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## Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: Falcons attack a domestic guineafowl (pintades) and a turkey during a training session at the Mutla Ridge hilly desert terrain, about 60 kms north of Kuwait City, on Saturday. —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

## News in brief

## NCCAL discusses joint GCC work

KUWAIT: The National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) discussed the cultural programs plan and joint GCC cultural work, during a meeting of the General Cultural Committee of the GCC yesterday. The online meeting, chaired by Bahrain, discussed implementing a decision of GCC culture ministers related to the Gulf states' cultural strategy 2020-30, supervisor of NCCAL foreign cultural relations Mohammad bin Redha said. Bin Redha, also member of NCCAL's Cultural Committee, added that they also discussed Bahrain's suggestion on celebrating the international Islamic art day, as well as discussing the final statement of the 41st session of the GCC Supreme Council. —KUNA

## Accreditation renewal

KUWAIT: The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) has recommended a five-year renewal of accreditation of Kuwait University's Faculty of Administrative Sciences, a scholar said yesterday. Dr Mohammad Zainal, Acting Dean of the Faculty, said in a statement the renewal would help maintain the Faculty as one of the world's best departments offering administrative science studies. He said a delegation from AACSB was scheduled to visit Kuwait in March 2020 to the accreditation assessment, but the pandemic forced cancellation of the visit. But the Faculty succeeded in providing virtual assessment for the AACSB including attending lectures online, he said. AACSB is an American professional organization that was founded in 1916 to provide accreditation to schools of business. —KUNA

## Constitutional Court to examine pleas against election legality Feb 24

KUWAIT: The Constitutional Court yesterday decided to adjourn hearing in the cases of appealing legality of the parliamentary elections until February 24. The rules concern pleas that had been forwarded from the first and fourth constituencies. Moreover, the tribunal also decided to examine the case of challenging election of the parliament speaker; also on February 24. Furthermore, the court decided to adjourn cross examination into other constitutional pleadings concerning votes' tallies in the elections, held on December 5, until February 9.

The court in a hearing held on January 20 decided to delay cross examination into the electoral

pleas until today, pending detailed statements that must be presented by the Ministry of Interior, containing names of the candidates for the 2020 elections in the first constituency, in addition to the number of the electorate. It had also requested proportions of the eligible voters who had actually cast their ballots—as compared to the whole electorate, in addition to the number of votes garnered by each nominee, number of valid ballots, invalidated votes and names of the winners in the said constituency.

The tribunal had also decided to delay the hearing until February 1, pending filing a report by the MoI containing names of the nominees in the fifth constituency, number of the registered eligible voters, proportion of the voters who cast their ballots as compared to the whole count of the electorate, number of votes garnered by each candidate, count of the valid and invalid ballots. It had also asked for names of the winners in the said constituency and count of the whole ballots. The tribunal on January 10 set January 20 as the date for cross examining all the appeals in the five constituencies. —KUNA

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KUWAIT: A portrait by Mahmoud Al-Qattan, a renowned Kuwaiti artist, was presented to the Embassy of India on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary. Floral tributes were paid to Gandhi by Indian Ambassador Sibi George and friends of India in Kuwait.