



## FIREFIGHTERS DOUSE LARGE FIRE IN SHARQ INDUSTRIAL

**KUWAIT:** The Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) said it has put out a large fire which broke out at several garages in Sharq Industrial yesterday. The fire, which first engulfed four garages at around 9:00 am, quickly spread to another two businesses, encompassing a 1,500 sq m area, KFSD said in a statement. Firefighters from six fire stations were dispatched to tackle the blaze. An investigation was opened to determine the causes of the fire. — KUNA



## RAMP SERVES DRIVERS FROM SIXTH RING ROAD TO FARWANIYA HOSPITAL

### COMMITTEE TO REVIEW EXPATS' LICENSES

By A Saleh and Meshaal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** A 700-meter ramp will be open today for drivers coming from the Sixth Ring Road to Farwaniya Hospital and Ardhiya as well as the institutions and colleges' in Ardhiya, Public Works Ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Roads Engineering Engineer Ahmad Al-Hussan said. The ramp is part of the project of constructing and maintaining intersections of main roads with the seventh and sixth ring roads that lead to the new residential areas in west Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh, he said. The project aims at easing traffic towards the new university in Shadadiya, he added.

#### Expats' licenses

The parliament's interior and defense committee approved the formation of a permanent committee to review drivers licenses of all expats, and that reports must be submitted every three months to the interior minister, while sending violators to the public prosecution. The proposal was made by MP Waleed Al-Tabtabae.

#### Conflict of interests

The government rejected the proposed law related to the conflict of interests, which the parliament's legislative committee almost completed debating it. The government said that the law's articles are available in other effective laws, which also meet its purpose. The proposed law, which was presented by MP Riyadh Al-Adsani and others, said in explaining behind its proposal that "due to what the conflict of interest may cause in the



form of problems and risks on the stability of state departments, which in turn threatens development in general and compromise the laws clout. Also, because conflict of interest is one of the corruption facts that were mentioned in the UN treat on fighting corruption."

#### Iraqi fishermen

The National Reform Faction in Iraq accused Kuwait of detaining some Iraqi fishermen who were in the joint waters between the two countries, and demanded that Kuwait should not hold them accountable. Member of the Iraqi Parliament Zaher Al-Abbadi said that Kuwaiti authorities detained some Iraqi fishermen who were in the Khor Abdullah Canal. He said that among the fishermen, there are three brothers, and asked his foreign and interior ministers to intervene for their release.

## DUO HELD WITH DRUGS

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Two expatriates were arrested yesterday with possession of 30,000 Tramadol tablets, a banned substance in Kuwait, and a small bag of shabu (methamphetamine). The two were taken to the relevant authorities to face charges, the Interior Ministry's Relations and Security Information Department said in a statement.

#### Absconders arrested

Eighteen expatriates, including sixteen

domestic helpers were sent to the deportation center following their arrest during a recent police raid on two domestic help offices. Police had raided a fake office that offered their services through Facebook, and harbored absconding maids. The other office was licensed, but police discovered that it employed maids reported absconding by their original sponsors. Officers at the interior ministry's domestic help department noticed a person offering the services of maids to work by the hour through Facebook, and action was taken that led to the suspects' arrest.



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