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## 'Housing a major crisis for Kuwaitis as amnesty dossier ends amicably'

"THE amnesty decrees have constituted a big leap in the Kuwaiti political action, the dossier, brought to a close by His Highness the Amir, we pray to Almighty Allah to give him good health and wellness for this excellent political file given its importance which was obvious through the reaction of all Kuwaitis and the joy that accompanied following the return of those who were covered by the amnesty decrees," columnist and MP **Dr. Hamad Muhammad Al-Matar** wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"Now the Kuwaiti citizen is waiting for what will happen post the closure of the dossier in question to be represented by both the hope and the optimism that has been generated and eventually see the priorities being highlighted inside the Abdullah Al-Salem Hall of the National Assembly, where all concerned officials will dedicate their time to deal with the significant issues which should not be postponed topped by housing, health, education and economic development and solve the state's financial problems in addition to other files which are important for both the citizen and the homeland and this means the legislative power, should pay attention to these issues and eventually take action that shall guarantee the handling of these files and solving them methodically.



Dr Al-Matar

"In this context, we say the housing file is currently at the top of the Kuwaiti citizen priorities in view of the torment currently facing the Kuwaiti families in the absence of appropriate housing care, particularly for the youth denomination that represents the majority of the Kuwaiti people.

"Such being the case, we cite the government and Credit Bank inability to finance the real estate loans in addition to the other obstacles that stops the solution of the issue of the housing care which doesn't exceed 10 percent of the Kuwaiti area.

"In spite of the above, the Kuwaitis suffer from the suffocating housing crisis and this represents a clear cut evidence about the existence of an implication besetting the housing planning, as such, it is high time for paying attention to this defect and get it solved, not through patchy but permanent solutions by introducing a permanent housing strategy as well as through long-term schemes taking into account the housing growth and ending the suffering of citizens.

"On the other hand, the Kuwaitis are looking forward to the new government formation to solve their problem. However, personally speaking, I have mentioned through a previous article the importance of seeing the forthcoming government consisting of statesmen who are capable of realizing the importance of the phase which Kuwait is currently passing through, where ministers must work together as a team in the spirit of solidarity, provided every minister,

should have an opinion over the performance of the other ministries on the basis that the government performance is working as a single coherent body with no difference among its members.

"Apart from the above, we suggest that the Sheikhs ministers should not hold meetings away from the remaining members of the government, let alone it is important to see the forthcoming government, hastening to submit a work program to the National Assembly in accordance with Article 98 of the Constitution, provided that this program includes priorities to be agreed upon between the executive power and the legislature – the priorities that meet the Kuwaiti people's ambitions pursuant to a specific time schedule in order to ingrain the parliament-government cooperation."

**Also:**

"All countries of the world have in some form been a part of the naturalization process, especially Europe and America. Their vital programs and the pillars of their growth and progress have not been affected. On the contrary, they have made progress, vitality and creativity at all levels. So why is Kuwait, after naturalization, is in this state of decline and regression in a state of rapid high growth in creativity and excellence, which it was before naturalization set in, which made her sit on the throne of development in the region, and even attracted her Gulf sisters to her bosom," columnist **Saud Al-Samaka** wrote for **Al-Seyassah** daily.

"The answer is easy and quick, and it does not require a lot of intelligence. The naturalization process in Kuwait is completely different from all naturalization processes in the world. That is, this process in Kuwait is two-pronged, political and commercial, and both are corrupt.

"From here the 'headache' caused by the 'national' opposition group, which had always called for deserved reforms for the country, and not the 'absurd and opportunistic opposition' led by the conscience of the herd community, and to the contrary, it always demanded illegal services and blackmailed the government with absurd interrogations that stripped the dignity of the constitution and confiscated the prestige of the parliamentary experience.

"As for the second, it took the criminal path against the country and its people, where the fraud in granting citizenship flourished, and the citizenship trade operations spearheaded by big heads, and the reason was the privileges obtained by the forger or the buyer once he obtained citizenship.

"This is one of the fatal mistakes made by the government, as it equated the newly naturalized with the sons of the founding fathers of the country, and this is the reason why everyone scrambled for the Kuwaiti citizenship in greed for these privileges, and it was he himself who created the term bedoun which is a lie, because it is no secret that many of this category of people have hidden their

original documents and claimed they are bedoun.

"Today, there is no escape from the accelerating regressions that afflicted the country and because of which corruption has spread and affected all activities, except to open the citizenship file and cleanse it of the dirt of forgery, and the crimes of dual citizenship, if you really want to protect Kuwait and protect the rights of the people of Kuwait, be they Sunnis, Shiites and tribesmen and affirm the prestige of the law, and the application of the principle of equality among people in accordance with Article 29 of the Constitution."

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"Google has appointed a young Kuwaiti woman, who recently graduated from the distinguished Stanford University at the expense of one of the country's authorities, which has raised an issue on social media as to how Kuwait does not pay attention to its children being taken advantage of abroad," columnist **Sagr Al-Ghailani** wrote for **Al-Anba** daily.

"The young woman was not the first to decide to work outside Kuwait in search of better opportunities. This happens because our human investment is ineffective and consists of separate initiatives that do not focus on a clear goal and an integrated plan.

"The State spends thousands of dinars on educating citizens until they graduate from universities, -- whether local or foreign, or train in the best institutes and programs, yet it does not benefit from them by working here. Is it worthwhile to spend thousands of dinars and teach or train students at the best universities, then the international companies come to take the graduates and they become the beneficiaries? Where is the return of investment in training?"

"We have another problem -- the inefficiency of human resource systems. After graduation, the distinguished students are selected with the same methodology as those who graduate from modest universities.

"Is it possible to equate a Stanford graduate with a regular public university? They are also employed in posts that do not match their abilities and qualifications, making them lose their enthusiasm.

"Human resource systems must be reviewed and developed, as they must be integrated and focus on upgrading and distinguishing the hardworking, not satisfying everyone at the expense of the distinguished.

"The government trend today is the policy of replacing expatriates, Kuwaitizing jobs and relying on citizens in the next stage. If the State does not benefit from the distinguished among our children, other countries and companies will benefit from them. In this way, we lost money and human resources, while Kuwaitization means merely employing the largest possible number of citizens."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

## KNG, MoH cooperation hailed

Bid to enhance capabilities



A group photo of INNOV8.

### Contributions awarded certificates, trophies

### With INNOV8, KFAS seeks staff excellence

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 23: The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) organized an internal employee competition entitled INNOV8 – which was launched for KFAS employees to share their creative solutions and implement best practices that would be of benefit to KFAS internally. The internal competition launched in at the beginning of September and this week with a prize ceremony hosted by KFAS director General, Dr. Khaled al Fadhel. It was the first time that KFAS employees were able to gather and connect in the post-pandemic era.

At the ceremony, the top contributions were awarded with cer-

tificates and trophies; Dr Khaled engaged the winners with an opportunity to describe their proposals to KFAS leadership and their colleagues.

For the INNOV8 competition, KFAS employees were empowered to submit their insights, as KFAS values employee contributions are valuable and important in their workplace. The top two winning concepts were Zero Plastic Water bottles submitted by Dana Alkandari who is a Program Officer within the Research Directorate, and the Projects Management & Activities Tracking System via the IT Tech team consisting of Abdulmohsen Al Sulaimi, Shehab Al Tohami,

Twintu Kumar, Batool Hasan, and Abdullah Al Shaikh.

Dr Khaled al Fadhel shared that, "By giving employees an opportunity to identify and improve best practices, KFAS is very happily ensuring that all employees have an opportunity to have their voice heard, encourage work-place collaboration and revitalize the workplace.

Employees are more invested when they understand the organization's mission and values, and have their efforts recognized." Dr Khaled pointed out that there would be more opportunities in the future for KFAs employees to collaborate, inspire and elevate the impact of KFAS in Kuwait.

**KUWAIT CITY, Nov 23, (KUNA):** Kuwait National Guard (KNG) Undersecretary Lieutenant-General Hashem Al-Rifai praised the existing cooperation between the National Guard and the Ministry of Health within the framework of the cooperation protocol signed between the two sides, which aims to enhance the Guard's capabilities in the health aspect and exchange experiences.

This came in a press statement by the National Guard on Tuesday, on the occasion of the visit of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Mustafa Reda, and his accompanying delegation, to see the new field hospital of the Guard in Tahrir camp.

**Confirmed**

Al-Rifai confirmed that the Guard translated the leadership's directives and was keen to implement the new field hospital during the COVID-19 crisis to serve the people of the Mahboula area in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, pointing to the hospital's success in implementing the role assigned to it in providing support and backing to the Ministry and providing medical services in various specialties.

Al-Rifai welcomed the visiting delegation and conveyed to him the greetings of the Supreme Command of the National Guard represented by His Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah, Head of the National Guard and Deputy Chief of the National Guard, retired Lieutenant-General Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

For his part, Dr. Mustafa Reda praised, after the tour, the modern equipment and devices in the field hospital, which will enable the medical staff to perform their role successfully in various circumstances, praising the keenness of the National Guard to cooperate with the Ministry of Health and provide support and backing to it at all times and circumstances.

He said that the Guard's cooperation was evident during the reality on the ground during the COVID-19 pandemic, stressing the ministry's readiness to provide it with medical cadres with all the expertise and developments in order to enhance public health in the community.

### KU campus raises queries

## Rain water leak at 'new building'

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 23: The country recently experienced rainfall and rainwater leaked through the roof of the College of Arts building at Kuwait University in Shadadiya, reports **Al-Rai** daily quoting sources.

Despite the modern design of the building, the insulators did not withstand such a light rainfall; prompting employees at the college to put buckets in different places to catch the

rainwater leaking from the ceilings. This also happened in other parts of the university, sources revealed.

Sources affirmed the warranty for the affected buildings is still valid, so the leaks will be dealt with under the warranty. Sources said the committee whose members are from several government agencies and tasked to receive the buildings shall bear the responsibility for any defect found in the new buildings.

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Key Account Manager

on the sad demise of his father



**Gurcharan Singh Chadha**

who passed away in Dubai on November 23, 2021

May his soul Rest in Peace

## Announcement

KPTC announces Demand for a Number of Workers to fill the following position

Job	Requirements
<b>Service Worker</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant's age must not exceed (45) years.</li> <li>• The applicant must have a transferable residence.</li> <li>• Arabic language proficiency is preferred.</li> <li>• Experience is preferred.</li> </ul>

Applicants shall be subject to test and personal interviews for the position. Those wishing to fill the position must submit their application during the morning hours from (8:30) am to (2:30) pm at Sabhan parking site of Kuwait Public Transport Company located at: Sabhan Industrial Area – 101 street – in front of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

The following required documents has to be submitted within (15) days from the date of announcement.

• Civil ID and a copy of it. • Passport Copy. • Recent Personal Photo. Any application that does not comply with the required documents will not be considered.

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## Chaos at embassy at delivery of passports

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 23: Pandemonium broke loose at the Ethiopian Embassy recently as the embassy's employees had a heated argument with citizens who picked up the renewed passports of their Ethiopian employees, reports **Al-Jarida** daily.

This happened on the first day the embassy started handing over the renewed passports of Ethiopian employees. The embassy has been keeping these passports since September; but it suddenly closed its doors, leaving hundreds of Ethiopians without passports and facing heavy fines.

The temporary consular section of the embassy began handing over the renewed passports of Ethiopians at 8:30 am on the first day and this is after the renewal period of one week.

The embassy distributed renewed passports at Yarmouk Sports Club in Mishref. On the first day, four embassy employees arranged the passports in alphabetical order before calling out the names of the owners.

However, those present complained about the lack of experience and chaotic way of dealing with the visitors. Several citizens pointed out that the shoddy procedures will cause them enormous losses as they will have to pay huge amounts to renew the residency permits of their Ethiopian employees. It has been reported that around 1,000 passports will be distributed throughout this week.

## 'Transfer not needed'

### Online verdicts planned

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 23: The Correctional Institutions and Sentences Enforcement Department in the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Public Prosecution, has completed preparations for the online issuance of verdicts project; instead of transferring the accused from the Central Prison to the Justice Palace, reports **Al-Jarida** daily quoting a source from the security sector.

Sources confirmed the project includes the allocation of an integrated courtroom inside the Central Prison equipped with a screen through which the judge appears via audio-visual technology, while the accused and his defense team will be inside the courtroom. The defense team shall submit the pleas and then the judge issues the verdict online.

If the judge decides to release the accused, all the necessary procedures will be completed inside the courtroom including the payment of bail as employees will be assigned there for this purpose. If the ruling is to continue the imprisonment, the accused will return to the Central Prison, the source disclosed.

He explained this new mechanism will eliminate a number of procedures, such as the transfer of prisoners from the prison complex in Sulaibiya to the Justice Palace which is located in the heart of Kuwait City. He added this will also prevent delays that usually occur during the transfer of prisoners in case of an emergency.