

# Edu minister says he will not allow any violation of employees' rights

Al-Mudhaf hosts head of ministry's union workers



Top: DGCA and Indra officials pose for a group photo, and (above) signing of the contract to provide devices to operate the new control tower at Kuwait airport.

**KUWAIT CITY, June 8: Minister of Education, Dr Ali Al-Mudhaf fully supports the demands of the ministry's employees, and has stressed that he will not allow any violation of the law or the infringement of the rights of any teacher or employee working for the Education Ministry, reports Al-Seyassah daily.**

This came when Minister Al-Mudhaf hosted the head of the Ministry of Education Union Workers in his office, Saleh Al-Azmi, where they discussed a number of demands forwarded by the union, which the minister has promised to solve.

Al-Azmi said in a press statement after the meeting, that Minister Al-Mudhaf patiently listened to a detailed explanation of the supervisory functions in the educational zones and the ministry's general office complete with full names and vacancies provided to him by department heads, observers, district managers and directors of educational affairs, and said the minister promised to resolve them soon.

He pointed to the minister's support for the union's demands regarding the approval of a number of jobs in the Ministry of Education, such as laboratories, curricula and student affairs, stressing that the union will provide the ministry with the numbers and titles for these jobs after approval by the Civil Service Commission.

Al-Azmi said Minister Al-Mudhaf has also promised to investigate the list of violations and abuses which have been submitted by the union with documentary evidence.

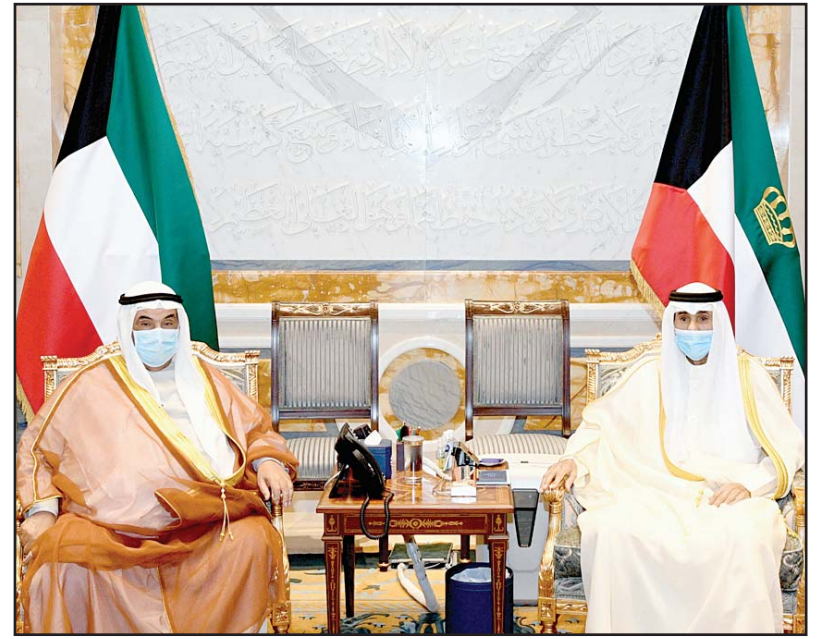
He added the minister also stressed that he will not accept the infringement of the right of any employee within the Ministry of Education, and that everyone must be given his/her right.

## GAC organizes tests for customs agents

**KUWAIT CITY, June 8:** The General Administration of Customs (GAC) announced it is holding tests for those who want to work as customs agents upon instructions from the director of the administration, Counselor Jamal Al-Jalawi, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

In a press statement, the administration said the tests continue until Thursday for those who had applied on May 15 via the administration's website following which text messages were sent to the applicants specifying the date and place of the test.

The statement added General Administration of Customs in Shuwaikh 'Area 3' has been prepared to receive applicants and that they have to abide by all health procedures and requirements.



HH the Amir with HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed (left). KUNA photo

## HH Amir receives HH Sheikh Nasser

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Tuesday His Highness Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. (KUNA)



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received on Monday Minister of Education Dr Ali Fahad Al-Mudhaf who presented to His Highness the Prime Minister the newly-assigned undersecretary, Dr Ali Mohammad Al-Yacoub. KUNA photo

## Execution of 7 projects under BOT system

Dept collects KD 11,855 for benefit of employers; KD 6,960 for workers

**KUWAIT CITY, June 8:** Director of the Public Relations and Media Department and official spokesperson of the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) Aseel Al-Mazyed revealed that the Domestic Labor Recruitment Department collected KD11,855 in May for the benefit of Kuwaiti employers and KD6,960 for the workers, reports Al-Anba daily.

In a statement to the daily, Al-Mazyed disclosed the department received 21 complaints from employers against recruitment offices, 94 complaints from workers against employers, 73 complaints from employers against workers, and 18 complaints about passports handed over to the workers; adding that 112 complaints were settled amicably, while 136 complaints were referred to the judiciary.

Al-Mazyed said the department received 49 requests for cancellation of licenses, renewal of 33 licenses to engage in work, lifting the suspension of one license, issuance of six new business licenses, suspension of one license and putting a violation citation on the door of one office.

On the number of registered domestic workers, Al-Mazyed revealed a total of 636,525 domestic workers are currently

registered at the Ministry of Interior.

**BOT system:** The State is implementing seven projects under the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) system -- starting from fiscal 2021/2022 to fiscal 2022/2023, reports Al-Anba daily quoting the Ministry of Finance.

The ministry informed the daily that these projects include contracts for the establishment of two highway restrooms (East and West) that expired on May 27, one contract each for investment in construction waste treatment and utilization which will expire in October and November respectively, one investment contract for Farwaniya slaughterhouse project that will expire in June 2022, one contract for a multi-level parking area and commercial shops affiliated to the General Secretariat of Awqaf which will expire in July 2022, and one contract for the establishment of a highway restroom in Nuwaiseeb which will expire in December 2022.

Asked about the technical and operational status of these projects, the ministry stressed they are ongoing but they need maintenance.

## Bid to provide communication devices for new airport tower

Kuwait signs KD 9.2m contract with Spain's Indra

**KUWAIT CITY, June 8, (KUNA):** The Directorate General for Civil Aviation signed Tuesday a 9.2 million Kuwaiti Dinar (USD 30 million) contract with Spain's Indra company to provide communication equipment for the new tower at Kuwait International Airport.

Indra, according to the contract, will also transfer standby navigation devices

at the airport.

Saad Al-Otaibi, DGCA's Deputy Director General for Planning and Projects, told KUNA the contract, which would be implemented in 18 months, was part of a government plan to upgrade infrastructure of Kuwait International Airport by providing state-of-art navigation devices for the new tower.

This upgrade, he said, was within operation of a new runway as well as providing training of Kuwaiti nationals on operations and maintenance of the new communication system.

The contract, signed by DGCA President Sheikh Abdullah Ali Al-Sabah and Indra representative in Kuwait Yahya Al-Shaibani, stipulated a 48-month guarantee.

## 'Need to vaccinate remaining fishermen, farm workers'

**Al-Suwayan calls for return of consumers to fish auction**

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**KUWAIT CITY, June 8:** Head of the Kuwaiti Federation of Fishermen, Daher Al-Suwayan, has called for the return of local fish auctions in the Sharq and Fahaeel markets, stressing that these auctions allow consumers to choose the best and the quantity they desire at reasonable prices subject to supply and demand, keeping in mind the greater the

supply, the lower the prices.

In a statement, he indicated the need to vaccinate the rest of the fishermen, farm workers and staff manning the offices in the Sharq and Fahaeel markets.

He explained the Fishermen's Union has sent a letter to the minister of health requesting a medical team to visit the office of the Sharq market, in order to vaccinate those who were not vaccinated during the previous visit.

He said the fishermen inside the country are working at full capacity and the absence of those who are stranded outside the country is strongly felt.

Al-Suwayan called on the Cabinet's Emergency Committee to study the union's demands for the benefit of the public and provide consumers access to auction, stressing the importance of supporting local products and developing the fishing sector.

## Query on building violations

**Council mulls co-operation pact with Kuwait Bar Assoc**

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**KUWAIT CITY, June 8:** The Municipal Council office was in the process of preparing the final draft of the cooperation agreement which was to be signed with the Kuwait Bar Association (KBA) to be expected to be presented at the Council's next meeting for approval.

The last week's meeting was chaired by Council President Osama Al-Otaibi. During the meeting several topics were discussed including the proposal to broadcast live the council's sessions.

For his part, Municipal Council member Mishaal Al-Haddan has submitted a question on building violations related to construction of the fourth floor in private housing.

Al-Haddan has asked for a detailed statement on the number of violations in each governorate since January 2019 until the date of submitting the query and also details of legal measures that have been taken against such violations.

Al-Hamadan said in a press statement recently there are many building violations in private housing, the multiplicity of building floors above what is legally permitted, and the weak supervisory role of the Kuwait Municipality towards this type of violations.

Moreover, the Public Hygiene Department and the Road Works in the Farwaniya Municipality branch carried out field tours in the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh and Khaitan areas to remove everything that distorts the general landscape of the governorate and raiding makeshift markets set up by street vendors in open areas -- in front of mosques and internal streets, and confiscated their goods including the used furniture and foodstuffs. This is in addition to lifting neglected cars and types of scrap.

In this context, the Director of the Department Saad Al-Khuraimej, explained that the aim of the intensive field tours is to monitor the violators and take all legal measures against them, pointing out that the supervisory team in the Department pays great attention to raising the level of hygiene in the areas which fall under his responsibility, as well as lifting everything that distorts the view and obstructs the road in all areas, through periodic field tours that he undertakes to preserve the civilized view of the governorate.

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