

Many other stores abiding by regulations: Al-Mulaihan

Health regulations committee closes 5 stores in Mubarak Al-Kabeer

KUWAIT CITY, June 10, (KUNA): The health regulations committee at Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate said it closed five stores that did not abide by health regulations issued by the Cabinet in June.

Despite closing these stores, there are still many other stores abiding by the regulations, committee member Fahad Al-Mulaihan told KUNA on Thursday, during a visit to markets in Mubarak Al-Kabeer.

He noted that health awareness had risen recently and a lot of markets are cooperating with the health authorities to face the COVID-19 pandemic.

He added that the committee will continue its visits to markets to ensure that everybody is following the ministry's regulations.

Minister of Health Dr Sheikh Bassel Al-Sabah affirmed on Sunday that the country's pandemic situation is stable, despite registering new infections on a daily basis as other world's countries do.

He noted that the ministry records all positive cases either with or without symptoms unlike many other countries which register only those who have symptoms.

He lauded the implementation of the preventive measures across the country, hoping for continued abidance by these measures until the end of the pandemic.

Cooperation of citizens and expats helped the ministry implement preventive and precautionary measures and protected the medical system over the past 16 months, he stated.



KUNA photo Member of the Health Regulations Committee Fahad Al-Mulaihan with his team during the inspection tour.

Government to review employees exempted from work

KUWAIT CITY, June 10: The exemption from work given to some based on the decision of each government institution, reliable sources told the daily, these institutions will soon review the situation those who were granted what is called the 'rest days', based on the work requirements, reports Al-Anba daily.

The sources revealed some of these employees were given rest for almost a year and the review is necessitated as the country limps back to normal

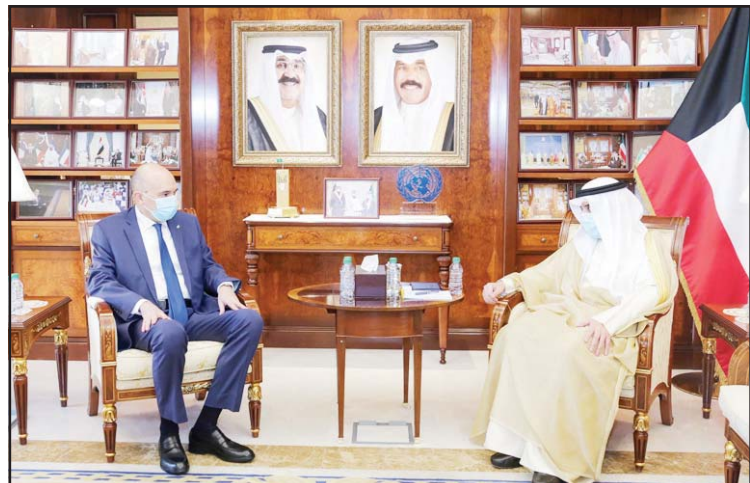
and in some cases the government institution may work at 100 percent capacity while others may increase the attendance of employees to 60%.

The sources went on to say 14 reasons were cited by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to exempt employees from work including people suffering from chronic or dangerous diseases (sugar, blood pressure, chest diseases such as asthma, heart, cancer, kidney failure, immunodeficiency, etc.), according to what the concerned authorities

decided.

Those who were given reduced working hours included pregnant women, breast-feeding mothers, disability, disabled persons, and those who were above 55 years of age, other cases according to the instructions of the health authorities.

In granting exemptions, government agencies relied on the CSC Circular No. 13 of 2020 for guidelines, procedures and rules for the gradual return to work in government agencies.



KUNA photos Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah receives envoys.

FM receives outgoing envoys

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah received, Thursday at the ministry, Mauritanian Ambassador to Kuwait Mohammad Ould Dadah, on the occasion of ending his tenure.

Qatari Ambassador to Kuwait Bander bin Mohammad Al-Attiya, on the occasion of ending his tenure, commending the ambassador's efforts in boosting the bilateral relations.

Moreover, the minister received the Ambassador of Botswana to Kuwait Manyepedza Lesetedi on the occasion of ending his tenure, praising the ambassador's efforts in enhancing the mutual relations between both countries. (KUNA)

Kuwait pioneer in helping the needy, says Sri Lankan envoy

By Arwa Al-Wuqayan

KUWAIT CITY, June 10, (KUNA): Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Kuwait Uthman Lebbe Mohammed Jauhar said Wednesday that Kuwait has been and continues to be a pioneer in helping the needy and afflicted around the world within the framework of its commitment to extending a helping hand to everyone in need.

the efforts of the Society at the Arab and international levels and what it is doing to help the afflicted countries.

For his part, Al-Sayer welcomed, in a similar statement to KUNA, the visit of the Sri Lankan ambassador to the KRCS headquarters, stressing its keenness to participate in the humanitarian efforts undertaken by Kuwait by providing support and assistance to those affected by natural or man-made disasters.

Al-Sayer stated that the meeting touched on the assistance provided by the Society to the afflicted and the most important works of the association and its humanitarian movements to provide relief and assistance to the affected areas and its role in combating COVID-19, especially supporting health efforts in Sri Lanka.

He affirmed that KRCS will continue to provide support and aid to the friendly Sri Lankan people and focus on urgently providing shortage in equipment, medicines and medical supplies, as a reflection of the strong friendly relations between the two countries.



KUNA photo Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society, Dr Hilal Al-Sayer receives Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Kuwait Uthman Lebbe Mohammed Jauhar.

Paper exams for Grade 12 students going smoothly, says education min

Dr Al-Mudhaf lauds efforts of committees

KUWAIT CITY, June 10, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Education Dr Ali Al-Mudhaf affirmed that the paper exams for the twelfth grade, in its scientific and literary sections, are going smoothly.

This came in a press statement by Minister Al-Mudhaf during an inspection tour that he made on a number of committees designated for the exams of the second academic period for the 2020-2021 academic year for the twelfth grade, which included three schools: Issa Al-Holi Secondary School for Boys in Al-Ahmadi Educational District, Al-Adan High School for Girls, Mubarak Al-Kabeer Educational District and Al-Asmaa Bint Al-Harith Secondary School for Girls.

Minister Al-Mudhaf, explained that the schools made a clear effort in organizing and preparing committees and implementing all health requirements recommended by the Ministry of Health including social distancing and providing sanitizers and masks to students, educational and administrative bodies.

Excellence

He pointed out that the educational and administrative staff in the regions and schools did a great job and made great efforts to facilitate the conduct of the examination process in the various committees. Noting that the content of the exams was in line with the scientific material received by students in distance education, noting that "we found satisfaction from the students with the exam questions." He praised the efforts exerted and societal cooperation to hold paper tests in a safe environment aimed at protecting the students and not exposing them to danger, wishing them excellence and success in the remaining tests and achieving their scientific, practical goals and ambitions.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Dr. Ali Al-Yaqoub, also made an inspection visit to a number of schools in Al-Ahmadi Educational District, where he visited Abdullah AlAbbas High School, Ayoub Al-Ayoub High School and Jumana bint Al-Hassan High School to check on the progress of the examination process there.

In turn, the Assistant Undersecretary for General Education in the Ministry, Osama Al-Sultan, visited a number of schools in the Jahra Educational District, accompanied by the Acting Director General of the Jahra Educational District, Hamad Al-Saeed. On Wednesday the Minister of



KUNA photos Minister of Education Dr Ali Al-Mudhaf is seen during inspection tours of a number of exam committees.

Education called on private school students who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19 to conduct a PCR swab test free-of-charge at Jaber Al-Ahmad Hospital Thursday ahead of their high school final exams next week.

Students will be able to get a swab test at the hospital from 8:00am until 9:30pm in order to attend their examinations, the ministry said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Minister Al-Mudhaf,

visited a number of high schools 12th-grade exams committees, which began Wednesday amid health restrictions due to the spread of COVID-19.

In a press statement, Wednesday, the minister said that the total number of public and private school students who took the general secondary exams is 50,743.

The minister affirmed that education is the foundation for any country's development, pointing out that the exams are the true measure and evalu-

ation of students and the educational process.

Therefore, the ministry decided that the 12th-grade tests be held in schools with a commitment to achieving the utmost health precautions before, during and after conducting the exams.

He praised the efforts of the teaching and administrative staff and the entire ministry's employees, calling on students to exert effort and study hard to achieve their goals.

Ambassador receives Kuwait Relief Society delegation

Transportation of relief aid to Palestinian people continues

AMMAN, June 10, (KUNA): The Kuwait Relief Society confirmed Thursday the continuation of the transportation of relief aid to the Palestinian people via the air bridge within the framework of the popular campaign 'Fazaa Al-Aqsa' in which 33 Kuwaiti charities participate.

This came during a reception by the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Jordan, Aziz Al-Daihani, for a delegation of the Kuwaiti Relief Society in Amman.

Member of the Board of Directors and Head of the Relief Committee of the Society, Jamal Al-Nouri, told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the aid that arrived Wednesday, via the Kuwaiti Air Force plane, comes at the forefront of relief aid convoys for the Palestinian brothers. Al-Nouri added that the next stage will witness the arrival of additional shipments, including food relief materials, medical supplies and infant formula, intended mainly for those affected by the recent attacks by the Israeli occupation authorities on those stationed in Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip in the occupied territories.

He stated that the association's delegation visited today the headquarters of the warehouses of the Jordanian Hashemite Charitable Organization, which is concerned with transporting the aid shipment by land in order to see the progress of work in preparation

for the management of relief materials to the occupied lands.

He expressed hope that the relief aid campaign would be a support factor for the humanitarian situation in Palestine, stressing the keenness of the Kuwaiti civil and official institutions to secure the needs of the people in Palestine and to continue with them until the brotherly Palestinian people regain their legitimate rights.

For his part, Ambassador Al-Daihani saluted the humanitarian initiatives of the Kuwaiti people which was trans-

lated by the popular aid campaign launched last May under the auspices of the Kuwaiti Ministries of Social Affairs, Community Development and Foreign Affairs.

He stressed the keenness that he and all members of the Kuwaiti embassy attach to facilitating the procedures for receiving and delivering relief materials and documenting them before and after they reach their beneficiaries in the occupied territories.

He said that the meeting with the association's delegation Thursday

comes to complete the coordination and follow-up procedures to ensure the success of the Kuwaiti popular campaign and the delivery of aid to the beneficiaries as soon as possible, pointing out that "this charitable work is consistent with Kuwait's foreign policy and will remain registered in the nation's memory."

For his part, the Director-General of the Society, Abdulaziz Al-Obeid, told KUNA that the 40-ton shipment of aid, divided into 30 tons of food and infant formula, will reach the beneficiaries in the Gaza Strip through partner field associations, while 10 tons of medical materials will arrive at Al-Makassed Hospital.

In Jerusalem, in response to the hospital's request to make up for the shortage of medical supplies Al-Obeid praised the diligent follow-up of the Kuwaiti embassy in Jordan to the procedures for receiving relief materials in cooperation and coordination with the Jordanian authorities, especially its supervision of the financial transfers process, which contributed to receiving aid in the appropriate time and form.

He praised the Jordanian efforts represented by the Jordanian Hashemite Charitable Organization to receive the aid convoy and direct it to the occupied territories to reach the associations accredited to the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs system.



KUNA photo Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Jordan, Aziz Al-Daihani, receives Kuwait Relief Society delegation in Amman.