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Minister announces launching online housing application services

Health ministry recalls Zordyl mouthwash

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KUWAIT: Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Housing Affairs Jenan Bushehri announced launching new housing services on the Public Authority for Housing Welfare's website that allows citizens to apply online to obtain housing services. In a press statement, Bushehri said the housing authority had been working on developing e-services and systems to digitalize its services provided to citizens as well as its inter-department transactions. Bushehri added that applicants for housing used to procure

over 13 documents from various government bodies earlier, but interconnection with various government bodies has now made it much easier to get those documents.

Air quality

Responding to a recent local Arabic daily report bearing the headline "Kuwait's air carcinogenic", which created a state of panic amongst readers, the Environment Public Authority (EPA) strongly denied making any statements including such 'inaccurate' information. EPA stressed that authentic reports about air quality should include accurate

information about the type of pollutants, their concentration and periods of exposure, noting that all such information should be scientifically collected and tested before issuing such reports.

Mouthwash recalled

The Ministry of Health's assistant under-secretary for medicine and food control Dr Abdullah Al-Bader said a decision was made on suspending and withdrawing all Zordyl mouthwash supplies following a similar decision made in the country of origin, the United Arab Emirates, for not meeting production

specifications. Bader added that the local agent was contacted to withdraw the product from the private sector and prevent its sale pending further instructions. Bader urged consumers to report any complications resulting from the use of this or any other product through: <https://www.moh.gov.kw/Online-services/drug-food-control>.

Final statements

Rapporteur of the parliamentary budgets and final statement committee Riyadh Al-Adasani said according to audit reports, 24,395 violations had been detected in some

government bodies' final statements for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Adasani added that the 2017-2018 statements showed that there are 13,048 vacant jobs in ministries and other government bodies, in addition to 791 employment violations.

House deed

The administrative court compelled the Public Authority for Housing Welfare and the real estate registration department at the justice ministry to issue a house deed to a divorced female citizen without consulting her ex-husband.

Defense Minister arrives in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI: Kuwaiti First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah arrived in Abu Dhabi yesterday with a high ranking delegation for a two-day official visit. Sheikh Nasser was received at the presidential airport in Abu Dhabi by Deputy Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Minister of Presidential Affairs Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Acting Charge d'Affaires at Kuwait Embassy in UAE Abdullah Al-Salem, military attache in the Kuwaiti embassy Brig Gen Yousef Buqambar, and the Kuwaiti diplomatic mission.

The Kuwaiti delegation accompanying Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad included Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Kuwaiti Army Gen Abdullah Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and Assistant of Chief of the General Staff for Information and Plans Authority Major General Mohammad Al-Kandari. It also included Members of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development Khalid Al-Mudhaf and Dr Mohammad Al-Abdeljader, Director of the Local Affairs Department in the Office of the Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Lulwa Al-Nemaa, Director of the Office of the Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Hamad Khalid Al-Sabah, and a number of senior ministry officials. — KUNA



ABU DHABI: Kuwaiti First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah is welcomed upon his arrival to Abu Dhabi yesterday. — KUNA

Zain platinum sponsor of EG&COMFEST 2019



Hamad Al-Matar and Ahmad Al-Ajeel during the event.



From the event.

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, announced its platinum sponsorship of the Electronic Gaming and Comics Festival 2019 (EG&COMFEST 2019) that was held from 24-26 January at Kuwait International Fair Ground in Mishref. The event, considered the biggest of its kind in Kuwait, witnessed huge crowds of gaming, comics, and pop culture fans.

Zain's sponsorship of the event came in line with its keenness to support and encourage the various efforts and initiatives that offer a unique entertainment and social experience for the youth: society's most vibrant segment. The company is also committed to supporting and empowering young Kuwaiti entrepreneurs who own small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

Zain took part in the event through its own dedicated booth, where it held many exciting competitions for the attending audi-

ences and offered them valuable prizes. Zain also took the opportunity to promote its exclusive Amazon Prime Video offer, through which the company provides its customers with award-winning and popular movies, TV shows, and Prime Originals on its most advanced network.

EG&COMFEST 2019 is considered Kuwait's biggest electronic gaming and comics event, having featured many of the entertainment and gaming industry's biggest brands, including PlayStation Middle East, BANDAI NAMCO Entertainment, FUNKO, ThinkGeek, Entertainment Earth, and many more. The event also hosted many popular international celebrities from the world of gaming and entertainment, where audiences had the chance to meet and greet them. The event witnessed the participation of many Kuwaiti entrepreneurs who own small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) who are

comic and pop culture fans and featured their unique products at the event.

Zain is aware of the important role private sector companies play in encouraging such initiatives that support the Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) segment, especially that it is one of the leading national companies in the private sector. Zain's participation at this event further reflected its keenness in developing the Kuwaiti entrepreneurial community, which bursts with young talents who have vibrant ideas that offer viable solutions for the market needs.

Zain's support to this event came in line with its core objectives that aim at shouldering the advancement of the community as a whole on all levels, where the company reaffirms the principal of partnership through similar efforts with the aim of contributing to the further progress of national economy.



KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Service Directorate officials inspect a building during a recent campaign in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh.

Firemen face many obstacles in Jleeb: KFSD

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Service Directorate's (KFSD) prevention sector carried out a campaign headed by Deputy Director General for Prevention Sector Maj Gen Khalid Abdullah Fahd to inspect buildings and commercial facilities in Farwaniya, in cooperation with Jleeb cleanliness center, carried out several campaigns against encroachments against state property in Jleeb. Director of the department Salem Al-Khraiej said the department extends all support to supervisory departments in the governorate. He said the campaign resulted in removing 10 abandoned cars, in addition to 600 cu m cubic of rubbish.

workshops without licensing, in addition to the lack of firemen's ability to enter such facilities until after obtaining warrants from concerned authorities.

In other news, Kuwait Municipality's public relations department said the department for removing violations in Farwaniya, in cooperation with Jleeb cleanliness center, carried out several campaigns against encroachments against state property in Jleeb. Director of the department Salem Al-Khraiej said the department extends all support to supervisory departments in the governorate. He said the campaign resulted in removing 10 abandoned cars, in addition to 600 cu m cubic of rubbish.

Development official meets Chinese envoy

KUWAIT: The head of the apparatus for developing Silk City and Boubyan Island Faisal Al-Medlej met yesterday with the Chinese Ambassador to Kuwait Li Minggang. During the meeting, they discussed the latest developments of the Silk City project and the joint commis-

sion, the apparatus said in a statement. Medlej affirmed Kuwait's interest in promoting cooperative relations between Kuwait and China, while the Chinese ambassador stressed continuing cooperation between both countries, according to the statement. — KUNA



KUWAIT: A sudden dust storm blanketed Kuwait yesterday, accompanied with rains as the country was affected by active southeastern winds with speeds up to 60 kilometers per hour that dropped visibility to less than 1,000 meters in some areas. — Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

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