



KUWAIT: Minister of Electricity and Water Ahmad Khaled Ahmad Al-Jassar and other officials tour the site of water pipelines connecting Doha to Al-Mutlaa. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

KD 1 BILLION TO BE COLLECTED IN ENERGY BILLS: MINISTER



KUWAIT: The bills of electricity and water are expected to reach KD 1 billion early 2017, Minister of Electricity and Water Ahmad Khaled Ahmad Al-Jassar said yesterday. The ministry collected KD 850 million worth of bills so far, Jassar told journalists during his tour of water pipelines connecting Doha to Al-Mutlaa. The minister noted that the total production rate of water in Kuwait is currently up to 550 million gallons, while reserve rate is at four billion gallons.

Doha station is now running a project to produce 60 million gallons of distilled water daily, with four pipelines to transfer water to Al-Mutlaa reservoirs, he said. The cost of the project is KD 22.6 million and it is set to be completed by September 2018, said the minister. Meanwhile, the project's supervising engineer Talal Al-Mulla said the pipelines provide service to Al-Mutlaa, Jaber Al-Ahmad, and other nearby areas. — KUNA



DOMESTIC HELPERS' COURT CASES EXEMPTED FROM LITIGATION FEES

By A Saleh and Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: The director of the comprehensive court recently informed all departments in various governorates that all cases filed by domestic helpers would be exempt from litigation fees.

Salwa's bachelors

The Municipal Council's deputy chairman Meshal Al-Juwaisri urged relevant authorities to fight the presence of bachelors in Salwa and warned that many of them have moved from other areas like Khaitan and Jleeb. In a press statement, Juwaisri said that Salwa residents are complaining and expressing fear for the safety of their children, especially since many bachelors have rented apartments amongst families.

Shrimping season

On the occasion of the commencement of the shrimping season at territorial waters today, Kuwait Fishermen Union Chairman Thaher Al-Sowayan urged all fishermen to fully respect the Amiri decree and the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources' (PAAAFR) resolutions concerning the timings of various fishing seasons in Kuwait territorial waters. Sowayan also stressed that violations will not be tolerated. He also hoped that this year's shrimping season would be better than earlier ones to make up for some of the previous losses.

EMBASSY CLOSELY FOLLOWING SUSPENDED STUDENTS' CASE

WASHINGTON: Kuwait Ambassador to the US Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah confirmed Tuesday that the embassy is closely following the case of Kuwaiti students, who were suspended by the US immigration authorities, in coordination with the Kuwaiti Consulate General in Los Angeles, California.

The embassy is working tirelessly with the US Departments of State and National Security, in addition to the Kuwaiti foreign ministry in order to lift the suspension of the students and return them to Kuwait as soon as possible through diplomatic channels and in accordance with US laws and regulations, Sheikh Salem said.

The United States follows specific unchangeable regulations and procedures ruled by federal laws, the Kuwaiti senior diplomat said, adding that work is currently underway to speed up the return of the students to their country.

The Consulate General in Los Angeles has met with the suspended students and is continuous contact with their families in Kuwait to assure them about their safety and inform them about the latest on their case and status, said Sheikh Salem. The Kuwaiti students' case is of the embassy's top priorities as part of the First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah's directions, he noted. — KUNA

5,293 CITATIONS ISSUED IN TRAFFIC CAMPAIGN



KUWAIT: Interior Ministry Undersecretary Lieutenant General Suleiman Al-Fahd (center) and Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Traffic Affairs Major General Fahd Al-Shuwaii (right) are pictured during the campaign.



Damage left by a fire reported in Farwaniya yesterday.

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: The traffic department launched a campaign that covered Kuwait's six governorates. The campaign resulted in issuing 5,293 traffic citations, 273 vehicles were impounded, a man was arrested on suspicion of carrying drugs, three were held without residency permit, 18 others were detained and 27 juveniles were

caught driving without licenses. The campaign was led by Interior Ministry Undersecretary Lieutenant General Suleiman Al-Fahd and accompanied by Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Traffic Affairs Major General Fahd Al-Shuwaii.

Farwaniya fire

Firemen dealt with a fire in the basement of a nine-

storey building in Farwaniya yesterday morning. It said that operations center received a call about the fire, so Farwaniya, Ardiya, Salmiya and technical rescue responded, Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) said. The building was evacuated and the fire was controlled and put out. The basement was being used as a carpenter shop and contained wood and flammable materials. No injuries were reported.



KUWAIT: Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Kuwait Banking Association (KBA) are pictured during the signature ceremony. — KUNA

MINISTRY TO DEVELOP SECURE BANKING SYSTEM

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Kuwait Banking Association (KBA) have signed a memorandum of understanding to share electronic information and provide security for users of the KBC system. The agreement aims at developing the role of local and foreign banks in Kuwait in sharing information, the ministry's undersecretary Khaled Al-Shamali told journalists yesterday.

Depositing capital was previously made through paperwork, which created several security problems, said Shamali, adding that running the process electronically was the best solution. The agreement states that companies must deposit capital to banks through KBC system, said the official, adding that it also provided rules and regulations between the two sides. — KUNA