

Put trust in government measures: ex-MP

PAM inspectors get mandate to check workers' residence

KUWAIT CITY, March 7: The Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) said its inspectors in coordination with other authorities have the mandate to carry out inspections of workers' residence or places of activities according to a decision issued by the Council of Ministers, reports Al-Anba daily.

visiting stores and other activities to ensure compliance with all health requirements. As for workplaces, the inspection continues during the specified working hours to ensure compliance with the specified workers' rates.

The source emphasized that the inspection teams have put in place inspection schedules, taking into

account the number of inspectors, which is specified in proportion to the approved preventive health measures.

Meanwhile, former MP, Safa'a Al-Hashem, has called for the need to trust the measures taken to control the coronavirus, stressing that we work as a team and one people to get out of the crisis with the least losses,

reports Al-Anba daily.

On her Twitter account she said as if it is an organized process of distortion, campaigners use all means of communication to belittle the community and its procedures, degrade and belittle its officials who are mocked, insulted and slandered time and time again, even videos are posted in the social media to distort

the good effects.

She pointed out Kuwait must learn from other countries how to deal with their crises and support their leadership so that we can soon win over this epidemic.

In the meantime, the National Guard forces have begun securing 20 hotels (10 hotels in the south of the country and 10 hotels in the

capital and its suburbs), to ensure enforcement of the Cabinet decision on institutional quarantine for those coming from abroad, reports Al-Anba daily.

Informed sources said the task of the guards in securing hotels will be throughout the validity of the decision and not linked to a specific time frame.

'Grant educational zones power to suspend absent employees salary'

Al-Sultan's proposal seeks to ensure smooth flow of work



Shopping rush in Salmiya area on Saturday after the government announced a partial curfew from 5.00 pm to 5.00 am starting from Sunday. Photo by Bassam Abu Shanab

KUWAIT CITY, March 7: Assistant Undersecretary for Public Education at the Ministry of Education Osama Al-Sultan has submitted a proposal to acting Undersecretary of the ministry Faisal Al-Maqsid on granting educational zones the power to suspend the salary of employees who are absent without a valid reason, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Al-Sultan disclosed the main objective of the Public Education Sector in submitting the proposal is to ensure smooth flow of work. He called for immediate suspension of the salary of employees who are absent without a valid reason, in accordance with the legal procedures. He reiterated that the educational districts and concerned work places should not delay the suspension of the salary under such circumstances. He added the other objectives are eliminating bureaucracy; preventing wastage of time; easing the burdens of the financial, administrative and other sectors in the ministry; stopping malingering which contributes to the financial burdens of the ministry; and reducing financial and administrative irregularities uncovered by the auditors at the State Audit Bureau (SAB) and Civil Service Commission (CSC).

He pointed out there have been delays in the procedures for suspending the salary of malingering employees and the payment of salaries for those who have been reporting for work since the reopening of public institutions after the lockdown.

On the other hand, the ministry announced that it needs to fill up the vacant observer post in the Human Resources Department at the Administrative Affairs and Administrative Development Sector. Applicants for the post must hold a university degree in the required specialization and must have experience in the same field of work for a period of not less than eight years; while those holding a specialized diploma or high school diploma should have completed a two-year course or its equivalent and have experience in the same field of work for a period of not less than 12 years.



Top: Ladies salon employees cleaning and sanitizing their work place after the govt allowed to open the salons from Sunday. Above: the salon employees posing with the salon owner. Photos by Mahmoud Jadeed

Housing minister meets with director-general of PAAFR

'Need to remove obstacles to S. Saad Al-Abdullah project'

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KUWAIT CITY, March 7: Minister of State for Municipal Affairs and Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development Shaya Al-Shaya stressed on the need to remove obstacles facing the South Saad Al-Abdullah housing

project. Al-Shaya said in a press statement after his meeting with the Director-General of Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAFR) Sheikh Muhammad Al-Youssef said all issues related to the housing project must be paid attention to.

He added during the meeting both

sides touched on the issue of developing parks in all governorates and invest in them to generate state revenue without prejudice to the citizen's pocket, because the gardens are public property and an outlet for all, while tightening control over their facilities to protect them from damage, and singled out the (Martyr's Park) as a model.

'Elementary' evening classes to continue

'Partial ban includes personnel of diplomatic missions, envoys'

KUWAIT CITY, March 7: The partial ban which has been imposed by the government of Kuwait from 5:00 pm to 5:00 am also includes personnel of the diplomatic missions and ambassadors, reports Al-Rai daily quoting highly reliable government sources.

The same sources said those wanting to leave their residences will have to take permission from the Ministry of Interior website (and receive a barcode).

The sources said ambassadors, diplomats and other personnel working in the missions are not exempt from the decision from the partial ban.

The sources concluded in the event that any diplomat leaves, legal measures will be taken, and the issue of breaking a ban and not adhering to the laws and decisions of the country will be recorded. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education confirmed its readiness to work during the partial curfew period based on a comprehensive plan under the supervision of acting Undersecretary Faisal Al-Maqsid, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting sources from the educational sector.

Sources told the daily that the evening classes for elementary students will con-

tinue despite the partial lockdown as the classes are conducted online.

Sources affirmed there is no change in the study schedule because teachers will conduct classes from home during the evening period, pointing out certain recommendations should be handled in a flexible manner. Sources added there is no change in other academic levels as well.

Regarding the supervisory job or new hire interviews, sources revealed the interviews will be rescheduled to the morning period instead of the evening; while the venue will be a school which will be announced later.

In the meantime, distribution of food supplies will not be affected during the curfew period through the established points of sale including cooperative societies and supermarkets, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The daily confirmed there will be no home delivery. However, the sources indicated the issuance of permits to food companies that supply goods to the cooperative societies and supermarkets will be done through the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Decision to put PAAET under MoE slammed

Nationalizing jobs in public sector among several bills on the agenda

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KUWAIT CITY, March 7: The parliamentary Human Resources and Public Funds Protection committees were set to meet on Sunday to discuss various bills and reports.

Items in the agenda of the Human Resources Committee include bills on nationalizing jobs in the public sector; such as that of MP Abdulkareem Al-Kandari on obligating ministries, public institutions and independent authorities to replace expatriate workers with Kuwaitis within one year.

According to the bill, vacant posts in the abovementioned entities should never be filled with expatriates unless no Kuwaiti applies for the job. In such case, it is possible to hire expatriates, but they should be under temporary contracts which will be renewed annually if necessary. Every entity should regularly submit reports on vacancies without Kuwaiti applicants to the concerned authorities in order to determine the reasons why no citizen applies for the job.

The Public Funds Protection Committee's agenda includes the reports of monitoring institutions regarding the invested public funds.

In another development, talks on special amnesty surfaced recently and reliable sources disclosed that negotiations are ongoing between Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice Abdul-

lah Al-Rumi who is representing the government, and former MP Musallam Al-Barrak.

It can be recalled that in February 2015, the Court of Appeals sentenced Al-Barrak to two years in prison for offending HH the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in a speech entitled, "Enough Frivolity," which he delivered at Erada Square.

On the other hand, Education, Culture and Guidance Affairs Committee Chairman MP Hamad Al-Matar criticized the decision to put the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) under the Ministry of Education.

Al-Matar pointed out that separating the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Higher Education is a good decision in response to the calls of academicians, but it is illogical to put PAAET under the Ministry of Education considering it offers bachelor and higher education courses. He urged His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid to correct this error by putting PAAET under the Ministry of Higher Education.

MP Osama Al-Menawer posted on his Twitter account that countries will not overcome the coronavirus crisis unless they persuade their people get vaccinated.

MP Osama Al-Shaheen submitted a proposal to exempt the disabled citizens from institutional quarantine and allow them to quarantine at home.

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