

# Friday Market to open after Eid Al-Adha Festival: admn

'All precautionary measures have been taken'



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HH Deputy Amir and Crown Prince receives HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad.

## Deputy Amir, Crown Prince hosts HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad

His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ah-

mad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received, at Seif Palace on Tuesday, His High-

ness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

### Study consists of two chapters

## KSHR issues study on women's rights in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, July 28: The Kuwait Society for Human Rights (KSHR) has issued a thorough and analytical study on the women's rights in the State of Kuwait as part of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), within the framework of the Takamul Project that aims to promote gender equality in Kuwaiti society, which is implemented in cooperation with the US-Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI).

The study consists of two chapters. The first chapter is on women's rights in the State of Kuwait within the framework of the Constitution and legislation (National Law). The second chapter is on the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Kuwaiti National Law.

The first chapter contains three topics: women's rights under the Kuwaiti Constitution, women's rights in Kuwait between justice and equality, and the principle of legality and women's rights in Kuwait: the extent to which domestic legislation conforms to the Constitution.

As for the second chapter, it contains four topics: the dialectic of the relationship between the Kuwaiti public system and international standards through the extent of conformity and harmonization between women's rights in Kuwait with the CEDAW Convention, the rights of women in Kuwait, the change of public order by changing the public interest, and the national mechanisms to promote women's rights in Kuwait.

At the beginning of the study, it has been mentioned that the Kuwaiti Constitution do not mention women's



Study on women's rights in Kuwait.

rights specifically or by designation, as the term "women" is not mentioned in all articles of the Kuwaiti Constitution. Therefore, women's rights in Kuwait seems to revolve around the general theoretical framework for citizen's rights, individuals' rights and their public freedoms.

The study points out that the Kuwaiti Constitution involves provisions that conform to international standards in citizenship, justice and equality. Despite the ratification of the State of Kuwait to many agreements in this regard, including the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), women's rights in Kuwait are still in many legislations out of practice.

The study reached a number of conclusions, including theoretically, that the legal obligations of the government of the State of Kuwait indicate a legal interaction between the Kuwaiti Constitution and the CEDAW Convention, but the practical reality of the legislative practice still suffers from the inability of the Kuwaiti legislator to activate, interpret, and apply constitutional provisions within the framework of wom-

en's rights.

Moreover, many Kuwaiti legislation contradict the provisions of the Kuwaiti Constitution, which led to the failure to activate the CEDAW Convention due to the many legal, juristic, and societal problems that prevents Kuwaiti women from obtaining their rights. The Kuwaiti legislation reflects a clear and distinct distinction in many rights, such as the right to occupy jobs, equality to public burdens, the right to equality, the right to work, the right to nationality, the right to housing, the right to political participation, and so on.

The study includes a number of recommendations, including activating the Kuwaiti State Council as an independent administrative judiciary, as it is concerned with defending the rights and public freedoms of individuals through monitoring the actions of the administrative authority, which is practically implementing the regulations and laws in accordance with the Constitution, thus helping in law enforcement in accordance with the provisions of the CEDAW Convention, and confirming the legal culture of women in Kuwait, whether by governmental or non-governmental institutions through symposiums and conferences, in a way that helps women to know the legal mechanisms that enable them to activate and amend the legislative performance.

The study also recommends reviewing the Kuwaiti Nationality Law within the framework of equality between men and women, especially in matters of a human dimension that have nothing to do with the principle of sovereignty, particularly those relating to maintaining the stability and tranquility of the Kuwaiti family in accordance with the Kuwaiti Constitution.

KUWAIT CITY, July 28: The Friday Market Administration has decided to open the market for public after the Eid Al-Adha Festival, reports Al-Seyassah daily quoting market sources.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Municipality is said to have confirmed that it has given instruction to open the Friday Market after ensuring that all precautionary measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus by adopting health requirements that have been put in place by the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Health.

The sources also said the municipality has assured the market administration of the need to sterilize the entire area including all imported goods and stalls and making sure that the salespersons are free of any symptoms of the disease. This is in addition to ensuring the entry and exit gates of the market are manned by personnel from the Ministry of Interior to prevent any kind of hindrance.

### Health

The Municipality had closed the Friday Market, the beginning of the pandemic last March, keeping in mind the health and safety of its visitors, and has called on the market management and owners of the stalls and workers to cooperate with the supervisory teams.

The market was reopened at the beginning of this month, but the Municipality stepped in and closed the shops and markets due to lack of health protection and commitment to social distancing and activities that were seen not conducive to prevent the spread of the virus.

Nine administrative closure orders were issued this month that included the closure of the Friday Market and one of the large markets, in addition to the closing of a famous furniture company in one of the commercial complexes, in addition to the closing a shop selling women's clothing inside a hotel in Farwaniya in addition to 5 other stores in different areas of the country.

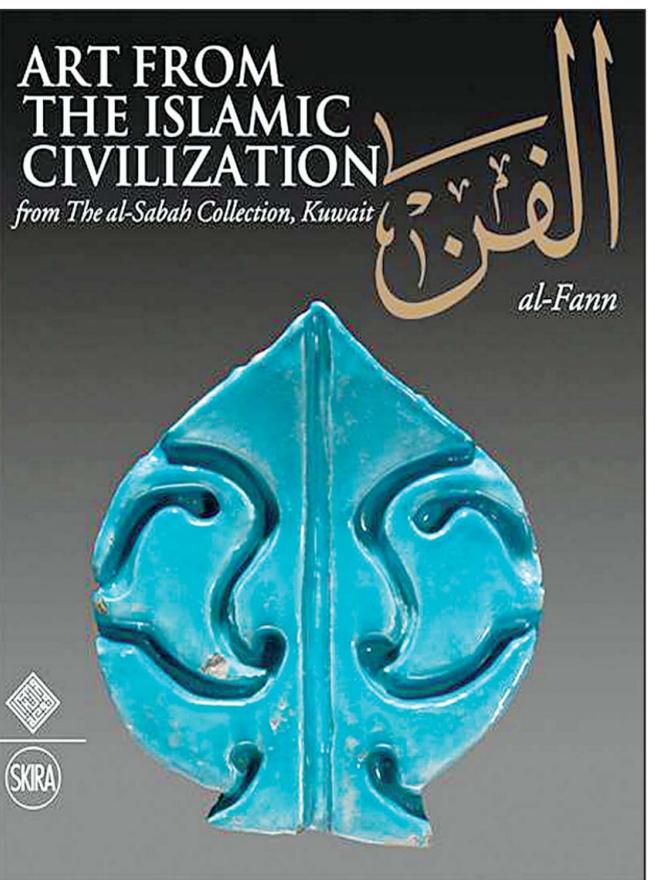
The sources confirmed that the Municipality will not hesitate to close any complex, market or store that does not adhere to the preventive measures.

### Govt employees of Kuwaiti moms reach 2,303: min

KUWAIT CITY, July 28: Minister of Social Affairs and State Minister for Economic Affairs Mariam Al-Aqeel revealed that the number of employees in ministries and other government institutions - born to Kuwaiti mothers married to non-Kuwaitis - reached 2,303 according to the job classification issued on Feb 11, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily obtained a copy of the response to an inquiry from the parliamentary Committee for Women and Family Affairs, in which Al-Aqeel disclosed the Ministry of Education appointed the largest number of such employees - 1,080 (984 teachers and 57 staff in the field of social service).

She added the Ministry of Health appointed 922 - 839 of whom in medical and health professions, in addition to 301 in the remaining ministries.



This week we're starting DAI's Summer Creative Challenge. Based on objects in the al-Fann exhibition at the Amricani Cultural Centre. We will post a new challenge every Wednesday.

### Winners to receive prizes worth US\$1m

## Global Maker Challenge reveals twenty finalists

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, July 28: The Mohammed bin Rashid Initiative for Global Prosperity (the Global Prosperity Initiative) has announced the 20 finalists for the Global Maker Challenge who will compete for prizes and mentorship worth up to US\$1 million when they present their solutions during a series of Virtual Pitches that will commence on August 31, 2020, in the lead up to the Global Maker Challenge Award Ceremony on September 6, 2020.

The finalists were selected from over 3,400 solutions that were submitted for Cohort 2 of the Global Maker Challenge, a 200% increase from last year's inaugural cohort.

Solutions from over 148 countries were received, of which 18% came in from Least Developed Countries.

This year's global challenges centered around four themes: Sustainable and Healthy Food for All, Climate Change, Innovation for Inclusive Trade, and Innovation for Peace and Justice.

### Innovators

The 20 finalists, comprising five innovators per theme, were assessed and shortlisted in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's SOLVE initiative (MIT SOLVE) and an esteemed jury of 47 globally renowned subject matter and innovation experts from UN agencies, global organizations, digital innovation companies, NGOs, and academia.

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, recently warned that as many as 50 million more people could fall into extreme poverty as a result of the pandemic unless urgent action is taken.

This followed a report by The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), that the COVID-19 pandemic is slowing down overall efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), putting years of progress at risk.

The shortlisted finalists have harnessed novel technologies such as machine learning, artificial intelligence, smart materials or cloud-based networks to design affordable solutions that are highly scalable, and can help disadvantaged communities around the world to create new opportunities for sustainable development.

Badr Al-Olama, Head of the Organising Committee for the Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit (GMIS) said: "The disruption caused by the pandemic risks setting back the progress made towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Innovation is key to controlling the damage caused by COVID-19 and bringing us back to speed towards a more sustainable future."

"We must double up on our efforts in utilising innovation to address humanitarian challenges and offer solutions to the unprecedented challenges caused by this crisis."

"Since its inception in 2017, the Global Prosperity Initiative has reflected the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, who is a firm believer in applying the power of innovation to solve our world's challenges."

"I am confident that the creativity of this year's finalists will further advance this vision - bringing life-changing solutions to those that need them most."

The Virtual Pitches and award cere-

mony are expected to unite an audience of social impact enthusiasts from academia, investment companies, incubators, accelerators, and the judging panel who will witness the finalist pitch their solutions, high-level panel debates, and expert-led presentations. The discussions will focus on developing a path towards overcoming setbacks caused by the pandemic and ensuring the SDGs are placed back on track to achieving the 2030 targets.

The finalists of the Sustainable and Healthy Food for All challenge are ColdHubs, IXON, Xilinat, Stixfresh, and Nilus, who effectively address the issues that fast-growing urban populations face in accessing healthy and sustainable food.

The Climate Change challenge proposed solutions that facilitate a low-carbon circular economy through smart use of existing resources.

The finalists of this challenge include AlgiKnit, Aquacycl, Queen of Raw, Plastics for Change, and Bio-collection.

Each of the shortlisted solutions within the Innovation for Peace and Justice challenge offered a novel idea that helps refugees and displaced people access affordable, quality services that are essential to their safety and well-being; these include Peripheral Vision International (PVI), ID2020, PeaceTech Lab, Simbi Foundation, and Aiyn.

### Livelihoods

The final challenge, Innovation for Inclusive Trade, showcased innovators that were selected for their ability to support rural communities in accessing new supply chains and markets to create better livelihoods. The finalists within this challenge are Agricycle Global, Fantine, POKET, Takachar, and ChapChap.

Lisa McAuley, CEO of the Global Trade Professionals Alliance said: "Although the coronavirus has changed the world, the global challenges we faced before the pandemic remain, and in some cases, are now being compounded by the virus."

Nurturing innovation through initiatives such as the Global Maker Challenge is vital if we are to minimize the negative impact faced by the world's most vulnerable people.

"The finalists that have been selected are a testament that there is still hope for millions of people suffering from the effects of environmental or human-made problems."

"Their ideas represent an inspiring blend of creativity and practical knowledge that enable scalable, affordable solutions that will improve the lives of millions living in marginalized communities all over the world."

Cohort 2 of the Global Maker Challenge was launched at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's (UNIDO) 8th Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries in November 2019 in Abu Dhabi.

The Virtual Pitch Event will be live streamed across the Initiative's social platforms and on the following link: [www.makingprosperity.com](http://www.makingprosperity.com).

Participants can register to attend the Global Maker Challenge Award Ceremony at <http://www.makingprosperity.com/global-maker-challenge-award-ceremony>.

The programme agenda is available to view on: [www.makingprosperity.com/agenda/](http://www.makingprosperity.com/agenda/).

## stc participates in 2020 SAMENA Leader Summit

Kuwait Telecommunications Company - stc, a world-class digital leader providing innovative services and platforms to customers, enabling the digital transformation in Kuwait, participated in the SAMENA (South Asia, Middle East and North Africa) Leader's Summit 2020.

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stc participated in the summit under a dedicated segment called "5G Ecosystem Forum" hosted by Huawei. The session, titled "5G Network and Business Development" was led by Ahmed Al Sharif, General Manager of Network at stc, who represented the Company during the forum. During the session, stc elaborated on the developments the Company achieved within the 5G realm, as well as its thought leadership and pioneering role in introducing new innovative technologies. The Company has built a leading ICT infrastructure and enhanced its digital platforms to enable digital transformation in Kuwait.

The session also focused on stc's dedication towards enriching the customer experience by launching one of the 1st E2E 5G standalone networks in the region, with commercial offerings. The initiative, executed in collaboration with Huawei, comes as one of many growth opportunities the Company capitalized on to evolve its network and unique offerings to satisfy its diverse enterprise customer base. Over the years, stc has formed a strong relationship with Huawei, working on multiple projects to deliver a variety of innovative solutions to serve B2C, B2H and B2B customers.

stc issued a statement mentioning the benefits of participating in the SAMENA Leader Summit, a prominent and internationally recognized virtual conference that provides operators with a platform to share experiences, developments and industry knowledge. The summit served as a representation of the world's most advanced and developing economies in their pursuit to unleash the true power behind 5G technology. stc also thanked the organizers and participants for the successful turnout and level of knowledge that was shared by industry leaders during this informative event.

It is worth noting that the SAMENA Council is a tri-regional not-for-profit industry association established in 2006, which has made major strides in representing the interests of telecom operators. The Council is considered to be the leading platform to provide a unified voice and collaborative approach for leading operators and service providers in the SAMENA region. The association includes members from regulatory authorities, operators, and ecosystem partners spanning over 25 countries •