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Social Affairs Minister forms committee to enhance charity work

KUWAIT CITY, June 8, (KUNA): Minister of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy and Minister of Social Affairs and Community Development, Dr. Mishaa Al-Otaibi issued a decision Monday on forming a Higher Joint Committee for Regulating and Developing Charitable Work, which he will preside, for the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of charitable work in the country.

In a statement by the Social Affairs ministry, the minister said that the committee will work to develop and fortify charitable work.

The minister added the committee will also employ common visions and ideas from all concerned parties and participants in this important sector of the state.

Al-Otaibi explained that the committee will work to raise recommendations that would organize charitable work and present the necessary proposals to support and monitor the charitable work sector in the country, in addition to cooperating in developing mechanisms that simplify procedures through electronic and digital systems that link charities and the ministry to various bodies working in this field.

The minister expressed pride in what Kuwaiti charitable work is doing in various parts of the world, adding that Kuwaiti charitable work efforts serve humanity and consolidate the distinctive image of Kuwait as a center for humanitarian work and a beacon of

goodness for all humanity.

He added that one of the committee's goals is to implement governance mechanisms and systems that are compatible with the needs of the charitable work sector, unify media visions and mechanisms for collecting official donations and raising community awareness, in order to fortify charitable work and suggest what the committee deems appropriate to achieve the interest of charitable work.

Al-Otaibi said that the committee includes in its membership the Assistant Undersecretary for the Development Sector at the Ministry of Community Affairs and Development in his capacity as a Vice-Chairman, along with nine ministries as members in the committee.

Kuwait's FM congratulates new UNGA chief on post

KUWAIT CITY, June 8, (KUNA): Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah has congratulated, via phone,



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Maldives counterpart Abdulla Shahid on election as a president of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). In his phone con-

versation on Monday, Sheikh Ahmad, also minister of state for cabinet affairs, wished Shahid every success in his mission.

He also expressed readiness to cooperate with Shahid for supporting the UNGA activities in all domains, particularly the implementation of the UN sustainable development goals and promoting of multilateral actions.

12th grade students paper exams begin with full health compliance

PCR swabs before test to ensure safety

KUWAIT CITY, June 8, (KUNA): Examinations for the second semester of the academic year 2020/2021 began on Tuesday morning in religious education institutes for 12th grade students, with exams to begin Wednesday in schools of public and private education and special education.

The Assistant Undersecretary for Public Education, Osama Al-Sultan, said in a press statement on the sidelines of his inspection and the Director of the Religious Education Department, Anwar Abdul Ghafour, the conduct of the examination process that the arrangements and preparations for receiving students for paper-based exams were distinct and by following all health requirements agreed upon by the joint committee between the Ministries of Education and Health.

Al-Sultan explained that the educational and administrative bodies made clear efforts to provide everything that students need to perform the test in a safe manner during the examination period.

For his part, Abdul Ghafour said that 1,522 male and female students were received between morning and evening students and homes and were distributed to 17 committees, with full compliance with all health requirements such as social distancing, wearing a mask, sterilizing hands and measuring temperature before entering the testing committee to ensure the safety of students. Abdul Ghafour added that PCR swabs were made for students before the test to ensure their safety, while the Religious Education Department provided an electronic link that allows the student to send the swab result to the administration before attending the testing committee so as not to be late in the entry process and it was circulated on the entry portal with the aim of providing a safe and secure environment.

For his part, Director of the Abdul Rahman Al-Sumait Religious Institute Sultan Al-Zoubi said that "thanks to God Almighty, we started today the high school exams in religious education with Arabic language (grammar and morphology) after efforts made during a long period of work." Al-Zoubi stressed the keenness of the Department of Religious Education to provide all the full support to our students in terms of lessons, strengthening, being with them, answering their inquiries all the time, and training the educational and administrative bodies and parents to implement health requirements, wishing his students success.

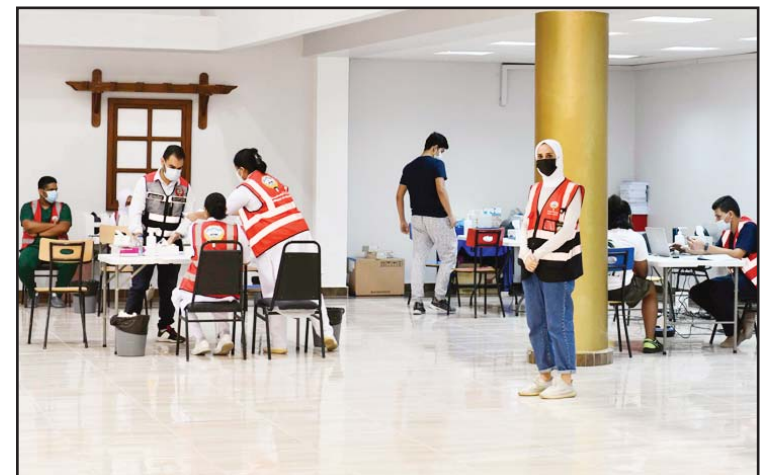
Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti Ministry of Education, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, concluded Monday a PCR test campaign on 12th grade students in scientific and literary sections, as well as students of the religious institute and in homes who are not immunized against COVID-19 in preparation for the first round of written exams.

The two-day campaign in a number of schools in each educational district witnessed the examination of male and female students out of concern for their safety and to provide the maximum levels of safety and health protection for them during the final exams scheduled to conclude on June 24.

The free swab test was conducted from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, knowing that entering the tests requires submitting a certificate of vaccination against the emerging virus issued by the Ministry of Health, or through an immunity application, or a negative PCR examination certificate issued by the Ministry of Health.



PCR swab test being done on a student



One of the PCR swab test centers.



A civil defense team seen following up the procedures for organized entry of students to conduct swab tests.



Exams for 12th grade students begin in religious education institutes.

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GFH'S BRITUS EDUCATION ACQUIRES THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL

SCHOOL OF TUNIS EXPANDING THE GROUP'S INVESTMENTS IN TUNISIA



Mrs. Fatema Kamal

art school and will also include dormitory facilities to accommodate demand for boarding from local and overseas students.

Established in September 2012, BIST lies at the heart of Tunisia's British community and is the first British-based learning institution in the country offering kindergarten-primary and high school education. BIST delivers the national curriculum of England and Wales along with an engaging, inspirational, and rounded education for students ages three to 18.

The School is inspected by the British Government and is certified by the British Schools Overseas (BSO), a government office in charge of school supervision in the United Kingdom and UK schools based overseas, the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) and Cambridge Assessment International Education, which places BIST among the top rated British schools overseas.

Commenting, Ms. Fatema Kamal, Acting CEO of Britus Education, said, "We're delighted to announce the further expansion of the Group's presence in Tunisia with the strategic acquisition of a leading international K-12 school in the MENA region. This investment comes in line with GFH's already strong commitment to the Tunisian market and will support the aim of offering world-class amenities including top ranking international schools at the Tunis Bay. This is an exciting market for us, where like the rest of the MENA region we continue to see strong and increasing demand for high quality education. We look forward to working with our new partners, BIST's management, faculty, students and families to even further enhance its already world-class offering and grows student body with the establishment of a second campus in Tunis Bay."

Mrs. Meriem Milad, Founder of BIST, added, "We're proud to announce Britus Education as our new



Mrs. Meriem Milad

partners in BIST. Over nearly a decade, we have created an exemplary school and learning community built on innovation and the highest global standards. As we move ahead, we look to even further strengthen and build upon these foundations to ensure the School and our students have all the resources and support necessary to fully maximize their potential. Britus' experience and track record of adding value to K-12 schools throughout the MENA region is exceptional and we look forward to benefiting from their expertise and involvement as a partner in the years to come."

Britus Education has a portfolio of K-12 schools and higher education assets located across the MENA region. Its strategy focuses on identifying and investing in high quality schools that are capable of being further improved, have strong existing student capacity with room for additional growth and fee structures that are affordable to the fast-expanding mid-market.

Mechanism in works to allow GCC citizens to enter Kuwait

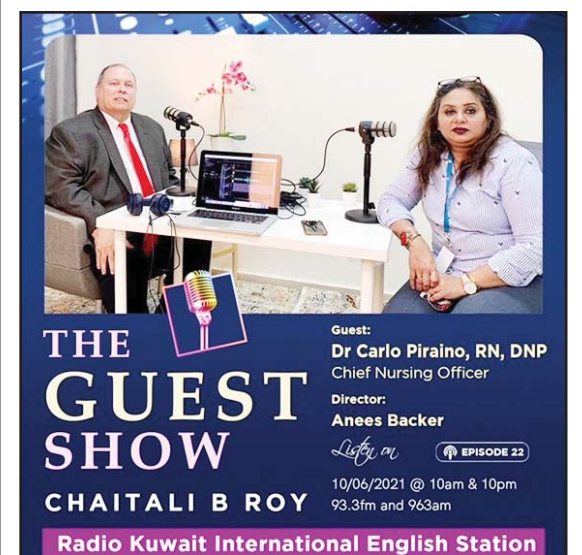
KUWAIT CITY, June 8: The Kuwait International Airport (KIA) and the Ministry of Health are preparing a mechanism to allow Gulf citizens into the country, reports Al-Qabas daily. A well-informed source told the daily the health authorities and concerned agencies operating at the KIA meet periodically to develop a mechanism which the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries can agree upon.

The sources explained proposals which have been submitted are still being considered and will be submitted to the Council of Ministers upon completion for final decision. The sources added the mechanism aims to unify health standards among the GCC countries, especially in light of clear differences in "entry" requirements as well as in the approved vaccines according to each country.

The source indicated the Ministry of Health is communicating with its counterparts in the GCC countries to unify standards, so that the Gulf citizen can travel and move comfortably between the Gulf countries. On the other hand, the source revealed that the mechanism for the return of residents to the country is linked to several controls.

TGS features Dr Carlo Piraino

This Thursday, The Guest Show will feature Dr Carlo Piraino, RN, DNP Chief Nursing Officer at Taiba Hospital. Apart from his work in nursing, Dr Carlo is also actively involved in charity and philanthropy. Dr Carlo has had an interesting life. Here, on The Guest Show, Dr Piraino speaks of his experience in nursing, discusses the qualifications and standards of nursing in the US, the difference that nurses make to their patient's lives, the challenges that nurses are facing in the current pandemic and his active and relentless role in charity and philanthropy.



The Guest Show poster

Britus Education, the fully owned education investment platform of GFH Financial Group ("GFH" or "The Group"), today announced the acquisition of The British International School of Tunis ("BIST" or the "School") further expanding the Group's presence in the Tunisian market, where GFH is already the lead/major investor in Tunis Bay.

The transaction gives Britus Education a 70% stake in the thriving school and will support plans for the establishment of another branch of BIST in the Tunis Bay as the iconic project continues to progress with the aim of offering a fully integrated and world-class commercial, residential and lifestyle offering. The second campus is being developed as a state-of-the-