

'Kuwait working on steps to start procedures for doping detection'

Dr Al-Laili presides over 2nd meeting of Anti-Doping Board

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 19, (KUNA): The head of the Kuwait Anti-Doping Agency, Dr Bader Al-Laili, said that the agency is working to complete all the foundational steps and finalize the formation of field teams to start the procedures for detecting doping on athletes in accordance with the rules in force at the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Al-Laili affirmed to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), Sunday, after presiding over the second meeting of the (Anti-Doping) Board of Directors, keenness to coordinate with sports federations and clubs for the success of the agency's goal of preserving the health of athletes, consolidating the



Dr Bader Al-Laili



Hana Al-Bati

principle of sportsmanship and promoting fair and fair sports competitions.

He added that the agency is open to cooperating with state institutions and civil society organizations and activating its role in this regard, especially by exchanging information and spreading awareness of the need to stay away from prohibited substances, noting that, in implementation of this approach, the meeting agreed to conclude a cooperation protocol between the agency and the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee.

He pointed out that the meeting approved the executive regulations for the agency's work, as well as the

financial regulations and the approval of the draft budget (2022/2023), in addition to discussing some matters that would make the goals successful.

He affirmed the commitment to implement doping control programs with the highest approved standards and to work on holding awareness and education programs about the danger of doping on the athlete and the sports movement with officials of clubs and sports federations.

For her part, Director General of Anti-Doping Agency Hana Al-Bati said in a similar statement to (KUNA) that they are in the process of developing a clear strategy in eve-

rything related to anti-doping, especially in the rehabilitation of medical, technical and administrative cadres that will work

through teams to implement anti-doping control programs in local and regional championships, and international events that are held on the land of Kuwait.

Al-Bati stated that it was agreed with (WADA) to train these cadres and qualify them to carry out their work through training courses that include specialized programs in this regard, whether those who previously worked in the field of anti-doping or the new ones, noting that the first course will be held electronically (remotely) on October 25.

She explained that the anti-doping rules have been finalized in accordance with the standards in force in WADA, in preparation for their dissemination in the sports community, stressing the need for clubs, federations and sports committees to follow these rules to protect their players from being prohibited unintentionally due to a lack of knowledge of these rules.



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Part of the selection of final qualifiers for the competition.

24th Kuwait Grand Competition

Awqaf inaugurates final qualifiers for Quran Memorization and Recitation

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 19, (KUNA): The General Secretariat of Awqaf inaugurated recently the final qualifiers for the 24th Kuwait Grand Competition for Quran Memorization and Recitation under the slogan (Reassure) under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, which will last for two weeks.

The Minister of Endowments and Islamic Affairs, Issa Al-Kandari, said in a speech during the opening ceremony delivered on his behalf by the Acting Secretary-General of the General Secretariat of Endowments, Mansour Al-Saqabi, that the slogan of the competition (Reassure) was inspired by the secretariat in light of the current conditions that the country and the whole world are going through as a result of the corona pandemic and from Quranic connotations.

Al-Kandari stated that "the General Sec-

retariat of Awqaf, since its establishment until this day, has been based on the care of the Holy Book, the keepers of its Holy Book, and the supreme sponsor of the competition "throughout the history of the competition."

He pointed out that the number of participants in the final qualifiers for this year reached 1,939, the number of males, 860 and 1,079 females, qualified through 42 official and private bodies that seek to serve the Book of God Almighty, disseminate its memorization, refining and care for its memorizers.

He explained that they are all competing in the various categories of the competition, which includes the general competition, the youth competition, the glory competition, people with special needs, the elderly, correctional institutions, and inmates of care homes, in addition to the reading competition.

Azerbaijan to allow entry for Kuwaiti tourists: envoy

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 19, (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Saud Abdulaziz Al-Roumi, announced that the authorities in Baku had taken a decision to allow entry to Kuwaitis on the condition that they confirm that they are not infected with the new coronavirus (Covid 19) and obtain vac-

ination.

In a statement from the Kuwaiti Embassy in Baku, Ambassador Al-Roumi said that through the coordination of the Kuwaiti Embassy with the competent official authorities in Azerbaijan, the Azerbaijani Cabinet issued on Friday, a decision allowing entry to Kuwaiti citizens on the

condition that they obtain a (PCR) certificate with a negative result and valid for 72 hours before travel and a certificate confirming the traveler's immunization with two doses of an anti-virus vaccine, or an immunity certificate confirming that a person has contracted the virus and has recovered from it.

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Samia Al Duaij is one of Kuwait's leading environmentalists. An environmental specialist, Samia's professional experience includes working on operational projects and technical assistance programs related to environmental policy, management, legislation and sustainable development of natural resources in Kuwait, Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, Jordan, Sudan, Djibouti and Syria and working for the World Bank in the Middle East and North Africa. Samia studied Environment and Politics at King's College. She came back to Kuwait and in the course of time was part of the team that set up the aquarium at the Scientific Centre. One of Kuwait's leading environmental activists, Samia has dedicated her life to raising awareness about critical issues facing Kuwait and the region. Recently she teamed up with a bunch of local talents to present a very topical and important podcast titled 'It's getting hot in here.' Supported by Cefas, the podcast features discussions with various stakeholders about how climate change is affecting Kuwait & the region. A great supporter of local initiatives, Samia runs her own enterprise called Sustainable Living Kuwait through which she promotes ethical and sustainable consumption. In this episode of The Guest Show, Samia speaks to Chaitali B Roy about water scarcity, the adverse impact of climate change, Kuwait's marine ecosystem which is threatened by rising sea surface temperature, about rising seawater levels, about Kuwait's adoption of the National Adaptation plan 2019 to redress climate change, and about her personal journey with environmental activism.

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