

New 'fire cover' approved to put out vehicle blazes

Inferno guts marine equipment • Coastguards hold drills



Firemen use a 'fire cover' to put out a fire in a car during a demonstration.



Firemen battle a blaze in a warehouse in Subhan.



Maj Gen Salem Al-Nawaf Al-Sabah attends the coastguard's live shooting drill.

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: As part of its plans to upgrade its firefighting gear, equipment and manpower, Kuwait Fire Service Directorate's firefighting sector yesterday conducted a successful experiment of the new 'fire cover'. The demonstration was held in the presence of KFSD Director Lt Gen Khaled Al-Mekrad, where the cover was used on a vehicle on fire and proved effective in killing the flames and

choking off oxygen. Accordingly, KFSD decided using the new technique for all vehicle fires and is studying including its use as a condition in licensing parking lots, namely multistoried ones, to ensure effective firefighting. Meanwhile, a huge fire broke out yesterday in a 750-sq-m warehouse in Subhan, said security sources, noting that firemen from Farwaniya, Subhan, Mubarak Al-Kabeer and the backup brigade rushed to the scene and found marine equipment

stored over a 200-sq-m area was on fire. Firemen managed to contain the fire and prevent it from spreading to other parts of the warehouse. No casualties were reported. An investigation is in progress to determine the cause of the fire.

Separately, the interior ministry's assistant undersecretary for border security affairs Maj Gen Salem Al-Nawaf Al-Sabah attended the coastguard's live shooting drill held at the Charlie shooting range.

Chances of light rain at weekend

KUWAIT: The weather in Kuwait is seeing increasing clouds with a chance of thunderstorms, accompanied by southeasterly winds of 50 km/h and rising sea waves of up to six feet. The weather will be affected by hot and humid low pressure until tomorrow afternoon, meteorologist Abdulaziz Al-Qarawi told KUNA yesterday.

Yesterday was relatively hot with increasing clouds and light to moderate southeasterly winds between 12 to 40 km/h with a chance of rain. The highest temperature was between 29 to 32 Celsius with a light to moderate sea level between two to six feet. At night it was partially cloudy with light to moderate southeasterly winds between 15 to 45 km/h with a chance of light rain. The lowest temperature was 19 to 22 Celsius with light to moderate

sea waves between two to six feet.

As for today morning, it will be partially cloudy with southeasterly light to moderate winds between 15 to 45 km/h and a chance of light rain. The highest temperature will be 28 to 31 Celsius and sea waves will be light to moderate between two to six feet. Tonight will be partially cloudy with southeasterly light to moderate winds turning to northwesterly between 15 to 45 km/h with a chance of dust and scattered rain showers that could turn into thunderstorms. The lowest temperature will be between 21 to 25 Celsius with a moderate to high sea level between three to seven feet.

Tomorrow morning will be cloudy to partially cloudy with northeasterly to multi-directional light to moderate winds between 10 to 40 km/h and a chance of rain showers that could turn into thunderstorms. The highest temperature will be between 25 to 28 Celsius with moderate to high sea level between three to six feet. Clouds will gradually decrease tomorrow night with northwesterly light to moderate winds between 12 to 30 km/h. The lowest temperature will be between 18 to 21 Celsius with light to moderate sea level between one to four feet. — KUNA

Pediatric meet to focus on child rights

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Under the auspices of Health Minister Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah and in collaboration with Washington's National Children Hospital, the health ministry will launch its fifth pediatric conference at 9 am tomorrow at the Regency Hotel, said the head of Sabah Hospital's pediatric department Dr Eman Al-Enezi. She added that the conference will discuss 40 papers and include seven workshops and an exhibition by the health enhancement department, child protection department, patient aid fund, Abdullah House, the disability authority, dentistry department and Sabah Hospital's pharmacy.

Enezi stressed that the conference will focus on children's rights in health and social care, how to develop them and boost awareness about their significance. In addition, Enezi said the conference will also focus on healthy nutrition for children starting with breastfeeding and positive upbringing through effective communication with children. She also stressed that the conference will highlight the importance of vaccinations and medical tests.

Charities cautioned

The social affairs and labor ministry's acting undersecretary Hana Al-Hajeri said that the ministry will continue using K-Net, online and electronic collection devices to collect donations during Ramadan. Hajeri urged all licensed charities to only use the aforementioned methods in collecting donations and charity and warned them against receiving any donations from abroad or sending any donations abroad without the ministry's permission.

Refaie inducted into American Surgical Association

WASHINGTON: Renowned Kuwaiti surgeon Dr Waddah Al-Refaie was inducted yesterday into the American Surgical Association, making him the first surgeon to receive such an honor from Kuwait, and once again making Kuwaitis proud of his excellence in his field of work. The American Surgical Association, founded in 1880, is America's oldest and most prestigious surgical organization, whose members include the nation's most "prominent surgeons from the country's leading academic medical institutions".

On this occasion, Dr Refaie, Regional Chief of Surgical Oncology and John Dillon Professor of Surgical Oncology at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, told KUNA that he is "deeply honored and privileged for this accolade to be a new fellow of the American Surgical Association". He took the opportunity to dedicate this honor to HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and his home country Kuwait for their support. "I extend my sincere gratitude to our patients with cancer and their families for their inspiration and trust in us, and to our clinical teams for their continuous dedication and putting our patients first," he noted.—KUNA