

KOC receives offers for provision of comprehensive engineering design services

MEW renews KD 5.96mn contract with KOC for supply of seawater

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 20: The Ministry of Electricity and Water has renewed a contract worth KD5.96 million with Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) for the supply of seawater needed to carry out various works, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Subbiya power and water distillation plants to the water treatment plant of KOC in Subiya.

Sources said the contract was renewed for five years starting from the beginning of 2022, affirming the company will transfer the payment to the ministry.

Sources added the exploration and drilling of oil and gas require

huge quantity of water for the oil wells and water pumping stations in order to increase pressure on the oil reservoir and dispose associated water in an environmentally friendly manner.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) has received offers for the provision of comprehensive engineering design services and

management of major projects, which will be implemented in the next five years, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Sources said three international companies out of the five invited to participate in the bidding have submitted their offers as follows: Worley Europe Ltd with the lowest bid of KD 81.2 million, Amec

Foster Wheeler with KD 83.4 million (second lowest bid), and Kellogg Brown & Root with a bid of KD 88.4 million.

Sources disclosed that two companies were excluded — Fluor and Technip, indicating the offers will be studied and a recommendation for awarding the contract will be submitted to the Central Agency

for Public Tenders within a month.

Sources confirmed the consultancy firms will provide various services to KOC and the scope of work will be distributed to them in order to balance the projects in the budget and disbursement of funds, as well as to assist the company in preparing engineering designs and supervising major projects.

PAM reactivates automated link in order to 'nip in the bud' visa trade

'Link serves as buffer between Kuwait and labor-exporting countries'

Info Ministry to develop transmission of all sports matches

Developing 3rd sports channel like a mirror for achievements of young athletes: official

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 20, (KUNA): The official spokesperson for the Kuwaiti Ministry of Information, Anwar Murad, affirmed that the ministry pays special attention to the third sports channel on Kuwait TV, as it is directly concerned with the sports and youth sectors.



Anwar Murad

Murad said in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) recently that under the directives of Minister of Information and Culture and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdul Rahman Al-Mutairi, the ministry will develop the transmission of all sports matches, especially football, as it is the most popular game in Kuwait and the world.

She explained that the number of cameras will be increased during the broadcast of matches, as well as the provision of the best transport vehicles in cooperation with the engineering sector in the ministry for this purpose, adding that a new sports studio has been equipped with high technologies and excellent quality to analyze football matches in conjunction with the launch of the new Kuwaiti league.

She indicated that cooperation will be made with one of the largest

international companies to provide statistics on the performance of players in all matches of the sports season in a precedent that the sports media in the country has not witnessed.

Murad stated that the channel produces various programs in form and content, including Al Diwan programs, which include the stars of the golden age of Kuwaiti football, A2Z varied sports, Sports harvest, technical staff, Success Code and The Voice of the Masses, in addition to Program Garage and many

other programs.

She indicated that the management of Channel Three will develop the channel's sports news bulletins in terms of form and content and cover all local and international competitions.

It will also cooperate with a number of Gulf channels to obtain the rights to a number of important matches, adding that the channel is working to develop its accounts on social networking sites.

She stressed the channel's keenness to pay attention to national cadres in producing programs, transmitting various sports competitions, and organizing training workshops to qualify them to use the latest technologies that keep pace with media development, in addition to preparing distinctive programs, indicating that the channel will have an integrated artistic identity in the coming period that satisfies the taste of the viewers and observers of the sports events broadcast.

Murad stressed that the channel will be concerned with implementing the media aspect of the strategy of the General Sports Authority and highlighting its activities and programs aimed at youth sports.

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 20: The Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) has reactivated the automated link – the link that was stopped following the outbreak of the corona pandemic – with the labor exporting countries the purpose of which is to nip in the bud visa trade, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The daily said PAM is studying to improve the link from all aspects especially with countries which export a big percentage in laborers by activating the administrative circular (18/2021), for issuing entry visas and work permits. PAM added the authority had made great strides in completing the project, but the outbreak of the epidemic put a dent in the project midway.

Buffer

The sources explained the automated link serves as a buffer between Kuwait and the labor-exporting countries particularly in the area of contracts and the job opportunities. The sources confirmed there are several benefits to completing the link, on top of which is confronting the phenomenon of the visa trade, by making sure that a company which recruits the worker is not just on paper and has been legally established and is not involved in legal problems or others. This is in addition to eliminating the illegal methods of recruitment that are harmful to the employee.

The link also prevents fictitious job opportunities, which often end up bringing labor and leaving them in the streets to fend for themselves and the latter end up becoming victims of visa trade and who are more often than not become violators of the residence and labor laws.

After the issuance of the Administrative Circular No. 17/2021 on the mechanism for issuing work permits those recruited has the benefit of entering the country on a commercial visit visa which can then be converted to the Article 18 visa.

On the issue of advertisements published by some social media sites offering for sale residence and entry visas in addition to residence transfer facilities for a fee, the sources said the concerned authorities monitor this activity 24/7 to control these criminal activities.

Air tickets' cost to some destinations falls to over 50 pct

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 20: The cost of air tickets to some destinations have fallen to more than 50 percent largely due to the decision of the Council of Ministers to resume operations at the Kuwait International Airport to full capacity as of October 24, 2021, reports Al-Jarida daily.

A number tourism and travel offices in Kuwait told KUNA the increase in ticket prices was due to the travel restrictions imposed by Kuwait like the rest of the world as part of measures to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

The daily quoting the Director of the Public Relations and Media Department at Kuwait Airways, Fayeze Al-Enezi, said the Kuwait Airways has increased the number of its flights following the Oct 24 Cabinet decision to operate Kuwait International Airport to its capacity and is now "fully prepared and ready to accommodate a large number of passengers at Terminal T4."

Tourism expert, Kamal Kabshah, said the prices of airline tickets decreased remarkably more than 50 percent, especially departure from Kuwait, compared to the increase in incoming passengers.

Deputy Director-General of Nas-sib Adnan Travel Company stated the decision to fully operate Kuwait International Airport contributed to a decrease in the prices of tickets for some destinations, such as Turkey, Egypt, Paris and Munich, by more than 50 percent, but the prices of some destinations, such as Dubai, London, India, the Philippines and Jeddah are still high compared to before the Covid-19 era due to the increasing demand and the limited number of direct flights to these destinations.



Al-Rai photo

Ministry workers repairing the road.

Road caves in, car falls into ditch

A video clip circulating in the social media shows the car of a Kuwaiti fallen in a ditch in Rumaihiya, reports Al-Rai daily.

Commenting on the incident sources in the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy said this occurred when one of the underground

fresh water pipelines gave way.

The daily quoting sources said a team of ministry technicians from the water operation and maintenance sector closed the supply line, pumped out the water from the ditch and work was underway to repair the pipeline.

CSRSIR head receives charities' reps

Services, aid amounting to KD 100m provided to Bedouns being reviewed

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 20: Head of the Central System for Remedying the Status of Illegal Residents (CSRSIR) Saleh Al-Fadhala received recently a group of representatives of philanthropic institutions, in coordination with the Union of Philanthropic and Charity Societies, in order to review the services and aid, amounting to about KD 100 million, provided to Bedoun residents during period from 2015 to 2020, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Al-Fadhala highlighted the services provided to them by the state through its official bodies and philanthropic institutions, especially in the areas of health and education, including the provision of free education.

He said, "The number of Bedoun children enrolled in public schools during the 2018-2019 academic year was 13,682 male and female students.

Aid was offered to students in the private sector. The number of beneficiaries of the charitable fund's aid amounted to approximately 15,448 male and female students at a cost of more than KD 5.4 million.

They also received free medical treatment. The Bedoun residents are treated as Kuwaitis in terms of fees and wages".

He highlighted that CSRSIR held a meeting on July 5, 2018 with representatives of the Ministry of Health during which a decision was issued to exempt the Bedoun residents who hold valid cards or health insurance cards from all fees related to medical treatment.

In addition, Al-Fadhala stressed that CSRSIR provides a range of other humanitarian services, including supply services whereby Bedoun residents are granted ration cards like Kuwaitis.

He revealed that the number of beneficiaries of this service reached nearly 85,000 at a cost of approximately KD 18 million in 2018.

During the meeting, they discussed the efforts of government philanthropic institutions and civil charitable societies in helping the Bedoun category.

The total financial aid,

'Register'

Embassy of India holds Open House on Nov 24

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 20: The Embassy of India will hold an Open House on Wednesday, Nov 24, at 03.30 pm at the embassy's auditorium, says a press release issued by the embassy in Kuwait.

The central themes of the forthcoming Open House are – Update on Indian Passports; Update on Indian Visas and COVAXIN Vaccination Certificates.

The event is open to all Indian nationals in Kuwait. Those interested in joining may register by sending an email to community.kuwait@mea.gov.in.

Physical admission to the auditorium is only to those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Those who have specific queries may send them with full name as in Passport, Passport Number, Civil ID Number and contact number and address in Kuwait by email to community.kuwait@mea.gov.in.

All who are registered to join as volunteers are also invited to join the Open House. This Open House will also be hosted on the virtual platform.

The Zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/99832801639?pwd=MIRKeDJXaWxmMGkybmxZROJZc2Nqdz09> The login details are as follows: • Meeting ID: 998 3280 1639 • Passcode: 114084 The event, except the interactive session, will also be live streamed on embassy's Facebook handle (<https://m.facebook.com/indianembassykuwait/>)

amounting to KD 79 million, offered by the Zakat House of Kuwait during the period from 2015 to 2020 benefitted nearly 16,000 families.

The total in-kind assistance provided amounted to KD 6,165,199, which benefitted more than 4,000 families.

Also, the total financial and in-kind assistance provided by a group of Kuwaiti civil charitable organizations during the same period amounted to more than KD 21 million, along with many other humanitarian services.

'PAHW warns contractor'

Sabah Al-Ahmad residential housing project faces delay

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 20: The Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) has warned the contractor of 40 vertical housing buildings in the Sabah Al-Ahmad Residential City project because the project as per the terms of the contract should have been 100 percent complete is only 84.30 percent done, reports Al-Anba daily.

The project which consists of 740 apartments is worth 74,896,581 dinars and the daily quoting sources said the project which suffers from delays should have been handed over in June 2021 and at the current pace of work it is expected to

be completed at the end of January 2022.

The sources said the PAHW had warned the contractor about the delay, stressing that the basic works such as the concrete structure is 100 percent complete, wall finishing 88 percent, floor 57 percent, electricity, telephone and alarm system 81 percent, sanitary works, fire warning system 68 percent, aluminum works 76 percent, metal works 75 percent, roofing 63 percent, external cladding 88 percent, mechanical works 86 percent and external services 94 percent.

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