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Panjaras: The windows of old Kuwaiti houses



The Free Art Studio - an example of the architecture of an old Kuwaiti house.— KUNA photos



A window (panjara) of an old house.



Palm leaf ceiling of an old Kuwaiti house.

'Panjara' used to be the word used to describe windows in old Kuwaiti houses before the term developed into 'dereesha', said Kuwaiti heritage researcher Saleh Al-Methan, noting that 'panjaras' were usually made from hard teakwood with metal bars called 'sheesh' for protection. Methan added that all old Kuwaiti houses were designed with

windows overlooking the inner yard to provide more privacy, while windows overlooking the street outside were only found in diwaniyas (men's gathering rooms).

Methan explained that the word 'panjara' is derived from the Farsi word 'panj' (five), because these old windows had five panels - four rectangular ones and a fifth on top. He

added that panjaras usually were 40, 70 or 80 cm by 100 cm in size. He added that by time, the upper panel became fixed, and sometimes colored glass replaced the wooden panel to provide natural illumination. The windows were usually made by carpenters who had workshops near the old Souq Al-Selah. — KUNA

Reckless driver arrested; police hunt accomplice

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Responding to a social media video showing a motorist blocking a police patrol to stop it from arresting a reckless driver outside a wedding hall in Sabahiya, the interior ministry's relations and security media department announced that detectives managed to arrest the reckless driver and impounded the vehicle he used. The department added that the vehicle used to block the police patrol's way was also found and impounded, while its driver is still at large.



DGCA organizes 'Airport Carnival'

KUWAIT: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) yesterday opened the first "Airport Carnival" with the participation of several government agencies and small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) for Kuwaiti youth. "Airport Carnival 2018" is a

distinctive idea that brings together all the agencies operating at the Kuwait International Airport," said DGCA Director General Yusuf Al-Fawzan.

Touring the exhibition, Fawzan thanked the organizing committee of the three-day event, especially the Interior Ministry's Kuwait Aviation Safety Department (KASD) and the VIP Protection Department. The first day of the carnival saw air and military band shows, popular and recreational contests and sports and social activities. More activities are on the agenda of the second and third days - a walkathon, a bike race and entertainment and heritage shows. — KUNA

