

PAM seeks int'l consultants help to develop nat'l labor in private sector

'Authority committed to rights of workers'

180,000 cubic meters water reservoir being built

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 4: Ministry of Public Works and the Public Authority for Roads and Transport have commenced procedures to prevent re-occurrence of rain disaster by making certain moves to prepare for the winter season through precautionary measures to deal with flood, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Director of the Highway Maintenance Department at the Public Authority for Roads and Transport Engineer Khalid Al-Osaimi declared that some works are being executed by the department

to protect Sabah Al-Nasser Area, Jaber Stadium and Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh. He explained that a water reservoir, which is 500 cubic meters long, 120 meters wide and 2 meters deep, is being built close to the University City in Shadadiyah opposite Sabah Al-Nasser to contain 180,000 cubic meters of water.

He stressed that water that gathered in that place last year submerged several buildings in Sabah Al-Nasser after over floating the drainage system within the area. He indicated that the incident led

to the need for blocking another pool of water after asphaltting it on both sides.

He added that a part of the Sixth Ring Road opposite Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh and Jaber Stadium was completely closed down last year due to the drowning that occurred during the last winter. He pointed out that the contingency plan is to create a new sewage line parallel to location of the stadium while another drainage will pass below the Sixth Ring Road linking the sea to avoid another flood.

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 4: The government intends to seek the help of foreign consultants to develop the skills of nationals working in view of the poor results of traditional approaches and parliamentary dissatisfaction, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Recent statistics showed an increase in the number of Kuwaitis looking for jobs and are registered at the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM), indicating the number of unemployed citizens reached 16,000.

Monitoring bodies have reported that the growing number of nationals employed in the private sector does not match the budget allocated for national labor subsidy which reached KD4.5 billion over the last 10 years; while the number of nationals working in the private sector reached 61,000.

State Minister for Economic Affairs Mariam Al-Aqeel disclosed that PAM is laying down a strategy to enhance the skills of nationals employed in the private sector in cooperation with foreign consultants.

Meanwhile, the Public Authority of Manpower has confirmed its keenness to implement international standards in the field of work and workers, and to protect their rights in line with the law, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily quoting sources said the PAM also deports workers including domestic helpers if they are carriers of contagious diseases or if they are infected with AIDS or if the person is known to have past criminal record.

The daily disclosed one of the workers was recently deported because she was a carrier of AIDS. The daily said after the first result proved positive her blood re-examined which confirmed the disease.

Oil delegation visits Vietnam over 'refinery'

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 4: A high-level delegation including Minister of Oil and Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Khaled Al-Fadhel, Executive Chairman of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) Hashem Al-Hashem, and Executive Chairman of Kuwait Petroleum International (Q8) Sheikh Nawaf Al-Sabah has left for Vietnam, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting informed sources.

They explained that the delegation will discuss matters related to the oil refinery in which Kuwait invests.

The issue has been a topic of contention since 2013. Al-Fadhel met the Vietnamese Prime Minister and conveyed a message from His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak.

The visit aims at rescuing the refinery from the danger of bankruptcy and discussing about Q8 obtaining a loan of \$1 billion.

The sources said the refinery is currently experiencing bankruptcy with debts reaching seven times the capital.

They indicated that the profits received by KPC were 15 percent in 2013 but not they are -15 percent.

The sources disclosed that KPC lost more than half of the amount invested in the refinery as of end of August 2019, reaching \$1.5 billion.

Forum focuses on Muharram month

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 4: Committee for Propagation and Guidance at the Islamic Heritage Revival Society in Sa'ad Al-Abdullah City Wednesday and Thursday Sept 4-5 will organize a forum about the month of Muharram.

The forum will include a lecture to be delivered on Wednesday by Dr Rezkais Al-Anzi titled (Ashoura... in the perspective of history and religion), while Dr Farhan Ubaid Al-Shemmari is scheduled to deliver Thursday's lecture on (Ashoura... accusations and defense) after Maghreb prayer at Abu Bakr Al-Saddiq Mosque in Sa'ad Al-Abdullah, Block 2. A place will be allocated for women.

Kuwaiti nominee Sheikh Talal Al-Mohammed retained leadership of the International Bowling Association after defeating his Finnish opponent by 78 votes against 22 in an election held at Las Vegas, USA. It will be recalled that Sheikh Talal got to the position by defeating his American predecessor Kevin Durenberger.



Above: some photos from the event.

KU holds open forum for students, parents

Kuwait University organized an open forum for students and parents who wish to familiarize with the new locations of the colleges, which will move from the current Kuwait University's campuses to Shadadiya area.

Several officials gave a brief introduction of the new campus, whereas the Director of Construction Program Dr Quteiba Al-Razouqi explained the aim of the forum, which was to introduce the parents and students to the components of the new campus in terms of its academic sections, class-

es, labs and cafeteria, in addition to answering inquiries from the audience, followed by a quick tour of the campus.

Dr Al-Razouqi gave a visual presentation about the operation plan with the start of the academic year in September 2019, through which he explained the location map in the university city and operation plan, and gave a brief introduction about the new university project and its main components from the main campus to the medical school.

10 pct deduction said done

'State Budget for 2019/2020 records a deficit of KD 1.1b for April 1 to June 30'

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 4: The State Budget for the current fiscal (2019/2020) has recorded a deficit of 1.1 billion dinars for the period from April 1 to June 30 last, reports Al-Rai daily quoting informed sources.

The sources pointed out that this deficit comes after deducting the 10 percent which is due to be transferred to the Future Generations Fund.

According to the draft budget for (2019/2020), the deficit achieved by the state budget during the first quarter of this year, represents about 14 percent of the total value of the expected deficit for the whole year, which is estimated at 7.7 billion dinars, after deducting the share of future generations.

In simple terms, if we distribute the estimated deficit for the whole year over four (quarterly) periods, it is expected that the deficit rate during the first three months (first quarter) was about 1.9 billion dinars, which means that the deficit in the budget declined during the first quarter of the year by 42 percent, reaching 1.1 billion dinars, a decrease of about 800 million dinars.

The sources pointed out that the prices of oil, which traded over

the last period (the data) at a value higher than the estimated price in the budget, supported the decline in the deficit rate during the first quarter of this year, despite the Ministry of Finance raising the price of a barrel of oil during the current fiscal year by 20 percent to \$55 a barrel, compared with \$50 in the previous fiscal year (2018/2019).

The State's final account for the fiscal year (2018/2019), showed a deficit of 3.3 billion dinars, after deducting the reserve ratio of future generations, a decrease of 31 percent, compared to the final account for the previous fiscal year, as well as a decline 63.6 percent of the budget estimates for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, while it recorded a deficit of 1.29 billion dinars before deducting the reserve ratio of future generations, where the amount of deduction exceeded 2 billion dinars.

The actual deficit saw a positive change supported by the average price of a barrel of oil for the fiscal year (2018/2019), which witnessed an increase of 37 percent, recording \$68.62 as the actual average in the final account, compared with \$50 per barrel estimated in the budget.

Young girl makes dolls

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 4: A young Kuwaiti girl, Ghadeer Al-Shirazi, is into handicrafts and she made dolls resembling real newborn babies with clients not only from Kuwait and the Gulf but also from Europe, China, Australia and the USA, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Ghadeer ranked third at the Dubai exhibition for entrepreneurs in Arab schools as she played a role in restoring and building many schools and houses in Tanzania and a number of poor areas in Africa.

She discovered this hobby seven years ago in the UK and she is spreading it now through training courses for the young.

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