



COASTGUARDS FOIL BIRD SMUGGLING ATTEMPT

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Coastguards foiled two attempts to smuggle 10 birds of prey and 101 houbara bustards via the sea. A boat was spotted south of Boubyan Island, so it was followed and stopped. Two citizens were found onboard, and two bags were found containing eight birds of prey and 80 houbaras. The second haul was discovered when boats arriving into the country were searched and 21 houbaras and two birds of prey were found. The suspects and birds were sent to concerned authorities.

Traffic campaign

Traffic detectives carried out surprise campaigns against ATVs including many vital roads, resulting in detaining a person at the traffic detention cell and sending another to the juvenile prosecution. Two ATVs and 26 motorcycles were impounded.

Accidents

A car accident in Boubyan Island left a man injured in the head and other parts of his body. He was transferred to hospital by medvac. Meanwhile, five people were injured in an acci-

dent reported on Wafra Road. They were transferred to Adan Hospital.

Encroachments

Farwaniya Municipality branch carried out a campaign to remove encroachments on state property near Seventh Ring Road, under direct supervision from Kuwait Municipality's Director General Ahmad Al-Manfouhi. A statement by the Public Relations Department said that municipality workers removed violations set up by a company on state property illegally, which covered an area of around 83,964 square meters.

RAILWAY PROJECT OFFERED FOR BIDDING NEXT YEAR

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The Kuwait Authority For Partnership Projects (KAPP) is scheduled to offer the railway project's tender for public bidding during the first half of 2017 because it is committed to executing the project jointly with other GCC states. The project comprises of a railway network linking Kuwait City to the airport and marine ports as well as link Kuwait with other GCC states over a 511-km long two-way railway line. KAPP is also preparing to offer a tender to build the Khairan power and water

desalination plant for public bidding before the end of the year.

Stateless students

Kuwait University's higher (postgraduate) studies college announced new masters programs and three new PhD programs will be accredited soon. The college also announced stateless students would be accepted once a ministerial decision is issued in this regard. They would be accepted within the 20 percent ratio allocated for non-Kuwaitis as per the global universities' classification system.

NEW PRIVATE HOSPITALS TO HAVE REDUCED AREAS

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health will reduce the areas of private hospitals built in the future due to a lack of enough space to build hospitals the way they used to be, assistant undersecretary for private medical services Dr Mohammed Al-Khashti said. Speaking to reporters at the sidelines of Omooma Hospital's 6th anniversary celebrations, Khashti said some owners had already been granted licenses to build new hospitals. Meanwhile, Omooma Hospital's founder and supervisor Alia Faisal Al-Khaled said the hospital had faced various challenges since it opened in 2010, including hiring skilled medical and administrative staff. Also speaking on the occasion, the hospital's CEO Dr Saeed Rateb said new wings would be added to the hospital next year. He

added that since its establishment in 2010, the hospital has received over 330,000 patients.

Road projects

Minister of Electricity and Water and awqaf Ahmed Al-Jassar signed a contract to design, build and maintain rain drainage lines on the new roads extending from Saad Al-Abdullah Road to Buhaith Gate at a total cost of KD 97.96 million.

Final verdict

Kuwait Football Association's official Twitter account said that a final verdict was issued by the comprehensive court ordering freezing the association's financial assets to pay a KD 47,500 debt due to a sportswear company contracted in 2012 to provide national team jerseys.

HEALTH MINISTRY TO HOST OTOLARYNGOLOGY CONFERENCE



KUWAIT: Head of the ENT department at Zain Hospital Dr Sheikh Basel Al-Sabah and head of the conference Dr Mutlaq Al-Sayhan attend the press conference. — KUNA

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health (MoH) is set to host on Thursday a surgical conference dealing with Otolaryngology, an event expected to feature Arab and international participation. In a press conference yesterday, honorary head of the conference and head of the ENT department at Zain Hospital Dr Sheikh Basel Al-Sabah said that a contingent of 10 doctors from the United States, Canada, Germany, Greece and other nations, will take part in the conference.

Moreover, he noted that the two-day conference will attract 11 foreign visitors, all of whom will conduct impromptu surgical operations and hold informative lectures. On the conference, Dr Sheikh Basel added that it also includes three workshops that tackle otolaryngological surgeries, adding that Zain Hospital is in the process of conducting 15 intricate surgical procedures, an effort to curb the increasing number of patients seeking treatment abroad.

Meanwhile, head of the conference Dr Mutlaq Al-Sayhan said that the conference will showcase Kuwaiti medical prowess, adding that it provides an opportunity for the exchange of know-how. He also underscored that Kuwait is in need of such events due to the pervasiveness of otolaryngological diseases. The MoH routinely organizes such events in efforts to bring local hospitals at par with international standards. — KUNA

GCC MEETING TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT TOPICS: MINISTER

KUWAIT: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Subaih said yesterday the 3rd session of the GCC Labor Ministries Committee and Social Affairs Ministries Committee due in Riyadh today will discuss important topics related to joint GCC work. This came during Subaih's statement before leaving for Riyadh, heading Kuwait's delegation participating in the session.

Amongst the topics to be discussed by

the meeting are enhancing GCC joint action, the uniform code of protecting the disabled as well as discussing earlier social resolutions, the statement said. The agenda of the third meeting will also address the uniform law on voluntary work, GCC strategy in social development, Kingdom of Bahrain's proposal to form a coordinating body for the charitable work in the Gulf, in addition to sustainable development goals in 2030. —KUNA

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