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DECISION NEAR ON 60s AFTER AL-ANSARI HELMS PAM Recommendation for family, visit visas



KUNA photo

Part of the Kuwait Fire Force fire tenders that were employed to bring under control the fire that started at Mina Al Ahmadi oil refinery.

Hope on Civil IDs

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 18: In line with Kuwait moving towards returning to normal life, achieving family stability for expatriates, especially for professions that the state needs, and compensating for any shortage of manpower in agricultural professions and the like, the Directorate General of Residency Affairs, during a meeting held on Sunday, presented several recommendations related to allowing the issuance of family entry visas, and commercial and tourist visas for a number of categories, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to a security source, these recommendations will be submitted first to the Assistant Undersecretary for Residency Affairs at the Ministry of Interior Major General Anwar Al-Barjas for review. They will be decided on by the Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali and the Undersecretary of the ministry Lieutenant General Sheikh Faisal Al-Nawaf following discussion and submission to the Cabinet.

The competent bodies would decide on those recommendations, and they would start working accordingly as soon as they are approved.

Aspects

The recommendations regarding entry aspects concluded during the meeting and submitted by the Director General of the General Department of Residency Affairs, Brigadier-General Hamad Al-Tawala, include the following -

■ Governmental medical sector
■ Allowing all medical personnel working in the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defense, National Guard and Kuwait National Petroleum Corporation who meet the conditions of joining a family to bring their wives and children with a family entry visa.

■ Allowing female doctors and nurses to bring their husbands and children under the age of 16 with a visa to join a family, according to the terms of the family visa category.

■ Allowing female medical staff (other than the doctor and nurse) to bring their husbands and children with the entry visa for a tourist visit only.

■ Allowing medical staff to transfer from a visit to joining a family in accordance with the terms and conditions, provided that the transactions are received, each according to his residence address.

Regarding the private medical sector
■ Allowing female doctors and nurses working in private hospitals only (excluding private clinics and health centers) to bring their children who are under the age of 16 years on an entry visa to join a family according to the terms stipulated under the family visa.

■ Allowing medical and nursing staff working in private hospitals only (excluding private clinics and health centers) to issue entry visas (family) to their families (wife and children) according to the conditions stipulated under that category of visa.

Regarding the public sector responsible for food security, it was decided to allow seven activities:

■ Farming, fishing and selling fish, livestock and poultry breeders, dairy producers, factories and suppliers of food items and bakeries, food shopping centers, restaurants and food supplies, and water and beverage bottling companies. For these, entry visas (commercial visit or work permit) will be issued according to each person's residence address, provided that the prescribed rate is subject to the discretion of the director of the department only in proportion to the company's activity / the number of workers / need assessment.

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Day by Day

THE days when people fought wars with the spears of religion are over. Those who disrupted the wheel of development of the state must stay put in their homes. They must stop issuing empty statements and stop shouting in their microphones at the top of their voices.

The people who got tired of such behavior know them well. Enough is enough; they have disrupted the country and delayed the progress of the nation to the extent Kuwait sank to the bottom on the list of the world statistics in several fields.

We are the last country in terms of development and progress. Our economy is in shambles, we are backward in openness to the world and in education but when it comes to parachute appointments, we are the first.

... Yet, tomorrow is another day.

Zahed Matar

Opinion

Ally with Israel so you don't fall like dominoes

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THE U.S. is still waiting for Iranians to complete negotiations to a return to the nuclear agreement. Because Tehran is not about to abandon its intransigence, Washington will wait a long time, or until the Iranians find a new opportunity to blackmail the US administration and the international community behind it.

In this regard, the US should perhaps read Persian history well, and know how the enemy thinks to achieve his goals through political deception, something that the Persians worked with throughout their imperial history of about 3,000 years, and they marched on until the current state of the Mullahs, which is inscribed in its political literature.

Going back in history when they began their expansion in the ancient world, they worked to provoke unrest in accordance with the principle of divide-and-rule, something that they were the first to practice politically.

Accordingly, the empire continued to expand until the year 336 BC when war broke out between Alexander the Great and the Persian Dara. That was the beginning of the demise of the great empire.

After about 900 years, the Persians returned to expand in the Arab neighborhood, but they were defeated in the first Qadisiyah battle, as well as in Dhi Qar in the hands of Al-Mundhir Al-Numan. It was known as the Battle of Chains, because Hormuz ordered his soldiers to tie themselves with chains for fear of their escape, but he was defeated by Khalid bin Al-Walid.

When the Muslims conquered Persia, its citizens entered into the new religion. Nevertheless, they did not abandon their expansionist and arrogant culture. They worked on distinguishing themselves as the descendants of Cyrus. This tendency emerged in the celebration of the Shah of Iran Muhammad Reza Pahlavi in 1971, to mark the 2,500th anniversary of the establishment of the Kingdom of Persia.

The current Mullahs regime has revived this tendency through the slogan "exporting the revolution". To achieve its goal, it has been working for 40 years through two methods - expansion by inciting sectarian fanaticism, and sowing discord among societies, especially Arabs, and seeking to possess weapons of mass destruction by returning to the Shah's military project which began in 1957 and was suspended in the early years of the revolution. However, the project was resumed by Khomeini during the Iran-Iraq war in order to obtain an atomic bomb to balance its power with Iraq, especially after the defeats its army suffered at the beginning of the eight-year war.

The desire increased even more after sanctions were imposed by the international community on Tehran when its intelligence community committed a series of terrorist operations in a number of countries, in addition to the establishment of proxy militias in several Arab countries.

Today, Washington is waiting for Tehran to return to the Vienna negotiations. It has not taken into account the serious warnings of the consequences of re-launching the sectarian terrorist beast directed at it by most Arab countries and Israel. Tehran is continuing its military nuclear project, and developing ballistic missiles that can bomb Europe.

Under such a political atmosphere, it seems that Washington has abandoned its fight against Tehran. The threat to its interests and allied countries in the region is increasing day by day, which necessitates the Gulf states, moderate Arab states and Israel alliance to confront the Iranian threat that threatens the security and peace of the Middle East.

Otherwise, the countries of the region will turn into domino pieces. When the Iranian piece falls on one of them, the rest will fall in succession.

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KNPC: Refinery fire under control

Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) stated that the fire that broke out Monday in the sulfur removal unit of the Mina Al-Ahmadi oil refinery was under complete control.

The company's firefighting team were backed up Kuwait Fire Force, successfully controlled the fire, which was proceeded by an explosion in the unit, Executive Vice President of Ancillary Services and Acting Company Spokesperson Abdulaziz Al-Daej in a statement to KUNA.

The fire caused several workers suffocating due to smoke inhalation, some were treated on-site while others were taken to hospital and are in stable condition,

KNPC said.

The fire did not affect the production and export operations or the local supply, affirmed Al-Daej, noting that Minister of Oil, Electricity and Water Mohammad Al-Fares and KPC Executive Director Hashem Hashem with company officials, was immediately at the fire site to oversee the ground efforts and check on the safety of workers.

Al-Daej added that they are currently working on restoring the unit to its normal state, indicating that the company is in the process of forming a committee to find what caused the fire in accordance with the followed procedures in this matter. (KUNA)

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Amir condoles loss of Colin Powell

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 18, (Agencies): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable of condolences Monday to the President of the USA Joe Biden, over the demise of former US secretary of state and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell, who passed away earlier today.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables.

Colin Powell died Monday of Covid-19 complications. His family wrote in a statement that Powell, 84, who was vaccinated, "passed away this morning due to complications from Covid-19."

"We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father, grandfather and a great American," the statement added.

Powell was the first African-American US Secretary of State serving under President George W. Bush and the first African-American chairperson of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President George H.W. Bush.

During his time as the 12th chairperson of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Powell oversaw the Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

Former President George W. said in a statement, he was "deeply saddened by the death of Colin Powell. He was a great public servant."

"Many presidents relied on General Powell's counsel and experience. He was National Security Adviser under President Reagan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under my father and President Clinton, and Secretary of State during my Administration. He was such a favorite of presidents that he earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom - twice. He was highly respected at home and abroad," he added.

As President George W. Bush's first secretary of state, Powell led a State Department that was dubious of the military and intelligence communities' conviction that Saddam Hussein possessed or was developing weapons of mass destruction. And yet, despite his reservations, he presented the administration's case that Saddam indeed posed a major regional and global threat in a speech to the UN Security Council in the run-up to the war.

That speech, replete with his display of a vial of what he said could have been a biological weapon, was later derided as a low-point in Powell's career, although he had removed some elements that he deemed to have been based on poor intelligence assessments.



US President George Bush loans his glasses to first lady Barbara Bush as she pins a Medal of Freedom on Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a White House ceremony, July 3, 1991. Powell, former Joint Chiefs chairman and secretary of state, has died from COVID-19 complications. In an announcement on social media Monday, Oct. 18, 2021 the family said Powell had been fully vaccinated. He was 84. (AP)

NewsWatch

CAIRO: The State of Kuwait is keen to cooperate with Arab countries to overcome all obstacles and facilitate joint trade action, said Kuwaiti official Monday.

This came by Kuwait's representative, Assistant Undersecretary of the Public Authority for Industry, Deputy Director-General for Standards and Industrial Services, Engineer **Mohammad Al-Adwani**, on the sidelines of his presidency of the ninth meeting of the Committee on Technical Restrictions on Trade at the Arab League.

Al-Adwani noted that the meeting discussed a major item on negotiating an annex on technical restrictions on trade, within the framework of the Greater Arab Free Trade Area. (KUNA)

BAGHDAD: Iraq said Monday it has detained the mastermind behind a deadly 2016 bombing in a Baghdad shopping center, which killed around 300 people and wounded 250.

The suicide car bombing in the central **Karradah** district was the deadliest attack by a single bomber in the Iraqi capital after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

Two Iraqi intelligence officials said the man identified as **Ghazwan al-Zobai**, an Iraqi, was detained during a complex operation that was carried out with the cooperation of a neighboring country they did not name. He had been tracked by authorities for months. (AP)

JEDDAH: The Saudi-led Arab coalition supporting legitimacy in Yemen launched on Monday 38 military operations on Houthis militias' sites in **Al-Abdiyah** District in the Yemeni Marib Governorate.

Saudi Press Agency (SPA) cited a coalition statement on Twitter that "the military operation destroyed 13 military vehicles and killed 150 Houthis terrorists over the past 24 hours." (KUNA)

BRUSSELS: A number of European Union Foreign Ministers Monday called for closer EU ties and cooperation with the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ahead of a discussion on EU-Gulf ties during their meeting in **Luxembourg**.

Anze Logar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, told reporters ahead of the meeting that "We look forward for discussion with the Gulf countries", noting that EU High Representative **Josep Borrell** recently visited the region. (KUNA)