

## Prayer Timings

Fajr .....	04:22	Asr .....	15:01
Sunrise ..	05:41	Maghrib ..	17:33
Zohr .....	11:38	Isha .....	18:50

# Local

VACCINE REGISTRATION WEBSITE: [https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD\\_19\\_Vaccine\\_Registration.aspx](https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD_19_Vaccine_Registration.aspx)

## Onus on preventive health measures

# Private schools adopt elaborate plan for safe return of students

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2: Some private schools have adopted a plan for the safe resumption of classroom studies, and a mechanism for receiving students at the beginning of the current academic year, which will be based on different timing with a difference of 15 minutes for each of the four educational stages in terms of entry and exit process. Each school has formed a team to organize the entry and exit process in accordance with the applicable distancing procedures and health requirements, reports Al-Rai daily.

Some school administrations explained that they will operate mass transportation buses for students, but at half the loading capacity. There will be employees stationed in the external parking lots to organize the mechanism of buses' entry in the morning and their exit at noon, in addition to regulating traffic for parents' vehicles when delivering or receiving their

children.

While the administrations expect to witness limited crowds during the first week in light of the application of distancing measures, they reassured that everything will return to normal after one week to ten days at the latest.

### Procedures

Emails have been sent to parents with many procedures that must be followed during the start of school hours. They include reducing the weight of school bags for the students, carrying only the materials scheduled for the school day, bringing a bottle of drinking water, taking care of the personal effects, and some other matters related to health requirements, general hygiene and sanitization rules.

In this regard, an educational source explained that many private schools have submitted their plans to the General Administration of Private Edu-

cation, including the most important health measures accompanying the start of the school year.

These procedures differ from one school to another, as there are schools that have divided their classes in a two-group system, similar to government schools. Some others implemented the two-group system with online classes on rest days. Some schools chose the "week on - week off" study system. One school with a low student density decided to resume full-time with daily attendance for its students.

Most of these schools have adopted their plans on how to address the negative effects of their students regarding the health crisis, and the psychological and educational consequences it has left in their behavior, the most important of which are isolation, introversion and addiction to electronic games, in addition to the poor academic achievement resulting from online

studies.

### Support programs

Those schools seek to address the educational loss and follow up the implementation of compensatory plans by providing support programs, according to the amount of loss, taking into account individual differences between learners, and addressing the disparity in their acquired academic results in various ways and methods.

Some private schools have told parents that the presence of fraternity between students in the same class or at the level of classes will be taken into account, as they will be placed in groups "A" and "B". The lists of students will be approved according to their groups and classes before the start of the classes and will be announced via email.

Another educational source affirmed that the private schools that have cho-

Weather				
able wind with speeds of	08-22	Salmiyah	41	30
km/h.		Ahmadi	39	32
<b>Station</b>	<b>Max Exp</b>	<b>Min Rec</b>		
Kuwait City	43	30	43	25
Kuwait Airport	43	27	40	25
Abdaly	44	24	43	27
Jahra	44	31	-	-
		Managish	-	-

### Measures

In this regard, the risks are not limited to the health aspect only, but there are administrative and educational risks (the absence or interruption of a teacher from work), where the employee or the work team responsible for taking the necessary measures must be identified in each case.

Schools urged parents to prepare their children for studies and encourage them to return to school in order to avoid the psychological effects of the pandemic and the feelings of anxiety it left, and to clarify the most important changes that will occur during their return, including wearing a mask, and applying social distance between students and teachers.

The source affirmed that the student's commitment to the procedures followed in the school is for the safety of everyone.



KUNA photo  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah during his visit to the Military Judiciary Authority meets senior officials.

## 'Military service inculcates spirit of national unity'

Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah highlighted the role of the national military service in fueling the spirit of national responsibility and allegiance among the Kuwaiti youths.

"This role contributes to building the military personality capacity of the Kuwaiti youths, and promoting their personal skills and cultural identity," he

said.

The minister made the comments in a statement from the Presidency of the General Staff on Saturday following an inspection tour of the national military service, the military judiciary institution and the military engineering facilities.

Sheikh Hamad Jaber conveyed the greetings and appreciation of His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince

and His Highness the Prime Minister to the personnel of the Ministry of Defense.

He thanked them for their continued dedication to the serving the homeland and protecting its security and stability.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Interior Friday urged the public to avoid recreational activities on Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Causeway for the sake of their safety.

Ministry Undersecretary General Sheikh Faisal Nawaf Al-Sabah instructed a ban on walking and cycling, as well as other recreational activities, on the causeway.

The ban aims at preserving safety of people using the causeway following a rise in accidents on the bridge, which is equipped with speed and monitoring cameras, the ministry said in a statement. (KUNA)

# Recycling factory to tackle mess of tires

Road-friendly items produced

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2: It seems the estimated 40 million used tires that were moved from the Erhiya area in South Saad Al-Abdullah to Salmi area will remain on the streets of Kuwait, but in an innovative manner, as the tire recycling plant is working on them and extracting environmentally clean products, which will be added to the asphalt mixture that will be spread on the surface of the streets of Kuwait, reports Al-Rai daily.

While touring the recycling plant located at 67 kilo mark on Salmi Road, the daily met the CEO of the plant, affiliated with the Abisco International General Trading Company, Eng. Alaa Hassan.

She explained that the tire recycling project began in 2016, and its production began in 2019. The factory was established on land that was allocated to it by the Public Authority for Industry with a production capacity to extract materials from three million tires annually.

The factory's work depends on recycling tires with the aim of transforming them into various products that meet the daily needs of the Kuwaiti market. It is built on an area of 20,000 square metres at a cost of KD 4 million, and does not impose any financial burden on the state.

The main objective behind establishing the factory is to clean Kuwait's land of used tires, which have exceeded 40 million in number after being accumulated over the years in the landfill. This had caused great visual and environmental pollution, and necessitated the elimination of this phenomenon by recycling those tires and utilizing them with other products. It is environmentally clean and has several uses. Also, the transportation of these tires took about six months, which can be regarded as a great achievement, considering the quantity of the tires.

Eng. Hassan stressed that the Environment Public Authority (EPA) played a major role in implementing this project, without costing the state a penny, as it relied on the private sector to transport tires and remove the environmental and residential obstacles that caused headache for the government due to the large quantity of the used tires and the lack of solutions offered to deal with them.

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She also praised the Public Authority for Industry, which granted the factory the appropriate land it needed as a kind of governmental support for the private sector to participate in saving the Kuwaiti environment by reusing used tires.

Eng. Hassan indicated that these tires were assembled, cut and recycled to manufacture Kuwaiti products with high efficiency and quality that were of great demand in neighbouring countries such as Qatar and Saudi Arabia, as well as other Asian countries such as India, on long-term contracts.

Also, the factory is able to meet the daily needs of the Kuwaiti market from all educational, industrial and service sectors.

Regarding the Kuwaiti products, Eng. Alaa Hassan said, "The factory produces rubber granules of various sizes, including what is added to the asphalt mixture for paving roads. These are supposed to be safer and of better quality for asphaltting roads, because it is the most economical and cheapest in terms of cost and its high efficiency on the roads".

She stated that the factory manufactures flooring for use in gyms, children's playgrounds, sports clubs and walkways, adding that it also produces different types and sizes of plant beds that can be used in homes, farms, and others.

In the same context, Eng. Hassan urged the Ministry of Electricity and Water to deliver electricity to the factory, following the construction of the power station and the payment of the required fees.

She expressed hope for speeding up the delivery of electricity to complete the required work and stabilize the operational status of the factory.

Eng. Hassan said, "The factory relies on diesel to operate and pay thousands of dinars per month for operating the machines, air conditioning, lighting, workers' housing and others, especially after the diesel subsidy was lifted from some factories. The Ministry of Finance has promised us to restore the support, given the factory's situation and its location in Salmi area".

She appealed to the Ministry of Public Works to build a road from the factory to the highway, revealing that, "The current road is unpaved and full of dirt. There is no lighting or signs showing directions. This gives an uncivilized image to the factory and the country for visitors from abroad. Also, there are mines and cluster bombs which have been buried since the brutal invasion. They appear more during the winter season, and this causes terror and fear among the employees and the owners of the trucks that come to the factory".

## Other Voices

### New-found love for poetry

By Ahmad alsarraf

I read a lot of poetry, and I memorized a few because I never loved it although I forcibly memorized a lot of other invaluable things. During the course of my life which exceeds 70 years, I only memorized a few verses from Imru' Al-Qays' poem I studied in the intermediate school which says:

To charge, retreat, and wheel - he's strong and fast  
As boulder, by floods, down from high, is cast.

A few days ago, I was listening to Radio Kuwait, and I ended up hearing verses of poetry and talking about Nizar Qabbani. I liked what I heard and prompted me to search the Internet for poetry and I found wonderful treasures, but I do not regret that I did not memorize anything from poetry.

Here are selected excerpts from Nizar Qabbani's poem, which I liked a lot:

I promised you I never love you; but after all this great decision I became a coward; I told you I won't come back; but I came; and I won't die hungry of you; but I died; again and again, I promised; again and again, I decided to let you; I don't remember, did I forgot you ever.

I promised you greater things; What would the papers write about me tomorrow; Surely they will write I was a culprit; and I killed myself; I promised you I won't be weak, but I became; and never compose a poem on your blue eyes; but I did; I promised you, I never, never, never; but

when I knew I was a fool; I mocked. I promised you; I never look at your black hair even you walk so close to me; but when you streamed like darkness on footpath; I yelled.

I tried to ignore your eyes though you tempted me; though when I saw it was showering stars, I started to sob; You have been told, my love letters never reach you; but my pen nib cheated me; I wouldn't be coming wherever you would be; but I was craving to meet you when I knew; you are the gust of the last supper; I promised you I won't love you; how, where; which day did you see me promising it; I was lying because of the intensity of truth; praise to God, I lied; I promised foolishly; I will burn all the bridges behind me; I declared secretly to kill all women; I declared war against you; but when I raised my sword towards your buxom; I vanquished and your peaceful hand made me ashamed.

I promised this is the end; but all my promises were scattered; fogs in winds; I promised you; I never spoil my single night for you; never think about you, if you are ill; I won't fear for your life; never present even a flower; won't kiss on your hands; despite I spoiled my nights; sent you all my garden; I kissed on your eyes till I satisfy; I never promise never, never; but when I knew I was a fool; I mocked.

I promised to slaughter you at least fifty time; but when I saw the blood spread over my dress; I was certain I was slaughtered; don't bear me on the bearing of forefathers; if I flame with rage, if I am emotional; if I am extinguished; I was lying because of the intensity of truth; praise to God, I lied...

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Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim receives the South Korean envoy.

## Speaker receives envoys

National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim received in his office recently the Ambassador of the Republic of South Korea to Kuwait, HE Chung, Byung-ha.

The Speaker also met separately with the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Kuwait, Marian Alexander WRBA, the Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to Kuwait Jose Luis Sanchez, and the Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to Kuwait Al-Manhal Al-Safi. The Speaker also received Kuwait's Ambassador to The Netherlands Abdul Rahman Al-Otaibi.

## MoE gives go-ahead

### New schools in Wafra

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2: The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Dr. Ali Al-Yaqoub issued a decision to open five new schools in Wafra Residential Area of Ahmadi Educational Zone during the first semester of the new academic year, reports Al-Anba daily.

The decision includes the names of these schools - Tamweh Kindergarten (block 4), Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Awadhi Primary School for Boys (block 1), Nasra Ali Al-Naqi Primary School for Girls (block 4), Moudhi Sultan Al-Issa Primary and Secondary School for girls (block 8), and Abdulaziz Muslim Al-Zamil Primary and Secondary School for Boys (block 1).

Dr. Al-Yaqoub explained that this decision will be implemented during the first semester of the 2021/2022 academic year. Ahmadi Educational Zone will issue a registration and admission bulletin for students in light of this decision and work on providing what is needed for the schools and for members of the supervisory, educational and administrative body, in coordination with the concerned authorities.

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