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Kuwait looks to Jordan, Palestine for future labor recruitment plans

780 teachers needed for the 2019-2020 school year

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Manpower plans to cover staff shortages in the public and private sectors through cooperation with the Jordanian and the Palestinian governments, well-informed sources said. The sources added Jordanian and Palestinian delegations are set to visit Kuwait within the next two months to attend meetings headed by Minister of State for Economic Development Mariam Al-Aqeel with representatives from the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Health (MoH) to discuss their needs. Notably, Aqeel had met with the labor ministers of both countries on the sidelines of a labor conference held recently in Geneva. Kuwait used to be home for a sizable Palestinian and Jordanian community before the 1990/91 Iraqi Invasion which had forced a majority of the country's expatriate population to leave. While details of future plans to fill vacancies in public or private posts remain unclear, the government is likely to limit hiring to a minimum and only seek to hire highly skilled workers as it continues to implement its 'Kuwaitization' policy in both the public and private sectors.

166,000 employees
Separately, MoE assistant undersecretary for administrative affairs Fahd Al-Ghais said that the ministry has over 166,000 employees in both teaching and administrative staff, and it is keen on implementing the policies set by the Civil Service Commission (CSC)



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concerning employing citizens. Ghais added that Kuwaiti embassies abroad and the foreign ministry had been notified to advertise MoE's need for 780 teachers in various subjects for the 2019-2020 school year, adding that a dedicated website has been launched for

the human resources department through which applications can be made from abroad and from Kuwait.

Meanwhile, the Tunisian technical cooperation agency announced Kuwait's MoE wishes to recruit Tunisian French and PE teachers for the coming school year. According to the ad, Kuwait needs male French teachers below 45, holding bachelor's or master's degrees and at least three years of experience, in addition to female PE teachers aged below 32. In the meantime, Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Housing Affairs Jenan Boushehri said the total number of employees in the Public Authority for Housing Welfare is 1,764, in addition to 11 advisors (nine appointed by previous minister Yasser Abul and two by her), adding that six of the advisors were laid off in 2018.



Minister of State for Economic Development Mariam Al-Aqeel

Social aid

Responding to an inquiry made by MP Khalil Abdullah, Minister of Social Affairs Saad Al-Kharraz said that it is conditioned that social aid to Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis be paid only upon medical reports proving the husband's incapability to provide for his family.

Smart WC

Kuwait Municipality's deputy director for engineering projects affairs Nadia Al-Shereda said the smart automated water closets (WC) project has been included in the municipality budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 to be placed in markets and public yards.



Kuwait Airways officials meet with the US Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration.



Kuwait flag carrier to launch direct flights to New York

KUWAIT: National carrier Kuwait Airways will begin flying directly to New York as soon as aviation safety measures are complete, the airline said yesterday.

Roundtrip flights to New York out of Kuwait International Airport's newly-built Terminal 4 (T4) is part of plans to propel the Kuwaiti flag carrier to prominence in the aviation industry, Kuwait Airways CEO Kamal Al-Awadhi said in a statement. He cited recent talks a Kuwaiti delegation held with the US Department of Transportation to ensure that safety precautions are in place, paving the way for the direct flights to New York. Kuwait International Airport has seen a spike of up to 10 percent in passenger traffic with the completion of the sprawling terminal. —KUNA

News in brief

Embassy follows injured citizens' conditions

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Embassy in Thailand said Saturday it dispatched two diplomats to Battaya to follow up conditions of two Kuwaiti citizens who were subjected to an accident to make sure they get proper medical attention. The Embassy, acting upon instructions of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, said in a statement that it was keen on following up police probe into the accident. The two citizens, whose names were not disclosed, were injured in an accident in Battaya, it noted, one of them was hospitalized but in stable condition and the other had a fractured leg. —KUNA

Minister wants more cooperation

LONDON: The Kuwaiti government is eager to work closely with parliament for the sake of public interest, Finance Minister Nayef Al-Hajraf said yesterday. "It is imperative to closely examine all legislations to ensure proper and effective laws," the minister said upon his arrival in London to attend talks over the private sector's contributions towards the Kuwaiti economy. He cited recent discussions with Kuwaiti lawmakers over legislative suggestions, pending further talks. —KUNA

Kuwait reiterates condemnation

NEW YORK: Kuwait reiterated condemnation of 'criminal' attacks on two oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman. Kuwait's Permanent Representative to UN Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi, in remarks to KUNA late Saturday, said, "Kuwait had, on numerous occasions, strongly condemned those attacks." All UNSC members unanimously called the incident a criminal act and violation to international law, Otaibi told reporters following the Council's consultations session on latest agendas regarding the attack in the Gulf of Oman last Friday. "We would want to see thorough, impartial, and objective investigation to take place, and know who stands behind these actions," he pointed out. Last Thursday, explosions ripped through two oil tankers, Norwegian and Singaporean, in the Gulf of Oman. —KUNA

Catheterization operations underway at Jaber Hospital

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Jaber Hospital has launched its interventional cardiology department and started conducting cardiac catheterization operations, said Mubarak Al-Kabeer health zone manager and Jaber Hospital executive manager Dr Saud Al-Dara, noting that the first cardiac catheterization was conducted by Ministry of Health (MoH) undersecretary Dr Mustafa Redha, the head of Jaber Hospital's cardiology unit Dr Fauzia Al-Kandari and the hospital's medical team. Dara added that the first phase of Jaber Hospital was launched over two months ago, while the second phase was launched to expand the hospital's services and reach 55 percent of its bed capacity by the end of the year. He noted that the third phase will be launched by the beginning of next year, during which the bed capacity will be full and various staff will be provided.

In other news, the Jahra committee at the Municipal Council approved a request by the Public Authority for Housing Welfare to license a temporary labor dormitory in Southern Mutlaa to be used by laborers working in the construction and maintenance of road, infrastructure, housing units and power units in areas N2 and N3 of Southern Mutlaa residential city project.

Today's session to schedule remaining agenda: Speaker

KUWAIT: Today's session of the National Assembly will schedule the rest of the 15th legislative term agendas, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem said yesterday. Speaking to the press, Ghanem said that four sessions would be dedicated to discuss budgets, adding that two more sessions might be held to look into various legislations. Other sessions might not be held during the week due to the presence of various parliament groups abroad, indicated Ghanem who pointed out that parliamentary committees were still at work focusing on draft legislations. The National Assembly Speaker forecasted that the current legislative term might end by the second or third of July, however, the final date will be announced in a future session. —KUNA

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