

KUWAIT TO RECRUIT 400 PALESTINIAN TEACHERS

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Palestinian Ambassador to Kuwait Rami Tahboub said Education Minister Bader Al-Essa will visit Ramallah in November to sign an agreement to recruit 400 Palestinian teachers in various specialties. Speaking during a dinner banquet held to the honor PalSat Chairman Ahmed Assaf and his accompanying delegation, Tahboub said that the agreement was ready and only needs to be signed, but the visit was postponed because of Essa's tight schedule.

Labor shelter

Acting Director of the Public Authority for Manpower Abdullah Al-Motoutah received the Ambassador of the Philippines to Kuwait Renato Pedro Villa, who discussed labor-related cooperation between both countries. Villa expressed appreciation for hosting 160 Filipinos at the expatriate labor shelter and hailed the services they received. Both sides also discussed the problems of Filipino laborers at the embassy shelter and the possibility of transferring them to the authority's shelter.

Retirement

Health Minister Dr Ali Al-Obaidi yesterday referred more officials to retirement, including the ministry's public relations and media manager Faisal Al-Doussary, the undersecretary's office manager Dr Adel Al-Ali and four nursing staff members.

LICENSED COMPANIES CAN PROVIDE IPTV CABLE TV SERVICES

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: Before submitting his resignation yesterday, Minister of Communications and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Essa Al-Kandari issued a decision allowing companies licensed by the information ministry to provide IPTV cable TV services through the NGN network and to reduce the cost of Internet services by 40 percent to KD 3,600 annually per 100 mbps and KD 24,000 per one gbps, plus KD 1,000 each ISP pays to the ministry for installation fees. Kandari also decided allowing bodies receiving IPLC Internet to increase their capacity by 10 percent for 25 GB capacity, 20 percent for 50 GB capacity, 30 percent for 75 GB capacity and 40 percent for 100 GB capacity. Kandari added that the decisions were made in collaboration with the public authority for IT and communications in order to provide cheaper high quality Internet services.

Naturalization suspended

Well-informed sources said that the Cabinet suspended a list of military bedoons, veteran oil

Infrastructure
Ministry of Public Work's undersecretary Awatef Suleiman Al-Ghunaim yesterday signed three infrastructure agreements for Garnada, Sabah Al-Nasser and Andalus, in addition to laying the main sewage line between Surra and Riggae at a total cost of KD 5,862,845.

Assessment

The 'Kuwait Needs' campaign's monthly reports for August and September showed the assessment of seven government bodies - the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MSAL), Public Authority for Manpower, Ministry of Commerce (MoC), Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR), Kuwait Municipality, Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) - were excellent in terms of these bodies' response to citizens' complaints. The report also showed that the finance and awqaf ministries were assessed as 'good', while the interior, health and public works ministries in addition to the Environment Public Authority (EPA) showed little response to complaints. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) lacked any response to public complaints. Commenting on the report, Minister Hind Al-Subaih said that it confirms the spirit of teamwork prevailing at MSAL that helps achieve success in providing better services to the public.

Sinai attack

Meanwhile, the cabinet condemned a recent terrorist attack targeting a security position in Egypt's North Sinai, which left several soldiers dead or wounded. The cabinet said that Kuwait stands by Egypt in its bid to safeguard its security and stability. It also reiterated Kuwait's principled and firm position based on the rejection of all forms and manifestations of terrorism.

Disabled club

The Municipality approved a request by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MSAL) to shift Kuwait Disabled Sports Club from MSAL to under the authority of Public Authority for Sports (PAS). Meanwhile, Director of the Public Authority for Food and Nutrition (PAFN) Essa Al-Kandari transferring the administrative and technical authorities of cattle and poultry slaughterhouses from the Municipality to PAFN, effective Dec 1, 2016. Speaking to reporters yesterday, Kandari said that food and food supplements-related activities would be fully transferred to PAFN effective Nov 1, 2016.

CABINET APPROVES EARLY ELECTION DECREE

MINISTERS DEPLORE EGYPT ATTACK

KUWAIT: The cabinet yesterday approved a draft decree that sets November 26 for parliamentary elections, and referred it to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. During the weekly meeting at Bayan Palace, chaired by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the ministers were notified of a decree consenting the resignation of three ministers who will stand in the parliamentary elections. These are Minister of Public Works and State Minister for National Assembly Affairs Ali Saleh Al-Omair, Minister of Communications and Minister of State for Municipality Affairs Eissa Ahmed Al-Kandari and Minister of Justice, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Yaqoub Al-Sanea. His Highness the Prime Minister thanked the three ministers for their sincere efforts in office, wishing them every success in serving the nation, said Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah.

The cabinet further offered heartfelt and sincere condolences to Egypt's leadership, government and people over the victims of the attack on the security position in North Sinai.

Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah added that the cabinet was also informed about a message from Pakistan's Prime Minister Mohammad

the final statement of the summit, topped with establishing an ACD secretariat to be based in Kuwait. He also apprised the cabinet of His Highness the Amir's speech to the summit, and his directives on commitment to the goals, role, and the principles of dialogue that contribute to achieving stability and sustainable development.

the GCC-Turkey High Level Strategic Dialogue, in Riyadh last week. The session brought together foreign ministers from the two sides, and the Turkish minister of economy.

Unlicensed mosques

In the meantime, the cabinet tasked the Kuwait Municipality, in cooperation with the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and the committee in charge of removing encroachments on state property, with developing solutions to the issue of unlicensed mosques and similar prayer places. The cabinet consented two draft decrees approving a MoU for labor and social affairs cooperation with Tunisia, and a cultural and technical agreement with Algeria. The two decrees were referred to His Highness the Amir.

Afterwards, the cabinet eulogized former MP Falah Al-Sawagh who died last week. Reviewing the political developments on the Arab and international scenes, the cabinet eulogized King of Thailand Bhumibol Adulyadej who passed away on Thursday, expressing condolences to the Kingdom. On the other hand, the cabinet congratulated Antonio Guterres who will succeed Ban Ki-moon as the new UN Secretary General on January 1. The ministers recalled Ban's sincere efforts to serve peace, justice and humanity around the globe. —KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah chairs the cabinet's meeting yesterday. —KUNA

Nawaz Sharif to His Highness the Amir on means to enhance bilateral relations in all fields. Meanwhile, the ministers reviewed the outcome of His Highness the Amir's visit to Thailand where he attended the 2nd Asian Cooperation Dialogue Summit, themed 'One Asia, Diverse Strength'.

First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah briefed the meeting on the major points on

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled offered the meeting a brief account of His Highness the Amir's historic visit to the Sultanate of Brunei and his talks with Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah on boosting bilateral ties, besides regional and international issues and developments of common concern. Then, the First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister gave notice to the cabinet of his participation in the 5th session of

KD 40,000 GUARANTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS TO LICENSE DOMESTIC HELPERS' OFFICE

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Brigadier Adel Al-Hashash, Director General of the relations and security media Department at the Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced new licenses for domestic labor recruitment offices and companies are being issued. Hashash said the conditions to get the new licenses are available at MoI's website and include the following: Applicants must be Kuwaitis

with good reputation, have not been previously sentenced for crimes or disgraceful offenses (unless they have been rehabilitated) and aged 30-70. Hashash also noted that applicants must be healthy without any disability. Individual applicants have to present a KD 40,000 letter of guarantee from a local bank, while companies should present a KD 100,000 letter of guarantee.

In other news, MoI Undersecretary Lt Gen Suleiman Al-Fahd yesterday received at

his offices representatives of husseiniyas to thank them for cooperating with security forces on securing husseiniyas during the month of Muharram. The representatives thanked Fahd and MoI for the security forces' efforts. Also yesterday, MoI's relations and security media department said that the ministry's legal affairs department warned that voter lists circulating on social media networks over the past two days include incorrect figures.



Brigadier Adel Al-Hashash

EDUCATION REFORM IN KUWAIT: DOING IT DIFFERENTLY

WASHINGTON: The Kuwaiti Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa attended this week an event with a wide group of World Bank education experts in Washington DC to showcase a large education reform effort in Kuwait and to exchange views on relevant global experiences. The reform effort, launched in 2010 and supported by the World Bank, aims to modernize the public school system in the country.

During this remarks, Minister Essa mentioned that that "Kuwait recognizes the need for greater emphasis on quality in education and on institutional capacity, as well as for system-wide reforms." He also emphasized the importance of early childhood development and inclusive education - and said that the goal of the Ministry of Education is to "trans-

form Kuwait's entire education system towards becoming fully competence-based. The Ministry of Education, in partnership with the World Bank, experts worked very closely on designing a homegrown reform program, the most important investment Kuwait can make for its future", he further added.

At the event, World Bank's Practice Manager for Eastern Europe and Asia Cristian Aedo stated that "4.5 percent of Kuwait's GDP is spent on education, but outcomes are below expectations, so there is lots of room to improve efficiency of the system". Harry Patrinos, Practice Manager for East Asia and the Pacific stressed that "parents should be empowered to contribute to kids' school quality, and private schools should be accountable to the public system", in addition to investing in teachers and assessing

students, "if you don't know where you are, you can't improve".

The educational reform efforts in Kuwait encompass the introduction of a competence-based curriculum across public schools; developing a conducive environment for effective teaching; enabling schools to be active centers of learning; and strengthening systems for enhanced accountability and evidence-based decision-making.

One of the great successes of the program to date has been the development and roll-out of a competence-based curriculum in grades 1, 2 and 6. This process, led by local experts with technical assistance from the World Bank, has resulted in a nationalized curriculum that provides a balance of national values and traditions combined with international best-practice in curriculum design.

INDUSTRIES, CONSTRUCTION EXHIBITION SUPPORTS THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

ORGANIZED BY NATIONAL INDUSTRIES AND EXPO-TAJ

KUWAIT: Deputy Chairman and CEO of National Industries Company, Dr Adel Al-Subaih asserted that the Industries and Construction Exhibition is considered a national annual event aimed at supporting local industry and national products, pointing out that the success of exhibition during the past five years affirm the trust of the companies and competent authorities in this major event.

This was reported in a press statement for Subaih on the occasion of the announcement of the launch of the sixth session of the exhibition, organized by both National Industries and Expo-Taj for Exhibitions and Conferences under the auspices of the Minister of State for Housing Affairs Yasser Abul, from December 5-8, 2016 at Jumeirah Messilah Hotel - Kuwait, with the participation of over 60 private and public entity.

Subaih said that the objective of the exhibition accomplished in the previous sessions are in line with the vision of his Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah the Amir, which emphasizes the importance of achieving industrial and economic revival in Kuwait and encourage industrial development, including the construction and housing sector.

Subaih added that the Industries and Construction exhibition comes as



Dr Adel Al-Subaih

a continuation of the role played by the National Industries Company regarding the manufacturing of construction materials, and using modern methods that saves as much energy as possible, such as thermal insulation of buildings, energy-saving lighting and solar energy lamps, in line with the government approach as part of the rationalization of consumption and the economic reform process of the State.

Latest developments

Furthermore, he explained that the exhibition seeks to introduce to the public, the latest developments of construction materials, especially the beneficiaries of the housing care provided by the State, and provide all that is needed in the construction phases.

The Industries and Construction 6th Exhibition aims to achieve its goals through a set of strategies, said Subaih. Mainly supporting Kuwaiti products through quality, price, and discounts competition and sophisticated display style, show of modern methods of energy-saving and the amount of savings realized for the State of Kuwait and its citizens, in addition to communicating with the Federation of GCC Chambers of Commerce by inviting them to attend the exhibition, consistent with the government's approach to creating investment and export opportunities for region businesses.

Moreover, he pointed out that Industries and Construction exhibition was able to confirm the important role it plays in supporting this sector, as the largest local gathering for construction, dEcor specialists from the private and public sectors, as the exhibition has sponsorships and participation from various relevant government authorities, as well as the presence of a group of specialized companies that provide the latest and finest products related to the construction process, in line with the taste of the Kuwaiti citizen; in addition to the participation and support of a number of local banks in the event offering its best housing related services.

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