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# Egyptian Embassy in Kuwait watching developments in fake degree issue

## Jaber Al-Ahmed Causeway project continues

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** The Egyptian Embassy in Kuwait said that it is closely watching developments in the fake degrees issue and stressed that so far no Egyptian universities are involved in issuing fake bachelor or higher degrees to any Kuwaitis. An official statement issued by the embassy yesterday stressed that Kuwait's cultural office in Cairo constantly contacts the Egyptian ministry of higher education and officials in various Egyptian universities accredited in Kuwait to resolve Kuwait students' problems. "Egyptian authorities are full ready to investigate any forgery cases proven to have been done in Egypt," the embassy emphasized, urging various media to be more accurate in dealing with the case until ongoing investigations are over.

### Jaber Al-Ahmed Causeway project

The roads and transport authority announced that the last piece of the concrete structure of Al-Subbiya spur of the Jaber Al-Ahmed Causeway project would

installed today, adding that the 27-km causeway over Kuwait Bay will have a 120-m wide and 23-m high arch pylon that will rise as a landmark in the middle of the vital navigation route.

### Mobile car wash services

The Municipality's deputy director for Capital and Mubarak Al-Kabeer affairs Faisal Al-Juma rejected a request by MoCI to add mobile car wash services to its list of licensed activities. In a reply he sent to MoCI Juma justified his decision by the fact that car wash and polishing is already licensed at car wash centers, while the applying companies request licensing these services to be practiced through mobile units at various co-ops, malls, multi-floor parking buildings, public hospitals and the seafront.

### KIPIC signs contract

KIPIC signed a \$180 million contract with Canadian engineering contracting company SNC Lavalin to provide administrative support at Al-Zour refinery.

### Finalizing post privatization law

Minister of State for Housing and Services Affairs Jenan Boshehri announced finalizing the post-privatization law, adding that the fatwa and legislation department has already approved it. Boshehri added that a bill was prepared to establish Kuwait Post Company as a shareholding company entirely owned by the state to be run commercially.

### Kuwait airport Terminal 2 contract

Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Hosam Al-Roumi said the contract of building Kuwait airport's Terminal 2 does not include parking and that special contracts for parking, aviation services, runways and fuel infrastructure will be offered for bidding in two packages separate from the Terminal 2 contract.

### Zour Port-Wafra road project

Site manager of the Zour Port-Wafra road project Wael Al-Juma said that 31 percent of the project has been completed and that work is progressing according to



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schedule. Juma stressed that the project was one of the development projects executed by the roads authority to renovate the current road between Zour port and

Wafra according to modern specifications, adding that the road includes 17 intersections and construction will be done in six phases with a total road length of 130 km.

## Kuwaiti Interior Ministry urges vigilance on roads amid dusty weather



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's interior ministry has issued severe weather warnings as a massive dust storm continues to sweep over a large swathe of the country, calling on drivers to be extra cautious. In a statement yesterday, the ministry advised motorists to steer clear of piles of sand that have amassed on some roads, saying that emergency help is just a quick phone call away at hotline 112. — KUNA



## AC causes massive fire in Jabriya apartment

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Firemen put out a fire in a Jabriya flat yesterday. Hawally and Salmiya fire fighting centers responded to the call about a fire in a 3-storey building in Jabriya. They discovered the fire was in an air conditioning unit in the bedroom. The building was evacuated, and no injuries were reported. Another fire broke out in a building under construction in Salwa. Firemen from Bidaa and Mishref Centers put out the flames. No injuries were reported.

### False info regarding fire services

Kuwait Fire Services Directorate Public Relations and Information Department disregarded information in local papers and social media about adjusting duty hours in some fire centers that operate on 48 hours duty and 96 hours rest, and turning them in 24 hours on duty and 48 hours rest, and that it will harm firemen through deduction of incentives and allowances is totally incorrect, and that the measure taken does not include any deductions concerning firemen. They said it is only a change of duty system warranted by purely security and technical aspects related to protecting



lives and property, and was taken after studies supported by statistics.

### Interior Minister issues ministerial decree

Deputy Premier, Interior Minister Lt General (Rt.) Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah issued a ministerial decree appointing Maj Gen Majed Yousuf Al-Majed Assistant Interior Ministry Undersecretary for Legal Affairs, studies and research in addition to his current post. Elsewhere, Interior Ministry Undersecretary Lt



Gen Esam Al-Naham received British Ambassador to Kuwait Michael Davenport. Both sides discussed issues of mutual interest.

### Zoo timings change

Nuwiseeb, Wafra and Zoor centers have had their duty hours changed because they are no longer considered remote areas. This is because new residential cities were built next to them such as Sabah Al-Ahmad land and sea cities, residential Wafra and Khairan.

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## Are fish at risk?



By Muna Al-Fuzal

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**F**ish is a popular food for many people in Kuwait. The fish market is often crowded at all times, so any news about fish creates a stir and becomes a matter of concern. Recently, a woman posted a video of fish bought from the local market, but when she gutted them for cleaning, she found a number of nails had been placed inside them to add weight! The ministry of commerce and industry responded to the video and launched an inspection campaign to make sure all fish are safe. It also arrested the fishmonger and charged him with commercial fraud.

This incident may seem strange, but the reality is that warnings about tampering with fish are not new. For years, there have been calls to seriously consider the status of fish, including the unjustified rise in fish prices in a seafaring country like Kuwait.

The head of the Kuwaiti fishermen's union has expressed on several occasions his concern about the status of Kuwait's fish wealth, especially since it is a very popular food, and the limited fishing area is reflected on the quality and prices of fish in the local market. The official explained some of the reasons for the continued rise in fish prices, including an increase in the population and the high demand by people to buy all types of fish. He urged the government to move towards enhancing food security and protecting local production.

I believe preserving fish wealth is part of the provision and protection of food security. The fishing sector is important and needs guarantees to play its role. I am not an expert, but it is apparent that fish is not cheap, so a number of middle- and limited-income people are reluctant to buy fish. This situation encouraged the fisherman to commit commercial fraud by planting iron nails inside the fish to raise its price. Thanks to this lady for uploading a video of this crime as a warning, otherwise this illegal action wouldn't have been caught or stopped.

I believe the high prices have forced some people to buy imported frozen fish, which is sold in the form of fillets and is very widespread in markets. But the problem of frozen fish is the emergence of scattered reports that it is dangerous or unsafe, so many people hesitate to buy it out of fear, and prefer to buy fresh fish. I think mixing fresh and frozen fish or selling imported fish as local and fresh needs inspection. MoCI needs to keep an eye on all fish that are being offered to the public in all markets. This manipulation in the quality and prices of fish comes at the expense of consumers. I believe in the need of intervention by PAAAFR and the ministry of commerce to control prices for the safety of people and their health.

## Pistol wielding man hijacks vehicle in Industrial Jahra

**KUWAIT:** Taima police were dreadfully surprised by a citizen with his driver claiming that a man with a pistol stopped the driver in Industrial Jahra and removed him from the car before driving away. Detectives showed the victim photographs of the suspect and he identified him. The police also discovered that he is the same suspect who fired at them earlier in the day.

The individual is still being sought after.

### House robbers caught

Jahra detectives sent two citizens to the police for prosecution on mugging charges. Detectives had the victims identify the two suspects in a line up. Detectives began work on robbery cases, particularly against Asians and found out the two citizens were behind these crimes. Both confessed to renting cars with unregistered license plates when they committed the crimes. They also confessed that they had spent the stolen money on drugs and liquor.

### Car stolen at knife point

Jahra detectives are looking for two persons who stole a car of an expat at knife point. A security

source told Taima police that he was stopped by two men, who asked him to leave the car claiming they were detectives, then one of them placed a knife on his neck while the other drove off in the victim's car. The assailant with the knife later drove off in another vehicle of his own.

### Iraqi harasses woman

A female citizen in her 50s complained against an Iraqi expat who attempted to first seduce her with money. After numerous rejections from her side, he then started throwing trash in front of her flat. She later realized that her house was rented by prostitutes before she moved in, and the Iraqi thought she was one of them. A security source said the Iraqi was knocking at her door at late hours of the night and

when he attempted to open the door she screamed prompting him to escape. The Iraqi then started to place money in front of the door, while she kept rejecting him to no avail as he continued to harass her. The woman attempted to inform the building owner but failed. She registered a complaint to the police who also found out the man is already wanted and are working on his arrest.

### Asian caught with drugs, liquor

Farwaniya police arrested an Asian with 10 imported liquor bottles on him as well as the drug "Shabu" in the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh area. The Asian was driving a run-down car late at night so he was stopped and the illicit items were found. He was sent to drugs control general department. — Alrai/Alanbaa