

KUWAIT'S APRIL EXPORTS AT KD 19 MILLION: REPORT

KUWAIT: Kuwait's exports have totaled about KD 19 million last April, with 75 percent (KD 14 million) to Arab states and 25 percent for the rest of the world, according to a report by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Iraq had the most share of Kuwaiti Arab exports with 81 percent (KD 12 million), while Italy was the top on international level with 29 percent (KD 1.4 million), said the ministry in a report published yesterday.

Exported items for Arab World included paper bags, plastic cans, dairy products, oils, sweets and others, while insecticides, polyethylene, and other substances were exported on an international level. Meanwhile, the report also mentioned statistics on general import licenses issued by the ministry, metal stamping, and Kuwait's economy status, and trade permits. — KUNA

KRCS OFFERS RELIEF AID TO SYRIAN FAMILIES IN LEBANON

BEIRUT: The Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) yesterday announced distributing relief aid among 250 Syrian refugee families in Dhar Al-Ahmar town, West Bekaa, East Lebanon. Each family was offered food packages and cleaning materials enough for five people for a whole month, head of the KRCS field team Yusuf Al-Najjar said. He

hoped that the aid would help alleviate the sufferings of the refugees engulfed by harsh conditions. Najjar reiterated KRCS's commitment to carrying on with support to the refugees. Lebanon hosts more than a million Syrian refugees staying in makeshift camps in different parts of the country, with the majority in the Bekaa. — KUNA



KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem and Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Fawaz Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah yesterday visited firefighter Fahad Mansour Al-Feraih, who was injured while he was performing a mission.



KUWAIT: This handout photo shows debris at the site of the collapse reported yesterday at a college in Ardhya.



A vehicle damaged in the collapse.

COLLEGE'S PARKING ROOF COLLAPSES, NO INJURIES

'PHOTOGRAPH-RECORD-MOVE' TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PROJECT SOON

By A Saleh and Meshal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Education Minister Bader Al-Essa said preliminary indicators about a roof's collapse at the parking lot of the basic education college point to a fault by the contracting company, adding that there were no injuries. He said an investigation committee will be formed to discuss the reasons for the accident. Official spokeswoman of the authority Fatima Al-Azmi said the collapse was at the college's car parking in Ardhya in the area designated for the teaching faculty. She said no injuries were reported. Some vehicles were damaged, however. The college is affiliated to the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET).

50+ C degrees

Kuwait will be hit with a heat wave during which temperatures will exceed 50 degree C in some areas due to seasonal weather changes, a veteran meteorologist said yesterday, adding that the extremely hot temperatures are expected to start Friday and will continue to Monday. The Indian seasonal low depression is expected to extend north-west of the Arab peninsula, which will cause the movement of very hot winds from the middle and south of the peninsula, Meteorologist Essa Ramadhan said. The winds' temperature will be increased by the temperature of north-westerly winds descending from the mountains of the Iranian hill and passing through the hot plains in southern Iraq towards Kuwait and eastern provinces of Saudi Arabia, he explained.

Reporting accidents

Secretary General of the Supreme Planning and Development Council Khalid Mahdi said advanced stages of the new traffic strategy project related to traffic safety were completed, and it will reduce the documentary cycle in dealing with traffic accidents. Mahdi said the project is included in the development plan projects and is being executed within the framework of the national document signed between the council's secretariat general and UNDP. Mahdi said the traffic strategy

aims at improving services of the traffic department in the field of dealing with traffic accidents and reducing the time to issue reports, as the report can be issued using modern technologies, using smartphones and the geographic information system (GIS), as the policeman can photograph the incident and send it to the concerned department through a project called 'photograph-record-move' without the need to go to the police station or obstruct traffic. Mahdi said there is coordination with the information technology systems center and investigations department at the interior ministry, adding that large number of traffic officers have been trained at US universities and advanced cameras have been imported for this project, while the GIS system has been upgraded to determine accident locations besides seeking to implement the instant payment of traffic fines, which is scheduled to start at the start of next year.

Absconding reports

The Manpower Public Authority (MPA) said the work of the absconding reports committee in cooperation with concerned authorities at the Interior Ministry resulted in resolving 1,588 complaints during last year and until May this year. It said that it was agreed, through coordination between MPA and interior ministry authorities, to cancel the absconding complaints for some cases including holders of Palestinian travel documents, children of Kuwaiti women, wives of expat workers who work in the private sector, first degree relatives of Kuwaitis and partners in a company's founding contract. It mentioned the importance of the absconding complaints resolving committee and the reasons for reforming it, as it is responsible for receiving the complaint from the employer, then summoning the employee to discuss the reason why he absconded, then try to settle the dispute in a friendly manner when possible. The authority said if this is not possible, the committee will take legal action against the absconding worker in coordination with the interior ministry to deport him.



Education Minister Bader Al-Essa

Treatment overseas

The Health Ministry suspended work at the overseas treatment higher committee until further notice. This measure aims at organizing the work mechanism at the committee, besides preparing plans that guarantee the flow of work correctly.

Carcinogen chocolate report refuted

The public relations and information department at the Public Authority for Food and Nutrition said reports on social media regarding a chocolate product containing carcinogens are not correct. Chairperson of the higher committee on food safety Amal Al-Rashdan said after consulting international and regional organizations, it was found there is nothing to prove the authenticity of this story.

Embezzlement

The misdemeanors court sentenced a Kuwaiti engineer who embezzled KD 12 million from citizens and escaped to Iran to two months in jail. Lawyer of several citizens who were swindled said this is the first sentence and must be implemented, and she cannot appeal unless she is physically present. He said there are many more cases waiting for her.



A firefighter tackles flames at a building in Hawally yesterday.



Firefighters take rest during the operation.

TWO INJURED IN 7-FLOOR HAWALLY BUILDING FIRE

DEALER ARRESTED WITH 5KG HEROIN

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Two residents of a Hawally building sustained burns during a fire reported yesterday. Kuwait Fire Services Directorate (KFSD) received a call about a fire in a seven-storey building, so Hawally, Salmiya and rescue centers responded. The fire started in leftovers in the staircase on the seventh floor, investigations later revealed. The flames reached rest of the area of the residential apartments. Teams were formed to evacuate residents, while others fought the blaze. Firemen rescued two persons, Asian and Arab nationals, and both were taken to Mubarak hospital. Meanwhile, a member of KFSD's public relations department was injured and also taken to hospital.

Drug dealer apprehended

The Drugs Control General Department

arrested a drug dealer with possession of a large quantity of drugs before he was able to sell them. Tips were received about an Indian man dealing in drugs, so legal procedures were taken. An undercover agent asked to buy 50 grams of heroin from the suspect. The suspect was arrested during the exchange. He told police there were more drugs in his Fahaheel home, where five kilograms of heroin and 250 grams of shabu were found. The drugs' estimated street value is KD 350,000. The suspect was sent to concerned authorities.

Traffic campaign

The traffic department carried out several campaigns in all governorates last week, resulting in issuing 26,372 citations, impounding 1,032 cars, detaining 31 persons and deporting three expats for driving without a license.

Fatal crash

A Saudi man was killed and a woman was injured when his car hit a stray camel on what is now commonly known as Salmiya's "Road of Death", bearing in mind this is not the first time this has happened.

Suspects caught

A police patrol in Mahboula suspected a car with two men and a girl in it. When they were asked for their IDs, the two men were found to be Saudis, but the girl did not have any ID. The two claimed she was their sister, but she gave different names, then appealed to police to free her from them. The driver then drove off in the wrong direction and was chased on the coastal road. They collided with a car and escaped, but when the car's information was published, the suspects were found with the girl.