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# Dy Speaker submits bill to amend Social Welfare for the Elderly Law

Parliamentary financial panel meets with reps of SAB



Top and above: some photos from the celebration of the Armed Forces Day.

## BMC observes Armed Forces Day of Bangladesh

On 21 November, Bangladesh Military Contingent (BMC) to Kuwait celebrated Bangladesh Armed Forces Day with due solemnity and festivity.

His Excellency, the Ambassador of People's Republic of Bangladesh, Major General Md Ashikuzzaman, ndc, afwc, psc, G, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Besides, senior officers of Kuwait Armed Forces, Defence Attachés of different countries,

Bangladesh Embassy officials and representatives of Bangladesh community in Kuwait were among the spectators of this colourful event. At the outset, Commander BMC, Brigadier General Abdul Majid, ndc, psc, G delivered his welcome speech. His Excellency, the Ambassador of Bangladesh addressed the august gathering highlighting the importance of the day and emphasizing on the glorious history of friendship

between Bangladesh and Kuwait. Enchanted display of band, acrobatic display and march past by BMC soldiers delighted all guests. Exhibition of photo gallery was of great attraction for the guests. Projection of Bangladesh Armed Forces since 1971 and the gradual development of BMC since its inception in 1991, was the main focus of photo gallery. BMC Magazine - 2021 was unveiled during the program.

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**KUWAIT CITY, Nov 21: National Assembly's Deputy Speaker Ahmed Al-Shuhoumi has submitted a bill on amending Social Welfare for the Elderly Law No. 18/2016 as follows:**

■ Add a paragraph to Article Three of the law stipulating privileges for the needy elderly, similar to those granted to citizens with medium disabilities as per Law No. 8/2010.

■ Add an article stating that employees taking care of an elderly person are exempted from the regulations on sick leave days, such that they have the right to go on leave with full salary if they need to accompany an elderly relative for overseas treatment or for treatment in the country.

■ The bill allows employees taking care of an elderly relative to obtain two hours off without salary deduction.

■ If the employee resumes work in case another person is assigned to take care of the elderly or if the elderly dies, he is entitled to full employment rights or privileges.

On the other hand, the parliamentary Financial and Economic Affairs Committee on Sunday met with representatives of the State Audit Bureau (SAB).

### Agenda

Committee Chairman MP Ahmed Al-Hamad disclosed that the committee's agenda included the bill on establishing the National Petroleum and Renewable Energy Corporation; so they invited interim Minister of Oil and Higher Education Dr Muhammad Al-Fares and oil sector representatives to the meeting, but the minister did not attend due to the resignation of the government.

He said the committee discussed 20 proposals, 17 of which were approved while three were adjourned for further discussion. The approved proposals included that of MP Khalil Al-Saleh's suggestion to increase the pension of retirees to KD 1,000 per month (minimum); and establishment of a complex for the provision of various government services in the peripheries of Al-Mutlaa Residential City.

Furthermore, MP Abdullah Al-Turajji forwarded queries to interim Minister of Education Ali Fahd Al-Mudhaf about the delayed completion of the organizational structure and employee identification cards for technical supervisors in his ministry.

He also inquired about the strategy of the ministry in improving the working conditions of technical supervisors and granting their moral, administrative and financial rights.

MP Marzouq Al-Khalifa asked interim Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Information Technology Affairs Rana Al-Fares about the residents in Jahra who want to change their addresses. He wants to know why they have been instructed to go to the headquarters of the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) for this purpose, if this procedure cannot be completed in the branches of PACI, and clarify the supposed discrimination between governorates in the processing of transactions especially the address change procedures.

In another development, MP Osama Al-Shaheen recently met Board Chairman of Kuwait Marine Association (KMA) Soud Abdulaziz Al-Awadi and a number of members. The association was established recently according to Law No. 24/1962 on sports clubs and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The delegation honored Al-Shaheen and expressed their gratitude for his support and efforts, which greatly contributed to the establishment of KMA.



HH the Crown Prince with Speaker Al-Ghanim.

## HH Crown Prince receives top officials

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, received at Bayan Palace Sunday, Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim, former National Assembly Speaker Ahmed Abdulaziz Al-Saadoun, and

His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, within the framework of the ongoing traditional consultations to form the new government. (KUNA)



Director General of PAAAFR Sheikh Mohammad with the delegation of experts from FAO.

## PAAAFR chief receives Dr Abdulhakeem

## Kuwait, FAO discuss food security

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 21, (KUNA): Kuwait's Director General of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) Sheikh Mohammad Yousef Al-Sabah discussed with a FAO delegation issues related to food security, proposed programs to boost it and ways to overcome obstacles hindering to attain it.

This came in a press statement Sunday, after Sheikh Mohammad Al-Youssef received Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for the Near East and North Africa of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Dr Abdulhakeem Al-Waer and his delegation.

The meeting, attended by a team of senior officials of the authority, dealt with Kuwait's preparations for the success of

the experts' tasks, as they'll make field visits inside Kuwait including plant and animal wealth farms during the coming period.

They will also examine work sites to check the latest developments and provide the necessary data for the joint programs between the two parties, for the development of the agricultural, livestock and fisheries sector in the country.

They also discussed and coordinated a memorandum of understanding regarding the organization's permanent office in Kuwait.

The delegation praised Kuwait for its full support for the organization's programs, plans and policies, which primarily aim at sustainable agricultural development in all countries, especially Arab ones.

Each takes home KD 5,000

## Burgan Bank announces names of daily lucky winners of Yawmi account draw

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 21: Burgan Bank announced today the names of the daily draw winners of its Yawmi account draw, each taking home a cash-prize of KD 5,000.

The lucky winners are:

- Mubarak Abdullah Alenezi
- Tariq Mohammad Albarrak
- Ghassan Mohammad Zein
- Ramadan Abdulfattah Abuhakmah
- Waleed Saleh Alali

In addition to the daily draw, Burgan Bank also offers a Quarterly Draw with more chances to win higher rewards, offering the chance to one lucky customer to win KD 125,000 every three months. The Yawmi Account offers Daily and Quarterly Draws, wherein the Quarterly Draw requires customers to maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 in their account for two months prior to the draw date. Additionally, every KD 10 in the account will entitle customers to one chance of winning. If the account balance is KD 500 and above, the account holder will be qualified for both the quarterly and daily draws.

Burgan Bank encourages everyone to



open a Yawmi account and/or increase their deposit to maximize their chances of becoming a winner. The higher the level of the deposit, the higher the likelihood to win.

For more information on opening a Yawmi account, the new quarterly draw or on any of the bank's products and services, customers are urged to visit their nearest Burgan Bank branch, or simply call the bank's Call Center at 1804080. Customers can also log on to Burgan Bank's www.burgan.com for further information.

## Had it not

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those who keep studying and persevere to gain more knowledge will have no place among these. They will fight them fiercely, and from this angle one can read some of the intentions behind the decision to ban work permits for those over the age of 60 years old and without a higher education certificate.

In the 19th century, there was a huge university in the Iraqi city of Samarra. This academic monument was headed by the great scholar Abu Al-Hasan Al-Isfahani. Among his students was one who was very poor but had the ambition of becoming one of the pillars of knowledge.

On a hot day, this student left the class hungry and went to the market. He only had 1.5 pennies with him, and he wanted to buy a meal of bread and horseradish, which cost two pennies.

He bought a loaf of bread for a penny, and then went to the grocery to buy a bunch of horseradish. The student told the seller that he had half a penny for the horseradish, and the seller told him, "but the cost of what you want is a penny".

The boy replied, "I will help you in a scientific or jurisprudential issue in exchange for the radish".

The seller replied, "If your knowledge was useful, you would have earned half a penny in order to complete the price of the meal. So go and drink water until you are full".

A few days later, the great scholar missed his noble student. When he asked other students about him, they told him, "He gave up university and started working in order to overcome his harsh conditions".

Al-Isfahani went to the student's house and asked him why he left the university. After he told him his story, his teacher replied, "If you needed money, you should have asked for it. Here is my ring ... Go and sell it and fix your situation with it".

The student accepted his teacher's gift and went to a jeweler's shop, where he sold the ring for KD 1,000.

The next day, his teacher asked him, "Where did you sell the ring?" and the student said, "In a jeweler's shop, of course".

So the professor asked him, "Why didn't you go to the horseradish seller whom you accepted to value your knowledge? You have to know that nothing is valued except for those who know its value. I value you, so do not let someone who does not know your value to value you ... Go back to your learning".

When scholars submit to the ignorant, the horseradish seller becomes the one who evaluates people and values their knowledge.

How many horseradish sellers have attained prestigious positions in the Arab world, which made the nations sink in a sea of corruption and caused ignorant people to dominate in the advanced positions, thus leading to the failure of the majority of those countries?


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