



KUWAIT: Firefighters tackle a blaze at a main power transformer in Hawally yesterday.

## NO INJURIES IN HAWALLY TRANSFORMER BLAZE

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** A power transformer caught fire near a private school in Hawally yesterday morning, but no injuries were reported. Firefighters from three different fire stations arrived to the scene located at the Zarqaa Al-Yamama Street shortly after the blaze was reported. They immediately evacuated the area and tackled the flames. The fire was brought under control shortly afterwards. Necessary procedures were carried out and power was restored to the affected buildings in the area, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported quoting a Ministry of Electricity and Water statement. An investigation was opened to determine what caused the main transformer to catch fire. Separately, a fire broke out in a car in Riqqa. Mangaf fire center responded and put out the fire. No injuries were reported.

### Ex-cons arrested

Ahmedi police arrested two ex-convicts - a Kuwaiti and a Saudi - following a hot pursuit.

A police patrol asked the motorist to stop because the car did not have a license plate in the front, but he sped off instead.

The patrol went after the car and rammed it, and the driver and his passenger were chased on foot until they were caught. Thirty five tablets were found with the Saudi, while the Kuwaiti had eight cases against him - 10 years for possessing weapons, 3 months for dishonesty, five years for liquor and drugs, arrest for using drugs and three cases of debt to communications companies totaling KD 1,628.

### Crackdown in Wafra

Ahmedi police carried out a campaign targeting Wafra farms under the supervision of acting assistant undersecretary for general security Major General Ibrahim Al-Tarrah and command of Director General of Ahmedi Security Department Brig Abdullah Al-Mulla. Mulla said several cars were spotted being driven by reckless drivers on major streets, scaring citizens in the process. He said the



Sports cars impounded during a security campaign in Wafra.

vehicles were videotaped by helicopters and with tires for replacement of worn out ones. The farms where they were hidden were located. The campaign resulted in impounding 29 sports cars and two vehicles driven on two wheels, in addition to a vehicle loaded



Abandoned cars removed

Kuwait Municipality's public relations department said the general cleanliness and

road occupancy department in Jahra carried out a field campaign that resulted in removing 198 cars from Jahra industrial area, 160 warnings were issued, while 18 citations were issued to stores in the area.



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFS) and EQUATE Petrochemicals signed a cooperation protocol in various fields related to coordination and training. The protocol includes development of cooperation between KFS and Equate in the field of responding to emergencies, readiness for risks, preventing fires, training courses, exchanging expertise and other topics. The protocol was signed by KFS Acting Director General Major General Khalid Al-Mikrad and EQUATE's CEO Mohammad Hussein. — By Hanan Al-Saadoun



## CBK TAKES PART IN JOB OPPORTUNITIES EXPO

**KUWAIT:** As part of its community service activities and efforts to support Kuwaiti youth who are looking for outstanding job opportunities in the banking sector, the Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) recently took part in the 21st 'Economy Makers and Job Opportunities Exhibition'. The event was organized by Kuwait University's College of Business Administration and attended by the college's Dean Dr Jassem Al-Mudhaf, Graduates Training Supervisor

Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Taweel, the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs' Assistant Undersecretary for Youth Projects Shafiq Al-Sayyed Omar, as well as students. In this regard, CBK's Human Resources General Manager Mona Al-Abdul Razzaq said that CBK was keen on taking part in the exhibition because it demonstrates the best means of communicating with ambitious new graduates seeking job opportunities in banking.



**KUWAIT:** Zain announced its sponsorship for the 'Kuwait Al-Khair' charity bazar organized by the 'Help Your Muslim Brother' charity foundation of the International Islamic Charitable Organization (IICO). Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Subaih, IICO Chairman Dr Abdullah Al-Maatouq and head of the 'Help Your Muslim Brother' charity foundation Nasiba Al-Mutawa attended the event.

## NO WORK PERMITS FOR CO-OPS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

By Meshal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** The Manpower Public Authority yesterday suspended the issuance of work permits for co-ops until further notice, said the authority's PR and media manager and official spokesperson Aseel Al-Mazyad, noting that the authority would issue work permits co-ops had already applied for before the suspension.

### Salmiya homeowners

Municipal Council member Yousef Al-Ghareeb reiterated calls on the state to repossess residential areas in Salmiya, which include houses inhabited by citizens, in order to end home owners' sufferings for good. Ghareeb added that the Hawally committee had filed a proposal on this concern to the Municipality a year earlier.

"Salmiya includes three residential blocks inhabited by Kuwaiti families and those blocks are overlooked by tall investment buildings that have been annoying citizens and disturbing them," he said, adding that citizens were also fed up with traffic congestions resulting from the large number of bachelors living there. In other news, Municipal Council member Nayef Al-Sour said that a meeting was held yesterday with representatives from the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) and Kuwait Municipality to discuss a project on releasing the land located to the west of Abdullah Al-Mubarak to hand it over to the housing authority. Separately, Municipal Council's Vice Chairman Meshal Rashed Al-Jowaiseryan stressed that following its meeting yesterday, the council recommended referring all transactions that had not been reviewed since

2013-2014 to various committees for study. Jowaiseryan added that the council's office stressed the necessity of responding to all transactions in accordance to law number 5/2005.

### New technology

Assistant Undersecretary for Road Engineering Affairs at the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) Ahmed Al-Hessan said that new construction technology was used at the Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Causeway project for the first time in the GCC. Hessian explained that the new technique involved using on-site preparation of concrete blocks to be used in the bridge construction without having to use any support underneath, adding that this technique would be ideal for construction above water passages and highways.



## TRAFFIC WEEK EXHIBITION OPEN AT AVENUES



**KUWAIT:** The Unified Gulf Traffic Week Exhibition opened at The Avenues mall under the patronage of Assistant Interior Ministry Undersecretary for Traffic Affairs and Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the week Major General Abdullah Al-Muhanna, in the presence of participating Gulf delegations. Muhanna toured the stands and inspected the traffic department's booth and its role in ensuring the success of the week.