

# Refusal to accredit certs of 6,000 private institutes grads lamented

Decision shatters hopes of many Kuwaiti youth

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 28:** A number of owners and board members of private institutions expressed dissatisfaction with the refusal of Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) to ratify and certify the certificates of thousands of students who graduated from their institutions, reports Al-Anba daily.

In exclusive press statements to the daily, they lamented that this negatively affects the future of the graduates and leads to an increase in the number of individuals on the employment waiting list.

They explained that the reasons for PAAET to refuse accrediting many of the certificates include the failure of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to pay dues to the members of the training staff who supervise the students' tests, because the test days coincide with the weekend, Saturdays. However, those who eventually pay the price are the students.

This decision has shattered the hopes of many Kuwaiti youth who wish to attain the rare technical careers that the country needs.

In this regard, the owner of Kuwait Computer Studies Center Dr Meshal Al-Mashaan affirmed that non-accreditation of certificates from private institutions is an issue of great concern for citizens between the ages of 18 and 20, as they are looking forward to life and a future in serving the nation.

## Tests

He explained that the graduates of the institutions are supposed to sit for tests in PAAET. After their certificates are accredited, they apply for employment at CSC. However, the accreditation was discontinued two years ago, and now there are more than 6,000 students who have stopped working due to lack of a clear vision.

The stated reasons include absence of a specific budget for the training staff members to hold the tests outside their official working hours.

The differences between CSC and PAAET concerning the provision of the budget is unacceptable, and disrupts the lives of 6,000 students.

Dr Al-Mashaan added that he hopes an agreement will be reached between the two sides to provide the necessary budget and set the schedule of the tests, "so that the children of this country could exercise their lives normally".

Meanwhile, Director of the Archaeological Institute Abdul-Moez Othman indicated that private institutions teach students for a period of nine months on administration majors such as secretarial, banking, business administration; and technical such as electrical installations, networks, air conditioning and refrigeration.

He revealed that the graduates' certificates from the institute are authenticated and then sent to PAAET to be certified under the name "Training diploma", provided that the student is a Kuwaiti national. In order to obtain a job, there must be a job title, which is the diploma that he gets from the courses offered by the institution.

## Specialization

Othman said, "The certification test is in Building 2 of PAAET which requires a copy of the certificate and a copy of the civil ID. After two weeks the schedule of the test is set as per the specialization and the certificate obtained by the student in all institutes of PAAET in various places in the country.

Until 2001, students presented their certificates to CSC without sitting for a test. However, the decision to halt such tests was issued in 2001, which led to PAAET taking up such responsibility until December 6, 2017. Since then, PAAET stopped offering tests and certifications.

Upon inquiry, it was discovered that there is a disagreement between CSC and PAAET over the disbursement of overtime



Ahmed Al-Banai, Bassam Waheedi during the signing of the agreement.

## KASCO signs fish supply deal with Al-Danah

Kuwait Aviation Services Company (KASCO) recently signed a fish-supply contract with Al-Danah United Fish Company.

According to a press release, the agreement was signed on behalf of

KASCO by its Board Chairman Ahmad Nasser Al-Banai and Executive Director Fouad Mohammad Al-Mazeedi. Representing Al-Danah Company was its CEO Bassam Mohammad Waheedi and General Manager Abdul-Kareem Subhi.

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## Prayer Timings

Fajr	05:17
Sunrise	06:41
Zohr	11:50
Asr	14:39
Maghrib	16:58
Isha	18:21

## Weather

**Expected weather for the next 24 hours:**  
By Day: Fair with light to moderate north westerly wind to light variable wind, with a speed of 08-32 km/h.

By Night: Cold with light variable wind to light to moderate northerly wind, with a speed of 08-35 km/h with a chance for mist forming over some areas

Station	Max	Exp	Min	Rec
Kuwait City	25	14	09	09
Kuwait Airport	24	09	09	09
Abdaly	24	09	09	09
Bubyan	21	12	09	09
Jahra	24	11	09	09
Falaka Island	20	16	09	09
Salmiyah	20	17	09	09
Alhmadid	20	17	09	09
Alwaisib	23	12	09	09
Wafra	23	09	09	09
Salmy	23	09	09	09

## 4 days forecast - Weather

**Sunday, Dec 29**  
Expected weather: Fair  
Max Temp: 22C  
Min Temp: 09C  
Wind Direction: VRB-SE  
Wind Speed: 08-28 km/h

**Monday, Dec 30**  
Expected weather: Fair and partly cloudy  
Max Temp: 22C  
Min Temp: 08C  
Wind Direction: SE-S  
Wind Speed: 12-38 km/h

**Tuesday, Dec 31**  
Expected weather: Fair and partly cloudy  
Max Temp: 23C  
Min Temp: 09C  
Wind Direction: NW-VRB  
Wind Speed: 15-40 km/h

**Wednesday, Jan 01**  
Expected weather: Fair and partly cloudy  
Max Temp: 23C  
Min Temp: 07C  
Wind Direction: NW-VRB  
Wind Speed: 10-38 km/h

## Marine Forecast

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec	Sea Surf	Today's Waves
South Dolphin	-	-	-	-
Umm Madaayrah	-	-	-	-
Beacon M28	-	-	-	-
Beacon N6	-	-	-	-
Qaruh Island	22	19	-	4ft NW
Umm Al-Maradem	22	19	-	4ft NW

Sea Island Buoy  
Salmiyah 20 16 4ft NW

## 4 days forecast - Marine

**Sunday, Dec 29**  
Expected weather: Fair  
Sea state: Slight to moderate  
Wave height: 1-4 ft  
Max Temp: 22C  
Min Temp: 09C  
Wind Direction: VRB-SE  
Wind Speed: 08-28 km/h

**Monday, Dec 30**  
Expected weather: Fair and partly cloudy  
Sea state: Slight to moderate  
Wave height: 2-5 ft  
Max Temp: 22C  
Min Temp: 08C  
Wind Direction: SE-S  
Wind Speed: 12-38 km/h

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Expected weather: Fair and partly cloudy  
Sea state: Slight to moderate  
Wave height: 2-5 ft  
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## Tide times at Shuwaikh Port

1st high tide:	14:23
2nd high tide:	00:29
1st low tide:	07:52
2nd low tide:	19:27
Sunrise:	06:41
Sunset:	16:58

## Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max temp:	26C
Min temp:	10C
Max Rh:	92%
Min Rh:	26%
Max Wind:	5.32 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs:	0 mm

## Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max/ Air Temp:	00/-/C
Min/Max Rel Hum:	-/-%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed:	N/- km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht:	N/-ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp:	-/- C
Sea Current:	Upwelling

— Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

## deaths

**Adel Mahmoud Essa Al-Asfour**, 66 years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) Qadsiya, Block 1, Hamad Al-Khalid Street, House 65, Diwan Al-Asfour. (Women) Mishref, Block 5, Street 10, House 7, Avenue 1, Phone: 99377332. **Mut'eb Gharbi Omar Al-Shammari**, 62 years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) Rabiya, Block 4, Street 10, House 22. (Women) Qurain, Block 1, Street 8, House 35, Phone: 99024945. **Zahra Abu Al-Qasim Barwanah Shirazi**, 69 years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) Al-Wazzan Mosque, West Mishref, Phone: 66666658. Women: Hussainiyat Umm Al-Baneen, Rumaitiyya, opposite 5th Ring Road, Phone: 65181112. (Note: condolences starts on Sunday, 29/12/2019, morning and evening). **Munirah Abdul-Mohsen Al-Abdul-Kareem**, 86 years old, widow of Abdullah Abdul-Aziz Al-Fares, buried. Condolences: (Men) Dhahiyah Abdullah Al-Salem, Diwan Al-Fares, Block 4, Abdul-Wahab Al-Fares Street, Phone: 99992199. (Women) Adaliyya, Block 1, Jihad Street, House 5, Phone: 99083888. **Jalwa Zuwaini Fawzi**, 79 years old, widow of Mubarak Thani Nayef, to be buried after Asr prayer on Sunday at Jahra Cemetery. Condolences: (Men) at the cemetery only. Phone: 50045003. (Women) Sa'ad Al-Abdullah, Block 9, Street 931, House 11, Phone: 99001514. **Haya Eid Salem Al-Qahtani**, 48 years old, wife of Sulaiman Huzam Fahad Al-Qahtani, to be buried after Asr prayer on Sunday at Subhan Cemetery. Condolences: Dhaher, Block 3, Street 1, House 11, Phone: 66382424, 96788145.

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Side of the campaign to plant five thousand different seedlings.

KUNA photos

# Volunteers plant 5,000 trees in bid to beautify Kuwait and improve climate

By Mervat Abduldajem

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 28, (KUNA):** Some 300 volunteers planted, in just two hours on Saturday, up to 5,000 small trees in Al-Abdaliya natural reserve, west of Kuwait City, in the latest effort to beautify Kuwait and improve the climate.

Dr Ameera Al-Hassan, Director of UN-Habitat (United Nations Human Settlements Programme), said in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) the saplings were planted in line with global sustainable development objectives, with cooperation between UN-Habitat and Kuwait Oil Company (KOC).

Greening is not merely an act of beautification; it is rather a basic need for the environment and population of Kuwait, she said, indicating that the shrubs

and trees are necessary to alleviate impact of dust storms and sun heat.

The planting was part of "Kuwait plants" campaign, launched on October 31, 2019, coinciding with the World Cities Day.

The campaign also aims at encouraging and nudging campers to plant trees in the desert, she added.

Omar Sadeq, the KOC manager of East Kuwait operations, also in charge of the reserve, said planting at the protected location has continued since opening the reserve in 2011. Work had kicked off by greening 1.1 square meters of land. Later, 1.7 sq m of land were planted and in the third phase, the greening covered five million square meters of land.

This reserve is an ambitious environmental project located

in West Kuwait within the operational areas of the KOC. It aims tackling environmental damage and restoring life and biodiversity to the desert.

Al-Abdaliya reserve has been carved out to create better conditions for wildlife, plants and animals through the creation of lakes with surrounding hills for desert plants such as Al-Arfaj, Al-Arti, Al-Ramth, Al-Qarsi and others that grow in Kuwait.

The State of Kuwait, along with associations, volunteers and NGOs, has been sparing no effort to green the country, with natural reserves and public parks including many trees.

Trees and plants, particularly palm trees, decorate public places and streets. A sophisticated irrigation system keeps them alive and green during the very hot summer.

for members of the training staff supervising the tests. On November 18, 2018, the institute's administration took the original certificates from the graduating students for approval.

There are 4,000 students who submitted their diplomas to PAAET but so far, none of the certificates have been certified or even provided with explanation for the delay.

This comes despite the parliamentary questions about the reasons behind stopping the tests for the graduates of the private institutions, which means the problem facing 6,000 students has not been solved yet".

Othman indicated that the private institutions are fully connected with PAAET, adding that even for employing institute engineers, approval needs to come from PAAET, and also, the monthly budget of the institute must be approved by the management of private institutes at PAAET.

He said, "After stopping the certification of the institute graduates' certificates, how will we pay the liabilities which we incur from building rents and the salaries of engineers and administrators, after stopping the primary source of institute income?"

## Private

Furthermore, Deputy Director of the British Mark Tech Institute Sabah Al-Aydi said, "We were surprised by the delay in hiring graduates from the private institutions who went to the Civil Service Commission to complete the recruitment procedures. They were given letters addressed to PAAET to do a test at a government institute, as it used to be done in the past. The students discovered that CSC stopped the tests that were conducted every Saturday every week because it required the financial burden of paying the invigilators to be on the CSC".

In the same context, Direc-

tor of the Institute of Higher Studies Dia Al-Aghbar stated that the decision to suspend accreditation of certificates from private institutions has shattered the hopes of many young people to adopt rare careers needed in Kuwait, such as technicians and electricians.

He noted that the students who obtained certificates in nine months are competing with the government education institution students who get their certificate within two years.

Al-Aghbar also stressed that the only difference between the students of the private institutions and the government institutions is the salary and the cadre given by the employer.

He added that the test that students from the private institutes are subjected to in PAAET contradicts the frivolity that is spoken about in regard to the students in the private institutes.