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President of the National Office for Human Rights with the Executive Director of the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions Sultan Al Jamali and the course participants.

'Global role important in promoting human rights'

'Workshop to boost staff competency'

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 11, (KUNA): Head of the Kuwaiti National Bureau of Human Rights, Ambassador Jassem Al-Mubarak, said on Monday that international human rights institutions have an important and significant role in promoting and protecting human rights and implementing the recommendations of contractual and non-contractual mechanisms of states.

This came in a speech delivered by Al-Mubarak at the opening of the first founding session organized by the Complaints and Grievances Committee of the National Bureau of Human Rights in cooperation with the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions, which will last for two days with the participation of representatives from inside and outside Kuwait.

Al-Mubarak explained that the course aims to raise the efficiency and capacity of the Bureau's employees with regard to establishing national institutions and introducing the mechanisms and activities of human rights bodies.

In turn, the Executive Director of the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions Sultan Al Jamali said in a similar speech that organizing this session reminds and introduces the basic principles and concepts of the human rights system and the historical path of this march.

Al Jamali explained that the course also aims to introduce the aspects and role of a number of stakeholders in terms of composition, tasks, responsibilities and interaction with international human rights mechanisms, paving the way for constructive and

CAPT rejects firms complaints

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 11: The Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) has rejected complaints from a group of companies which were barred from taking part in tenders floated by the Ministry of Social Affairs, even though the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) had lifted the suspension on its files which were slapped due to labor violations, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In this regard CAPT said it had not erred in barring these companies from participating, saying PAM had suspended the files of these companies before the contracts were awarded.

However, senior PAM sources said there was coordination with CAPT on the necessity of government contracts being awarded based on a 'To Whom It May Concern' certificate issued by the authority stating there is no moratorium on the tender issue concerning one of the violations mentioned in Article 10 of Law No. 6 of 2010 regarding work in the private sector.

Regarding the tender for the mechanization of the social welfare sector of

the Ministry of Social Affairs within the development plan, the sources said the ministry had requested awarding the tender to the fifth lowest bidder provide the bidder conforms to the conditions and technical specifications, for 286,000 dinars, while the decision on the ministry's request was postponed until a mechanism for calculating the estimated cost was presented.

Meanwhile, the Central Bank of Kuwait has instructed the banks to provide the Public Prosecution with information regarding the accounts of a limited liability company under a certain family's name, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

Sources disclosed the prosecution has asked the banks for the statements of accounts of the company that was established 30 years ago for the period starting from Jan 1, 2018 until the end of the same year.

Sources explained the directive of the Central Bank includes disclosing the company's accounts, transfers, deposits, loans, safes and various securities, if any.

integrated cooperation between stakeholders to achieve common goals.

He praised the role of the Kuwaiti National Bureau of Human Rights for its cooperation with the Arab Network in organizing this session, praising the efforts of the staff of the Arab Network and all the participants for coordinating the session.

The decision to suspend the financing of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) remains in effect due to the extreme pressure on the public budget brought about by the lack of liquidity and lower State revenues, reports Al-Anba daily quoting a source privy to the affairs of the National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprises Devel-

opment.

In an exclusive statement to the daily, the source revealed that the government has no capability to allot KD100 or KD200 million to support the owners of SMEs considering the current economic condition. The fund's management believes the best move at present is to extend the postponement of the collection of payments for the debts of entrepreneurs, in addition to postponing the issuance of seizure summons to those who defaulted on payment, the source said.

The source reiterated that postponing the collection of installments from entrepreneurs until the repercussions of the current crisis are cleared from Kuwait and the world is the most appropriate solution at the moment.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'No change in political landscape'

"WE ARE looking forward to the threshold of a new stage and a new era under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may God protect him," columnist **Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Jeeran** wrote for Al-Rai daily.

"What are the features of this approach after replacing the (political stagnation) with the change of some outdated concepts? In light of the foregoing in the course of successive Parliaments and governments, what are the determinants of the relationship between the two authorities? Will we see dissonance or harmony? With the speed and severity of the volatility of the political climate, we can summarize the answer in three axes:



Dr. Al-Jeeran

"First, in light of the presence of the Ministry of State for National Assembly Affairs, which was established by Decree No. 53 of 1998, and its scope of work is to prepare the necessary foundations, means and methods for cooperation between the government and the Parliament, and specified by the decree in the issues that concern the Assembly with a proposal to develop them, and the constitution has specified in its articles starting with Article 104 to Article 122, which includes the competence of the work of the Council.

"We did not hear about the role of the Ministry of State for National Assembly Affairs and what it prepared and proposed in order to achieve optimal cooperation between the parliament and the government, despite the occurrence of the most complex constitutional problems in the history of Kuwait at least during the past four decades. This is not a good indicator in anticipating the relationship between the two authorities if it continues at the same old pace.

"Secondly, in light of the existence of parliamentary precedents, which have so far reached four large volumes, and it is known that these precedents have the binding force along with the parliamentary tradition if they are on the right track that does not contradict the principles of the constitution and the authentic values of society, and that these precedents were not the result of intense political conflict like the one we are living in today, and it was not in the interest of one sect over another or that it takes into account a special interest, and the evidence for this is its consistency with the internal regulations of the National Assembly and the discussions that took place, whether it reflects the level of statesmen of the committee, which makes it valid for work unlike what we witnessed in terms of parliamentary violations, which are intended to score points for this or that team?

"Although parliamentary precedents reflect, in one way or another, the stages of development of administrative and political thought in Kuwait from approximately the first to the tenth legislative term, but at the same time it constitutes an important role in laying down the rules and principles that govern the work of the representative, governed by the internal system and the constants of society.

"Thirdly, the opposition, unfortunately were not at the level required to keep pace with the government's policies, and they are still dependent on old accounts and restrictions with which they have tied themselves. What did the government do when it closed the doors of the ministries to the transactions of the deputies so that they could devote themselves to their jobs as per the constitution and perform their work honestly and truthfully such as oversight, accountability and legislation, but they knew that politics in Kuwait revolves between the two poles of the mill, is this policy still in effect as it is in the world?

"But with the development of pedantic political

thought, the gym today has become different from the past. It is not (bags placed in the trunk of the car), but today it has identified with the fight against corruption and this became evident in terms of the relationship between the two authorities.

"The people of Kuwait rejoiced in good news about the success of new blood from the middle-class youth and merchants, but we were surprised by their performance, which mimics those with special agendas.

"Unfortunately, the people of Kuwait are disappointed by the performance of the youth. Some of them work alone, even if they are showered with a raft, or work for the special interests of a specific group or sect away from the concerns of the Kuwaiti citizen, and the results of the past elections confirmed these facts.

"What about the next council scenario? I do not count much on the next council, taking into consideration what I mentioned in this article, and I do not find anything new in the march of the council and the government. The file against corruption is in the government's court and the council is talking about the lost time but I say if the opposition held itself accountable the government is also held accountable and approved of this without favoritism."

Also:

"All that was there was a generous invitation from His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to start a national dialogue to resolve the outstanding issues between the two authorities," columnist **Dr. Hamad Al-Jadei** wrote for Al-Rai daily.

"Isn't the national dialogue supposed to involve citizens in it with knowledge and advice? Aren't there national figures who have the national and political history that qualifies them to know what is going on at the dialogue table and participate in it? Isn't it our right as a people to know what is happening?

"The most sincere of what is called such a dialogue is that it is the dialogue of the legislative and executive authorities. As for the issue of the generous pardon, there is no room for bidding in it, because neither the legislative authority nor the executive authority has the power to impose, reject or obstruct the generous pardon. And the princely generosity, and this is what is clear, all attempts to win over the case will not succeed.

"With regard to popular issues, such as housing, debt, improving the economic situation, subsidies, etc., I believe that they will not take much of the discussion on the table, and the reason is very simple because they are not controversial issues. Quickly so you can get to the hardest part and see what happens.

"The difficult part is the main points of contention, such as the postponement of interrogations, the ministerial members of the 31 parliamentary bloc, the abusive law and freedoms laws, public debt, economic reform measures and the election law. It can be justified in one way or another, out of respect for the royal patronage.

"Therefore, this generous invitation from His Highness the Amir determined the path of dialogue, which is certainly the wise solution to get out of the political and successive crises and to cross the country to a state of political and social stability, while maintaining a small number of rejectionist parliamentary blocs.

"We hope that this will succeed without any constitutional violations, and our brothers in Turkey should be reassured that no one at the dialogue table has the right to impose or reject the generous pardon, because the princely desire is more comprehensive and higher, all there are some attempts to make money, and good and generous promises soon, God willing."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

ICSK Khaitan ACCA Students Attain Degree Just After Class Xii

Adding one more jewel in the bounty of achievements, five students of ICSK-Khaitan-Alpha Susan Jaimon, Lave Cleto Joanes, Thomson Babu, Afreen Ara and Malessa Rodrigues, persuing ACCA (The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), have cleared all nine papers and are now on the verge of receiving the B.Sc. degree in applied accountancy from Oxford Brookes University, as regular students. The most remarkable thing is that all these students passed class 12" just last year and all are below 20 years of age. Another unique thing is, the time and cost involved are the least anywhere in the world behind the achievement of these students.

Their exemplary achievement is most inspiring to those students who aspire to pursue career in Commerce stream, specially ACCA. ICSK offers ACCA guidance to its students as an integrated programme during their 11" and 12" Commerce studies. ICSK is also the Computer Based Exam Centre in Kuwait for ACCA.

Many students are benefiting from this UK education as there is a very high demand of ACCA qualified candidates in job market, including Kuwait. Many audit firms offer the internship to these students and approach for their placements too. By the time students complete their class XII, many of them complete their Diploma Level and in a year or so, they are able to complete nine papers, a basic eligibility along with thesis for B.Sc. from Oxford Brookes University, UK.

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The girl students are also enjoying the benefit of their stay and complete their education in Kuwait even after class XII. Parents are highly appreciative of this programme by school.

The ICSK management, ACCA mentors Mr Aqeel and Ms Shafgat, the principal and

the faculty of ICSK Khaitan expressed their heartiest congratulations to these students for their outstanding achievement. The ICSK Management has also appreciated these students for facing the challenges and working persistently, and promised support until these students reach their final goal of ACCA.

DHAMAN Names Mr. Thamer Arab as Chief Executive Officer



Motlaq Al-Sanea

Health Assurance Hospitals Company (DHAMAN) announced the appointment of Mr. Thamer Arab in the position of DHAMAN CEO, effective the 10th of October 2021.

With a diverse career that exceeds 25 years, Mr. Thamer Arab is considered one of the distinguished national talents, as he held a number of executive management positions and board memberships, with a proven record of achievements at leading organizations across the sectors of banking, insurance and aviation.

Mr. Arab holds a bachelor's



degree in Computer Science from California State University, in addition to a number of specialized training programs in various fields, such as leadership, strategy, economics and operations.

On this occasion, DHAMAN Board of Directors Chairman Mr. Motlaq Al-Sanea said that the selection of Mr. Thamer Arab for this position is mainly due to his strategic leadership experience, which will contribute to the continued progress and development of the Company as the prime provider of quality integrated healthcare services with it being one of the most important health pillars in the National Development Plan



Thamer Arab

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Mr. Motlaq Al-Sanea added that the accumulated professional experience of Mr. Thamer Arab at leading major organizations, his strong capabilities and efficiency, as well as implementation of visions and strategies, all of which represent an extension of DHAMAN's efforts to attract the best national talents to achieve the various goals and aspirations of the Company at all levels.

Mr. Motlaq Al-Sanea extended sincere congratulations to Mr. Thamer Arab in his new role, wishing all DHAMAN Staff continued success to realize additional achievements.