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Man dead after vehicle catches fire following accident on Abdali-Mutlaa Road

Search for man who dumped dead baby near dumpster

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KUWAIT: A driver died following a traffic accident reported yesterday on Abdali-Mutlaa Road. After receiving an emergency call, firefighters rushed to the scene located on the 19th kilometer mark of the road where the vehicle crashed into a concrete barrier and caught fire. Firemen battled the blaze and freed the trapped passengers. The driver was found in a critical condition and had lost a leg in the crash, but succumbed to his injuries on arrival at the hospital. Meanwhile, the person who was on the passenger's seat remains in hospital in a critical condition. An investigation was opened to determine the cause of the accident.



KUWAIT: A vehicle burning after an accident reported on Abdali-Mutlaa Road.



The scene inside an apartment after firefighters tackled a blaze there.

Families rescued

Firemen evacuated a building where a fire broke out in an apartment. Two families were rescued from the burning floor, then an elderly man was pulled out of the flames with burns on his face and body. A hydraulic ladder was used to rescue two persons from a neighboring apartment as they attempted to throw themselves out due to fear and thick smoke. In a separate case, Farwaniya firemen put out a fire which gutted a second floor apartment in Khaitan after evacuating the building. No injuries

were reported, as investigations are being conducted to find out the cause of the fire.

Case solved

Detectives solved the case of a newborn who was found dead near a dumpster. They found an African man got rid of the baby, and police are about to arrest him. Investigations and footage of surveillance

cameras in the area showed the suspect dumping the body, not realizing the cameras were recording his moves.

Fugitive caught

Criminal detectives arrested an armed Kuwaiti man after stiff resistance and attempts to attack police. The suspect was found wanted and considered dangerous,

and had been sentenced to eight years in jail. The car he was driving had stolen license plates and the ID he was carrying was forged. Detectives learned the suspect was in his Abdullah Al-Mubarak house, and that he carried a weapon at all times. A warrant was obtained and the residence was stormed despite the suspect's confrontation. Police also found drugs in his house.

Drug dealer arrested

Hawally police prevented a Kuwaiti man with a criminal record from distributing hashish to his customers. Police suspected him so he was stopped and searched, and the drugs were found along with a sensitive scale. He was sent to the Drugs Control General Department.

Justice ministry seeks to hire Kuwaiti typists

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The Civil Service Commission (CSC) approved a request by the justice ministry to 'Kuwaitize' 581 administrative jobs at the ministry, including typists. But the justice ministry stressed that despite its keenness on replacing as many expats as it can with citizens, it will not cancel its current contract with a private company providing employees in administrative positions until substitutes are appointed. Meanwhile, well-informed sources expected a reshuffling of technical sector department managers at the Ministry of Electricity and Water soon, noting that the process will coincide with filling a number of leading positions after 35 citizens were recently referred to retirement.



The Civil Service Commission.



KUWAIT: Minister of Awqaf and Minister of State for Municipality Affairs Fahad Al-Shaala made his first field trip since taking office earlier this month when he visited the Mubarakiya Market yesterday, and oversaw plans to develop this area of high historical, cultural and touristic significance. Capital Governor Thabet Al-Muhanna, Municipal Council President Osama Al-Otaibi, Kuwait Municipality Director Ahmad Al-Manfouhi and other officials accompanied the minister on the tour.

Unlicensed parking shades

The Capital municipality inspection teams launched a campaign against unlicensed car parking shades built on government property at co-ops, ministries and state departments. Head of the team Zaid Al-Enezi said 16 warning notices were issued to co-ops in the capital and expressed hopes that these bodies will apply to the municipality to license those shades. Enezi added that conditions to build such shades include these being in parking areas outside ministries and government bodies, a single shade should be a maximum 3 m wide, 6 m long and 2 m in height, be in harmony with adjacent ones, have an approved design and be made of a light material approved by the municipality without closing the sides.

KD 1,300 per pilgrim

Head of the Kuwaiti hajj convoys union Ahmad Al-Duwaihi said the supreme hajj committee approved a proposal by the union to serve 2,000 Kuwaiti pilgrims equally distributed to 10 convoys at a fixed price of KD 1,300 per pilgrim. Duwaihi added that the decision was made in response to the call made by Minister of Awqaf Fahd Al-Shola to provide low-priced hajj services.

15 new gas stations

Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) plans to build 15 new gas stations to serve new residential cities to the north and south, Deputy CEO for Fuel Supplies Ghanem Al-Otaibi said. Otaibi added that

KNPC is cooperating with the Pan Arab Consulting Engineering (PACE) office to get the required governmental approvals after finalizing 90 percent of the stations' designs, adding that final approval is expected by the beginning of the first quarter of the fiscal year 2019-2020. Meanwhile, KNPC decided extending the deadline to receive bids for the Al-Debdeba solar power project to March 3 instead of the current deadline of Jan 29, 2019. The project is a major strategic initiative towards achieving His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's vision of providing 15 percent of Kuwait's needs of electricity from renewable resources by 2030. Notably, 28 companies have been so far qualified to bid for the project.

70% of acute respiratory failure patients at Adan Hospital survive

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Head of anesthesia and ICU at Adan Hospital Dr Huda Al-Foudery stressed Adan Hospital's ECMO (extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation) center had achieved remarkable results in the past two years, noting that 70 percent of acute respiratory system failure patients attended to at the ECMO center

survived. Speaking after returning from Cairo, where along with anesthesia and ICU consultant Dr Mohammed Shamsah she represented Kuwait at the sixth annual ELSO meeting held from Jan 15 to 18, 2019, Foudery said they spoke about the services provided to acute respiratory system failure patients in Kuwait, and that all attendants hailed the advanced levels of ECMO treatment in Kuwait.



KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) yesterday conducted a drill at Al-Seef Hospital, which mimicked an operation to evacuate the building in case of a toxic substance's leak. Senior KFSD officials attended the drill. — By Hanan Al-Saadoun