunday resumed their official working hours and employees' attendance according to the percentage set by the Council of Ministers in its latest decision; except the ministries of Electricity, Water, Renewable Energy and Public Works which recorded more than 90 percent of the total permitted working hours and employees' attendance, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

The decision stresses the need for the academic program to follow the traditional education system, for the study to be a regular attendance system during the days of the school week, that the program must pass the study period specified for granting the scientific degree in the

Sources disclosed these ministries witnessed a remarkable turnout of auditors who reported for work to complete transactions.

Sources said that through the abovementioned decision of the Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Electricity and Water has been able to accelerate the pace of work, push for the implementation of its projects, complete transactions electronically and those requiring the physical presence of auditors.

first batch of the college that offered the program, and that the bachelor, master and doctoral programs should not be executive programs.

However, the decision does not apply to students who obtained an approved acceptance from the Cultural Office in Australia before the issuance of this decision.

By Mohamed Ghanem

Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, July 26: The budget report for 2021/2022 issued by the Ministry of Finance confirmed that the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) and the Public Authority for Roads and Land Transport (PART) acquired the biggest share of budget on 10 strategic projects (capital spending projects), where MPW and PART made the bulk of the budget of 544 million dinars for 5 projects.

The report, a copy of which has been obtained by the Al-Seyassah daily, stated the budget of the expansion project at the Kuwait International Airport Terminal T2 was 360 million dinars, and a budget of 74 million dinars was allocated for the New Maternity Hospital project, in addition to allocating 50 million dinars for the expansion project of Umm al-Haiman power station and complementary works.

The report indicated the budget for the Abdali Expressway development project was 30 million dinars, in addition to another 30 million for the construction of roads, bridges, rain and sanitation works, and other services on the Cairo Street.

Stimulating

For its part, well-informed sources at the MPW clarified the strategic projects implemented by it, in addition to the projects implemented by other parties, contribute to stimulating the economic growth and attract foreign investments.

They also contribute to creating new job opportunities and support the state's orientation towards maximizing the role and participation of the private sector in economic activity. These projects also support the realization of the state's vision of transforming it into a financial and commercial center.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) is in talks with the Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) with regard to float a set of tenders over the next period, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily learned from responsible oil sources that the tenders are for a project to operate and maintain chemical storage and handling facilities, operational laboratories, and surplus water disposal stations in the areas of the Kuwait Oil Company, and a maintenance station in the south and east of Kuwait, while the company also intends to float a tender for the provision of maintenance services for firefighting systems for the south and east regions, in addition to export, marine and Ahmadi subsidiary of the company.

The KOC also intends to float a tender to provide operation and maintenance services for mechanical equipment and air cooling systems at the Al-Ahmadi Hospital, as well as another contract to provide comprehensive maintenance and support services for production facilities in western Kuwait.



HH the Amir (right), with the Chairman of the Municipal Council Osama Al-Otaibi. KUNA photo

HH Amir receives Municipal Council's chief

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Monday, at Bayan Palace Chairman of the Municipal Council Osama Humoud Al-Otaibi. (KUNA)

National Day greetings sent

HH Amir congratulates Maldives

KUWAIT CITY, July 26, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent, Monday, a cable to the President of the Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, congratulating him on his coun-

try's National Day. 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.



Indian Ambassador speaking at the event.

Decision to benefit Indian students: George

Indian Embassy celebrates NEET Day

KUWAIT CITY, July 26: The Embassy of India in Kuwait celebrated the 'NEET Day Kuwait' on July 27 under the initiative of Indian Professionals Network (IPN).

Speaking at the event the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait HE Sibi George said he is proud of the fact that Kuwait is the first National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) examination center outside India and thanked the government of India, particularly the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan for the historic announcement.

This momentous decision, the ambassador said, has evoked huge response from the Indian community in Kuwait with thousands of students and

their parents expressing sincere gratitude for this decision. He went on to say this is a big achievement and will benefit Indian students.

The Indian ambassador also said the embassy will be celebrating a lot of events over the coming days including the ICWF Day, the 75th India's Independence Day and the Onam Festival.

He disclosed the embassy has also launched various networks and to name a few they are the Indian Business Network, Indian Professionals Network, Indian Sports Network, Cultural Network, Women Network, Readers Network, etc. This is in addition to conducting various activities within the limitations of the Covid-19 protocol.

Higher education bodies in bid to prevent admission problems

KUWAIT CITY, July 26: Several higher education institutions are currently coordinating their efforts to prevent admission problems and to find the best way to accept high school students who meet the conditions, taking into consideration the increase in the number of admission applicants to these institutions and to ensure that no student who meets the conditions is deprived of the opportunity to enroll in the university he prefers, report Al-Qabas daily quoting sources.

Sources disclosed that Minister of Oil and Higher Education Dr Muhammad Al-Faris issued a directive to find the best solutions to ensure the provision of adequate educational opportunities for high school graduates. Sources said there is a tendency to increase the admission capacity in all higher education institutions. Sources affirmed that this started when the Ministry of Higher Education announced the increase in admission seats in the foreign scholarship plan, expecting that the local admission plan will witness a similar step.

Sources expect the results of those admitted to Kuwait University to be announced soon, pointing out the university administration has been working hard to find the best way to increase the admission capacity.

Sources also confirmed that the opening of college buildings at Sabah Al-Salem University City in Al-Shaddadiya doubled the chances of increasing the university's capacity.

Power index records 15,250 MW

By Muhammad Ghanem

Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, July 26: With the rise in temperatures, which touched 50 degrees Celsius, the electricity load index recorded a consumption of 15,250 megawatts.

The Ministry of Electricity and Water announced that three sub-feeders from Qortuba Power Station A went out of service, which led to a power outage in many parts of Qortuba, indicating that work by the emergency teams was underway to restore the power supply as soon as possible.

For its part, informed sources at the Ministry of Electricity and Water attributed the increase in the power load to the continued rise in temperatures, which recorded 49 degrees Celsius Sunday in addition to people resuming work to full capacity after the Eid holidays which increased load on the power network.

Another factor is that most people are in the country who normally travelled to cooler places during the summer but last year and this year this did not happen to the restriction imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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