

Community urged to avail free tele-medical consultations arranged by IDF

Indian Embassy organizes symposium on combating COVID-19 variants

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 24: The Indian Embassy in Kuwait, in association with the Indian Doctors' Forum (IDF), Kuwait recently organized a symposium to generate awareness on combating COVID-19 variants.

The event was inaugurated by the Ambassador of India to Kuwait HE Sibi George. Speaking on the occasion, the ambassador talked about India-Kuwait partnership in the fight against the pandemic, and highlighted the importance of adherence to the Covid-19 guidelines. The ambassador disclosed the mission will organize all its events including the forthcoming Republic Day celebrations virtually until the Covid situation improves.

He thanked IDF for being in the forefront of fight against the pandemic in Kuwait, for working closely with the Embassy in many activities such as seminars, awareness campaigns, roundtable discussions to educate people about Covid-19 and also for conducting medical camps and free medi-



Ambassador Sibi George delivering his inaugural address.

cal tele-consultations.

India, the ambassador said, is facing the Covid situation with great fortitude and resilience and has successfully ad-

ministered 1.6 billion doses of COVID vaccine doses, an unparalleled global feat. He added that while India successfully fights this pandemic domesti-



IDF President Dr. Amir Ahmed introducing the panelists.

cally, it continues to be at the forefront of the global fight against the virus in line with its civilizational ethos.

IDF President Dr. Amir Ahmed

introduced the panelists and reiterated the role being played by IDF to help the community in its fight against the pandemic. He urged the

community to avail the facility of free tele-medical consultations arranged by IDF in multiple Indian languages.

The symposium featured specialist Indian medical doctors working at reputed healthcare institutions in Kuwait. The discussion was moderated by Dr P Shankar Narayanan Menon. Other panelists included Dr Arijit Chattopadhyay, Dr Saroj Bala Grover, Dr Varkey Alexander and Dr Shanthi Alexander, who presented various aspects of the pandemic and answered the questions from the public.

The symposium provided a unique opportunity for participants to listen to expert healthcare professionals providing much needed insights on the evolving pandemic, learning about the risk factors and getting expert advice on the precautions that were needed to be taken.

For more details about the event, visit the website and social media handles of the Embassy.

Engineers and Municipality team up in accreditation of certificates

Changes in future cleaning contracts

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 24: The Kuwait Municipality and the Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE) have agreed to complete the electronic linking process to complete the accreditation transactions for engineers wishing to work in the private sector and the KSE will be the only institute to and accredit certificate of engineers, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The president of the society Eng Faisal Al-Atl, after a meeting with the Director-General of the Municipality, Eng. Ahmed Al-Manfouhi at the municipality's headquarters said an agreement has been appreciated because of the distinguished role

and professional achievement of the municipality's director, and the nod given for the KSE as the only testing body for engineers wishing to work in the consulting and engineering field in the private sector.

Al-Atl pointed out that this decision complies with the regulations to practice the engineering profession approved by the Kuwait Municipality and the decisions regulating engineering-consulting work for those who are interested to submit it to the Kuwait Municipality.

He added the municipality's approach to mechanization is witnessing a remarkable transformation, and that the association is fully prepared to support it and limit any human interference in completing the engineers' accreditation, stressing that it was agreed with Al-Manfouhi to communicate directly through two liaison officers between the association and

the Municipality to put this project into implementation.

In other news, the Deputy Director-General for Municipal Services Affairs in the Kuwait Municipality, Khalaf Al-Mutairi, revealed the legalization of the use of cleaners in the upcoming cleaning contracts in 2024, reports Al-Jarida daily.

He said the committee for the qualification and classification of public cleaning companies formed under the directives of the Director of Kuwait Municipality, Engineer Ahmed Al-Manfouhi, is preparing and drafting future municipal contracts related to cleaning companies in the all governorates.

Al-Mutairi added the committee took into account the most prominent observations on the performance of current and previous companies, indicating that the focus will be on developing performance and raising the level

of service provided by companies with the introduction of modern methods and advanced mechanisms, to be able to reduce the use of manual laborers.

With regard to civil contracts in commercial investment areas, Al-Mutairi stated that the reclassification and evaluation of civil cleanliness contracts comes in the second phase after the completion of the drafting of municipal contracts in a manner that raises the level of cleanliness, pointing out that there is a vision to change the 'appearance' of waste containers placed in front of commercial complexes and investment housing areas.

He said that the current containers are not appealing to the eye, especially that their sizes are big and take up more space, adding that it is possible to use underground containers in modern complexes, especially after seeing successful experiences in neighboring countries.

He explained the committee seeks, through its meetings and recommendations, to take all observations, including complaints received by the municipality, and to impart the expertise and experiences applied in different countries to it, in order to push towards achieving a level of satisfactory for all and keeping Kuwait clean.



Eng Al-Manfouhi

Director-General of Kuwait Municipality, Eng Ahmed Al-Manfouhi said Abu Al-Hassaniya Park in Block 11, has been allocated for the benefit of the Police Officers Club, at the request of the Council of Ministers; the plot is currently in the name of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources. The Club will include a special hotel for guests and participants in the activities organized by the Interior Ministry, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Al-Manfouhi in a letter to the President of the Municipal Council said it was decided to approve the request, by adding the 28,122-square-meter garden to the club's 4,334,800-square-meter site, so that the total area after including the park area, the separating corridor and the marina is 4,594,584 square meters, indicating that according to the technical opinion the approval of the owners of the plots overlooking the garden be obtained prior to implementation of the project, and that sufficient parking lots be provided within the boundaries of the site in accordance with the standards and specifications followed in the Municipality.

Al-Manfouhi stressed on the need to follow the building laws, requirements and specifications applicable to construction in the coastal strip, and the requirements and specifications for hotels in various regions of Kuwait, and to take the approval of the Public Utilities and Services Sub-Committee before implementation of the works, and to authorize the administration to move and modify the dimensions of the site and its area in case of conflicts with any existing services or due to regulatory reasons.



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Kuwait's Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah meets Lebanese Minister of Interior Bassam Moulawi.

FM meets Moulawi

'Lebanon makes efforts to prevent any harm to other Arab countries'

BEIRUT, Jan 24, (KUNA): Lebanese Minister of Interior Bassam Moulawi affirmed on Sunday that his ministry took steps to bring about a change in the security work and prevent "the export of any harm whatsoever" to other Arab countries.

"These measures have already got underway," the minister said in statements to KUNA.

Recalling the recent meeting of the Central Home Security Council, he noted that he told the military and police top brass that it is unacceptable to blame the inability to control the country's ports on insufficient personnel.

"I have told the security services to rely more heavily on intelligence and information technology," he pointed out.

"The security services definitely know the ports being used as outlets for smuggling commodities including drugs, fuels and foodstuffs; they are known even for the media," the minister argued.

"If the security services have the will to stop the smuggling operation, they will be able to do so," he noted.

Moulawi acknowledged that Lebanon was very late in adopting the necessary measures for stopping the export of harm, including narcotics, to Arab countries, particularly the Gulf Cooperation Council member states.

The fact that many crimes of smuggling of narcotic drugs were foiled recently shows that the security services are improving, he went on.

On the verbal abuse and hostile remarks on some countries, the

minister said the Lebanese authorities can take legal measures against offenders.

Regarding the security coordination between Lebanon and Kuwait, he said it is very good and led to the seizure of a consignment of narcotic drugs recently.

Contacts and information sharing are close between the security leaders of both countries and bore fruit in dismantling criminal networks, he said, referring to the seizure in Kuwait of a consignment of nine million Captagon pills on December 31.

Moulawi added that his government is determined to pursue the course for rebuilding the state institutions and realizing national reconciliation, and cementing the relations with sisterly Arab countries.

Earlier Sunday, Moulawi and Kuwait's Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah stated a shared desire to strengthen the state control over the country's border outlets.

Sheikh Dr. Ahmad said he conveyed to the Lebanese side the concerns of Kuwait and other GCC states over the possibility of hostile powers using the Lebanese territories to harm them either verbally or materially.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah said Sunday that his visit to Lebanon comes to re-build measures of trust between Lebanon with regional and foreign states.

TGS features Hamad Al Jenaie

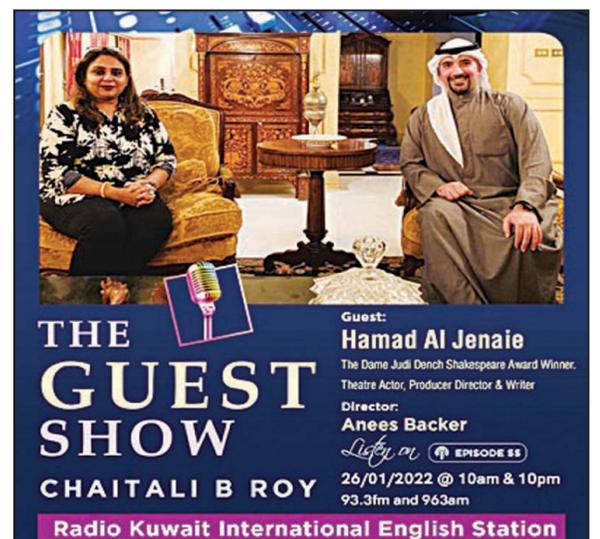
It's not easy to find too many young Kuwaitis involved or excelling in performing arts. Hamad Al Jenaie is an exception.

One of Kuwait's biggest talents, he is an actor, director, producer and writer. Multi talented, he has been trained and mentored by Alison Shan Price MBE. Hamad has given Kuwait some great theatrical productions.

Over the years, his talent and efforts have been recognized both nationally

and internationally. In 2019, Hamad won the first Dame Judi Dench Award for Shakespeare. In 2017, he won the Adam Darius Award for Excellence in Performance. He trained in the UK and in Kuwait, under Alison, Emmy Award winner Adam Darius, Soprano Anna Karadimitrova and Tenor Jumel Carvajal.

In this episode of The Guest Show (TGS), he speaks of his love of theatre and his experience with performing arts in Kuwait.



The Guest Show poster

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