

Prayer Timings

Fajr	03:13	Asr	15:22
Sunrise ..	04:48	Maghrib ..	18:48
Zohr	11:48	Isha	20:19

Local

VACCINE REGISTRATION WEBSITE: https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD_19_Vaccine_Registration.aspx



Photo by Rizk Taufiq

Kuwaiti fire-fighters tackle a fire in a carpentry workshop in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh in intense heat of the blaze and the scorching sun.

Fire wrecks Shaddadiya chalets

The Public Relations and Media Department of the Directorate-General of Fire Department announced fire engines from Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh and Sulaibikhat rushed to the Sabah Al-Salem University City in Al-

Shaddadiya, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to fire sources the fire destroyed three chalets made from prefabricated material on a total area of approximately 200 square

meters.

The firefighting teams controlled the fire before it spread to other areas. No human casualties have been recorded but an investigation has opened to find the cause of the fire.

Ill-prepared to handle crises: Audit Bureau

Govt rapped for mishandling Covid crisis

KUWAIT CITY, June 12: The State Audit Bureau has affirmed that the government does not have a complete and sound plan for managing emergencies and crises, due to which it has been issuing inappropriate decisions and instructions to manage the COVID-19 crisis and the financial and other consequences thereof, reports Al-Anba daily.

The bureau highlighted this in the report it submitted to the National Assembly concerning the Cabinet's mandate to review the expenditures of government agencies for dealing with the COVID-19 crisis during the period from March 1, 2020 to September 15, 2020.

It explained that there were a number of observations, most notably the absence of a central authority to buy the agencies' supplies such as masks, gloves, sterilization materials, etc despite the similarity of those supplies.

There is a difference in the prices of some items required for dealing with the repercussions of the COVID-19 crisis from one side to the other, despite buying them at the same

time. There is also the absence of clear laws to define the mechanism and forms of contracts in cases of emergency, and the responsibilities. There has also been poor coordination among government agencies.

The crisis was managed by some government agencies with individual jurisprudence. A clear and specific mechanism to monitor the number of quarantined people, workers and medical staff was absent along with a mechanism for handling government contracts during the crisis.

The spending priorities in various aspects were not determined. There was inaccuracy in estimating the needs, exaggeration in ordering materials and supplies, and failure to take into account the absorptive capacity.

The State Audit Bureau indicated that non-competent bodies were assigned to provide and request basic materials and supplies for combating the COVID-19 crisis, with some parties purchasing preventive supplies from non-specialized companies and institutions.

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Day: Hot and dusty with fresh to strong north westerly wind with speeds of 35-70 km/h.

By Night: Hot to rather hot with moderate to fresh north westerly

Weather

wind with speeds of 25-55 km/h causing rising dust.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	43	30
Kuwait Airport	43	30
Abdaly	44	28
Bubyan	-	-

Jahra	44	29
Failaka Island	-	-
Salmiyah	38	30
Ahmadi	42	31
Nuwaib	47	28
Wafra	43	29
Salmiyah	42	25

British KSF expertise acquired

KCST to make, launch nano satellite

KUWAIT CITY, June 12: In February, the Kuwait College of Science and Technology (KCST) announced the start of a project to launch the first miniature satellite (nano satellite) manufactured by its distinguished students, with the cooperation of the British KSF Space Foundation and under the supervision of their specialists and university professors, reports Al-Rai daily.

KSF is a non-profit organization that works to encourage universities in developing research and development missions using small satellites and micro-satellites. The foundation is run by officers and members of space agencies and major industries, such as NASA, ESA, JAXA, SpaceX.

The initiative, in which the KCST students participated, aims to transfer the basic and necessary skills on how to manufacture miniature satellites, inspire enthusiasm, enhance international understanding and cooperation, strengthen an interactive global network of students, teachers and alumni, and encourage the innovative scientific development of space for peaceful purposes, to improve life on Earth.

The manufacture and launch of the first satellite this year constitutes the first phase of a long-term program. A satellite will be launched annually to collect data and readings and transfer them to a database at the university. It will be compared annually, which will allow the study of climate changes and the resulting indicators of change in the atmosphere.

Information

The availability of information will be a fertile field for university professors and students to carry out a lot of research in several fields.

Head of the college Professor Khaled Al-Baqain said, "The aim of the project is to localize this modern technology in Kuwait. The mini-satellite will be manufactured by our students in the university's laboratories under the international supervision of KSF and university professors.

The number of outstanding participants in the project is 16 students who were theoretically trained and had passed the first phase of this joint cooperation between KCST and KSF.

They are currently guided and practically trained. The appropriate equipment needed to build the 3D space capsule is recommended. Research will be conducted to focus on stratospheric studies of the ozone layer, and beyond, as well as scientific experiments to assess the risks of global warming and climate change.

Students' training will continue during the manufacture

of the satellite. The satellite will have many properties such as being able to measure climate factors, testing the air and ozone layer, and transmitting information about air quality and the ozone layer after it is launched into space.

It also aims to enhance Kuwait's position in this field and create a productive environment for students to acquire research skills that can be used in many fields. The aim of the project is to better understand the responses to climate change and measure UV rays in space, as the expected results can prove valuable information for humans and science."

One of the participating students Naji Al-Qallaf said he considers the experience as unique, in terms of gaining experience by participating in a project to manufacture nano-satellites and creating new horizons in research and development.

Sheikha Al-Bahwa, a student of Computer Engineering, said, "We are proud and lucky to have been chosen to participate in this wonderful experience. We thank our college for allowing us to participate in an important achievement, which is first of its kind in Kuwait."

Ahmad Al-Enezi, a student majoring in Electronics and Communications Engineering, said, "It was a dream for me to participate in a space-related project from an early age. The time has come to achieve it through the Kuwait College of Science and Technology, which provided me with the opportunity to participate in the manufacture of nano-satellites. I thank my college for providing me with the opportunity to achieve my dream."

Yasmine Bourek, a student majoring in Electronics and Communications Engineering, indicated that she participated in a project to manufacture a nano satellite with the aim of realizing achievement at the global level and not only at the local level.

She said, "The most interesting thing about the experiment was that we got internal support from college doctors, and external support from lecturers in Britain. Finally, I am very excited to see the success of this project."

Ahmad Al-Sha'abani, a student in Computer Engineering, said, "We believe that we in the college can participate, succeed and achieve the goals of any project, no matter how difficult it is to accomplish. This is because the college proposed for us to study specialized materials and general materials in order to gain many scientific and practical experiences that allow us to participate in any project or competition and be able to excel in them, because of our scientific and practical experience in the field of science and technology".

MoH quashes rumors new Astra vaccine batch unsafe

Around 30,000 get 2nd dose

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KUWAIT CITY, June 12: About 30,000 persons have received their second dose of the 'Oxford' in its first round, bringing the total vaccinations given by Kuwait to citizens and residents since the start of the national campaign for vaccination against 'Covid 19' since the end of last December until now to about 2.75 million people, or 64.37 percent of the entire population eligible for vaccination.

While the Ministry of Health harnessed all its soldiers and efforts to complete the immunization of those eligible for the second dose of the "Oxford" vaccine in record time which did not exceed a week, a number of those eligible for the vaccine are stuck with the doubt in their mind about the safety of the vaccine and refused to receive the second dose in exchange for receiving two additional doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

Doubting the validity of the third shipment of the Oxford vaccine extended to spreading rumors about its invalidity and called for a boycott of the vaccine on various social media sites, rumors that the Ministry of Health confronted and denied in detail.

Statement

The Ministry of Health confirmed in an official statement that everything that is being said about the third shipment of the Oxford vaccine is incorrect, noting that the 'Oxford' vaccine, which is produced in Russia, is licensed and approved by 'AstraZeneca', and that the manufacturing process and all procedures are under the supervision of 'AstraZeneca' which is the licensing company.

The Ministry of Health said it had received the third batch of the 'Oxford' vaccine after matching the results of its samples with the technical specifications, and making sure that it was stored in accordance with the approved temperatures and storage conditions.

The ministry explained the effectiveness of the first dose of the 'Oxford' vaccine increases with the lengthening of the period of the second dose to more than 12 weeks, as shown by scientific studies and realistic statistics.

The Ministry of Health indicated that the antibody measurement analyses were evaluated to measure the possibility of a previous infection within a specific data, and were not evaluated to measure the amount of antibodies after vaccination.

The sources stated that some of these analyzes monitor different types of antibodies (IgG, IgM), and therefore they do not have the ability to monitor the specific antibodies resulting from vaccination.

The Ministry of Health confirmed that, so far, no blood test to measure



Kuwait Municipality inspectors during their round at the Qurain Market.

'Demolish illegal constructions'

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The Kuwait Municipality inspectors organized inspections campaigns to ensure shops and supermarkets and markets adhere to the health controls that prevent the spread of the 'Coronavirus'.

The supervisory team in the Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate toured the parallel shops and markets, just as the Removal Department of Mubarak Al-Kabeer Municipality carried out a similar field tour of the Qurain markets.

The head of the department, Eng

Majed Al-Mutairi said the field tour aims to ensure that workers adhere to health requirements and precautionary measures and follow the instructions of the health authorities in order to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and added 5 shops were administratively closed during the tour.

Likewise, the Municipality supervisory team in the Capital Governorate conducted an inspection tour of the Sharq, Al-Qibla, Bneid Al-Qar and Al-Shuwaikh areas and issued 6 warnings to the owners and demanded that they demolish construction work on roofs and annexes.

Shocking case of a minor harlot

KUWAIT CITY, June 12: A shocking scandal was exposed after a minor Kuwaiti girl lodged a complaint against her naturalized mother whose husband is in prison, reports Al-Rai daily.

The so-called mother, who violates all principles and moral values of motherhood, forced her daughter to work as a prostitute in order to earn money. Eventually, the victim, who became tired of the situation, acted on her good instincts and lodged a complaint against her mother for the immoral acts she incited her to com-

mit. The investigations into the complaint did not end with the detention of the mother because the case was a crime of prostitution and incitement to vice, and involved a minor.

It led to discovery of two suspects - a former MP's elderly brother who is currently in custody and a young ruling family member. The concerned authorities are currently taking necessary measures to arrest the latter.

The investigations are ongoing to nab every individual who was immorally involved with the minor.

antibodies or others has been approved or licensed as a measurement standard for acquired immunity after receiving the "Covid-19" vaccine or after infection with the disease, and that most of the tests available in this field are currently not considered an approved immune measure.

On the other hand, the head of the advisory committee to confront Corona, Dr. Khaled Al-Jarallah said more than 30,000 people received the second dose of the "Oxford" vaccine last Wednesday, which is the first day of the vaccination campaign for the second dose of the "AstraZeneca" vaccine.

Al-Jarallah said in a tweet on his Twitter account: "There is a fluctuation in the flattening of the epidemic curve and the beginning of a return to the rise in (what he called) clinical occupancy."

He talked of the wave of epidemic outbreaks in the Gulf continues in light of the possibility of new regional and continental developments, pointing out that the Ministry of Health is dealing with an epidemic, sustainable health care and misinformation campaigns.

The Jaber Hospital quarantine section will receive non-vaccinated male and female students of special education schools with a foreign curriculum - the British International Certificate IGCSE system -- to undergo a free 'PCR' examination to help them answer the exams Sunday, June 13.

The educational sources told the Al-Seyassah daily 600 male and female students are required to take the PCR test and explained the students of Islamic education, Arabic language and the Holy Qur'an will also take the test.

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