

TRAFFIC DIVERTED ALONG JAMAL ABDUL NASSER ROAD

KUWAIT: The Interior Ministry's Traffic Department announced that traffic along Jamal Abdul Nasser Road in the leg between Al-Sabah Hospital and the Psychiatric Diseases Hospital roundabouts was diverted starting from yesterday at dawn, adding that the diversion would be in effect until 5:00 am tomorrow, Sunday, December 13th, 2015. The department explained that traffic going from the psychiatric diseases hospital's roundabout to Al-Sabah hospital's roundabout would be diverted to the other side of the road for traffic heading to Kuwait City, whereas vehicles

heading to Doha would use the inner way going through the maternity hospital.

Meanwhile, the traffic department announced that a new U-turn flyover will be opened at the 73th kilometer mark along King Fahad Highway tomorrow, Sunday, December 13, 2015 to be used by vehicles heading to Nuwaiseeb to return towards Kuwait City safely. The department also announced that trucks longer than 10 meters and heavier than 60 tons would not be allowed to use the flyover unless otherwise authorized by the traffic department.

DUO FACE LEGAL ACTION FOR KILLING ENDANGERED ANIMAL

KUWAIT: The recent killing of a wolf by two young men at Wafra desert South of Kuwait has drew the ire of environmentalists and advocates of animal rights in Kuwait, especially after the two men reportedly posted photos and videos online explaining how they killed the endangered species. The two young men did not expect such reactions when they posted the photos and a video showing how they killed the animal and then towed it by their vehicle, Al-Rai daily reported yesterday. They reportedly explained that their actions were made to 'warn campers of such life-threatening wild dangerous animals.' Instead of receiving praise as they expected, the two men were stormed by

angry statements for the brutal way of killing the animal, Al-Rai reported. Most comments blamed the duo for failure to report seeing the animal to relevant authorities in the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) to capture it alive and return it safely to a reservation as it had already become so rare in Kuwaiti deserts. Commenting on the story, Environment Public Authority's (EPA) Public Relations and Awareness Director Dr Khaled Al-Enezi said that the law incriminates killing migrating birds and animals. He also described what happened with the wolf as 'absurd,' and promised to take legal actions against the two young men. —Al-Rai



The Palace of Justice

COURT SETS JAN 12 TO DELIVER VERDICT IN TERROR CELL CASE

KUWAIT: Kuwait Criminal Court on Thursday set January 12, 2016 as the date for a verdict-delivering session in the terror cell known as 'Al-Abdali,' in which 26 people are being tried over possession of huge amounts of weaponry and ammunition, as well as espionage for Iran and Hezbollah.

On Thursday's session, the court allowed defense lawyers to deliver their final statement. During last Tuesday's session, the testimony of the witness Athby Al-Fahad Al-Sabah was heard. The court, in previous sessions, listened to a number of defense lawyers, the public prosecution,

coroners and a criminal investigation officer. It held the first hearing on September 15, prosecuting 26 persons accused of being members of or affiliated with the secret cell.

The prosecution had accused the defendants of committing acts that violate the State of Kuwait sanctity, collaborating with Iran and Hezbollah for carrying out hostile schemes against the country. They are also accused of possessing explosives, guns, ammunition, and unlicensed spying devices, with the intention of perpetrating crimes in the country. —KUNA

GROCERY STORE ROBBED AT KNIFEPOINT

KUWAIT: A grocer in Abu Halifa reported that three unidentified robbers attacked his store late at night and threatened him with knives, stealing KD 320 in cash and prepaid mobile cards worth KD 180. The man said he failed to write down the robbers' vehicle plate number. A case was filed.

School storming case

Following the arrest of a citizen for storming his son's school with a loaded gun demanding to see someone who had beaten his son, informed security sources said that the man works for KUNA and is also the media representative of the People's Democratic Movement (Hashd). The sources added that despite pressure to release him on bail, the public prosecutor ordered detaining the suspect till Sunday pending further investigations. Notably, the school administration and teaching staff testified that the man barged into the school holding the gun behind his back before he drew it out, shouting demands to see the person who hit his son.

Embezzlement

A citizen reported that an accountant working for him embezzled KD 2,100 he was supposed to deposit in the company's bank account, said security sources. The employer added that on discovering that the sum had not been deposited, he called the accountant's mobile phone but received no answer. A case was filed and further investigations are in progress.

Smuggling foiled

Two Asians were arrested on arrival at Kuwait International Airport with possession of drugs, said security sources, pointing out that one of the suspects had a kilogram of marijuana while the other had hidden 5,000 banned pills in his luggage. Two cases were filed and the suspects were referred to relevant authorities.

Fraudster caught

A man wanted for fraud was arrested at a routine checkpoint in Shuwaikh, said security sources, noting that on checking on the man's ID at the checkpoint, policemen found he had been wanted for fraud and writing dud cheques. Meanwhile a citizen wanted for a KD 72,000 financial claim was arrested in Farwaniya, said security sources. Case papers indicate that the man was stopped during a routine checkpoint in Rehab where he seemed nervous and confused. Checking his ID, policemen found he is wanted.

Fights

An Asian man sustained a serious head injury when a compatriot hit him with a metal object during a fight over financial disputes, said security sources. Meanwhile, an Asian man filed a complaint at Khaitan police station accusing four people dressed in national outfits of assaulting him and breaking his nose over a traffic priority dispute. A case was filed and further investigations are in progress to identify the assailants and arrest them. —Al-Rai, Al-Anbaa

DOCTORS EXPELLED OVER FATAL MEDICAL ERROR

KUWAIT: The health ministry recently announced that two doctors were fired and referred to the public prosecution after they were found responsible for the death of a Kuwaiti man in a public hospital. The ministry clarified in a recent statement that it had 'nothing to hide' regarding the ongoing investigation of the death of citizen Ali Hussein Boabbas, adding that its investigations were finished and that the two doctors were found technically and administratively guilty. The ministry also stressed that it would never tolerate negligence and would never hesitate to take proper actions against those who endanger patients' lives. —Al-Rai

MAN KILLED BY SMOKE INHALATION

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: An Asian man was found dead in his bed inside a chalet where he worked as a guard, said security sources. Initial examination of the scene suggests that the man inhaled smoke from a charcoal fire he had lit in his room to keep warm, the sources added. Further investigations are in progress.

ENVOY ATTENDS ARGENTINIAN PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION

WASHINGTON: Kuwaiti Ambassador to Argentina Salah Mubarak Al-Mutairi participated in the swearing-in ceremony of Mauricio Macri as the new President of Argentina. The Ambassador was present at the inaugural ceremony as directed by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Embassy in Buenos Aires said in a press statement yesterday. Mutairi relayed the greetings of His Highness the Amir to Macri, wishing Argentina prosperity and advancement. Mauricio Macri won presidential elections in November 2015, marking the beginning of a new political era for South America's second-largest economy. —KUNA