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# 7,366 reached retirement age in public sector, statistics show

## 75 percent public employees are citizens

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** Recent statistics showed that the total number of citizens who have reached the age of retirement as of October was 7,366, including 373 who reached the retirement age during the last three months. The Civil Service Commission's (CSC) third quarterly statistical report about public employees showed that their total number is 342,783 including 147,325 males (42.9 percent) and 195,458 females (57.02 percent). They also include 257,230 citizens (75 percent), 4,427 GCC nationals, 49,425 Arabs and 31,701 non-Arab nationals.

Statistics also showed that the Ministry of Education had the largest number of civil servants with 111,321 employees, followed by the Ministry of Health with 62,823 employees and the Ministry of Electricity and Water with 20,533 employees, followed by the Interior Ministry and other ministries with 20,080 employees. In addition, statistics showed that 80,929 employees worked in teaching, 52,915 in administrative positions,

49,819 in medical service positions, 42,221 in engineering, 23,290 in financial and commercial positions and 590 in naval positions.

Moreover, statistics showed that public employees include 5,111 PhD holders, 11,032 Master's degree holders, 157,058 Bachelor's degree holders, 53,808 with two-year university education, 64,242 with high school certificates and 11,270 who did not finish primary school.

### Teachers

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education's Undersecretary Haitham Al-Athari called for setting a

law to exclude education from the CSC law on grounds that the law was only set for administrative staff members, and that teachers should be differentiated in

## Education Ministry has the largest number of civil servants



appointment, evaluation and promotion. Athari's appeal comes in light of recent statistics which showed an increase in the number of Kuwaiti teachers who request promotion to administrative posts shortly after hiring, seeking better benefits.

### Interference

Chairman of the employees syndicate at Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) Ammar Al-Ajmi condemned what he described as the interference of the

Public Authority of Manpower in syndicates' affairs. Ajmi issued a press statement noting that the syndicate was about to file a case at the public prosecutor's office against the authority, accusing it of signing an agreement between the oil union and KNPC, in presence of a representative from the syndicate. He added that the syndicate had previously condemned KNPC policies of appointing expats instead of citizens at the operations department.

### Infrastructures

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) Mohammed Boshherhi stressed that housing projects were a priority for the government and that MEW was working accordingly. Speaking at a meeting held with representatives from the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) and Kuwait Municipality to discuss executing the infrastructure of blocks 3 and 4 in South Khaitan, Boshherhi said MPW might be handed the responsibility of executing the project.

## Foul odor leads to dead body's discovery

By Hanan Al-Saadoun and agencies

**KUWAIT:** Foul odor coming from inside a Salmiya apartment led police to discover the death of its dweller three days earlier. Fire operations received a call regarding the odor, so they broke the door and found the body, which was recovered by the coroner.

### Bogus office

Residency Affairs Detectives busted a bogus domestic help office that operating illegally and gave fake receipts to people hiring domestic helpers. Officers raided the office and arrested 11 men, in addition to seven women who were discovered to be reported absconding by their sponsors. The detainees were sent to concerned authorities. Separately, detectives discovered 11 companies that have commercial licenses sponsoring 44 people, though they are closed and did not have any activities. Security restrictions were placed on the companies and those sponsored by them.

### Forgery

Seven people were arrested for forgery in travel documents while 178 wanted people were detained at Kuwait International Airport last month, the Interior Ministry announced yesterday. A statement released by the Relations and Security Information Department revealed that 1,102,280 passengers travelled through Kuwait International Airport during September. The number of arrivals was 685,368 including 237,342 Kuwaitis, while departures were 416,912, including 140,138 Kuwaitis. Thirteen people were allowed in the country after the deportation orders were lifted.

### Campaign

Kuwait Municipality's Public Relations Department said a campaign was carried out in Salhiya and resulted in issuing 200 citations for violation of the law that bans littering on pavements.



**KUWAIT:** This photo provided by Kuwait Fire Services Directorate yesterday shows a firefighter breaking open the door of an apartment where a dead body was found.

### Brewery busted

Ahmedi police busted a liquor brewery in Sabah Al-Ahmad residential area. Patrol officers roaming the area noticed a man and a woman trying to flee, but they were arrested. When questioned, they said they were running a 'liquor factory' in the area, where 89 full drums, four fermentation drums and 173 full bottles were found.

### Electrocution

An Egyptian electrician was electrocuted to death while working in a Hadiya house and flung afar. Police received a call about his death, so they went to the house. Forensics personnel collected evidence, while police questioned other workers to find out the details of the accident.

### Dangerous stunts

Several reckless drivers resisted Ahmedi

police while performing dangerous stunts in Wafra. Nine of them were arrested and their vehicles were impounded. Interior Ministry operations received a call about a group of reckless drivers who had blocked a road with the help of a crowd, then started performing stunts, endangering motorists. Police surrounded the area and some of the suspects resisted, but nine citizens and expats were arrested.

### Smuggling foiled

Kuwait airport customs officers arrested an Asian who attempted to smuggle around four kilograms of marijuana in his luggage. The man seemed nervous when he arrived at the baggage claim area, so his bag was searched and the drug was found in it. The suspect will be sent to Drugs Control General Department.

## Kuwait, Hungary look to expand ties



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**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah met the visiting Hungarian Foreign Ministry's Minister of State for Cultural and Science Diplomacy Istvan Ijgyarto, along with his accompanying delegation yesterday, holding talks over bilateral relations. The encounter between

the two officials also delved into the latest regional and international happenings. Kuwait's assistant foreign minister for the deputy foreign minister's office affairs Ayham Al-Omar and Budapest's ambassador to Kuwait Mihaly Bayer were among the attendees at the meeting. — KUNA

## Kuwaiti doctors save Parkinson's patients

**KUWAIT:** A group of Kuwaiti physicians have successfully conducted a pair of intricate procedures where a healing intestinal gel is pumped into patients with Parkinson's disease, without having to resort to other operations that often prove ineffective. The advanced procedure known as "Duodopa pump treatment" was instrumental in treating the most severe nervous system disorders, Dr Jassim Al-Hashel, the head of government-run Ibn Sina hospital's neurological disorders department, said yesterday. He added that the surgery could also help restore mobility for many patients suffering from Parkinson's disease, pointing out that the procedures were closely monitored by neurological specialists. — KUNA

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