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# Expats make up 3.9 percent of public works ministry's workforce

## Security cameras to be installed in 37 new facilities

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Housing Affairs Jenan Bushehri said the total number of expats working for the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) since 2016 make up only 3.9 percent of the ministry's total manpower. In a memo addressing the parliament, Bushehri stressed that expats work in engineering, legal, financial, technical and legal consultancy jobs and that they have all been appointed upon the Civil Service Commission's (CSC) approval. She added that MPW only renewed the contracts of 28 percent of the expats because it needs their specialties until they can be replaced by citizens. "Expat technicians older than 55 will be replaced by citizens soon," she added. In a related development, Minister of Justice and Minister

of State for National Assembly Affairs Fahd Al-Afasi said as part of the ministry's Kuwaitization strategy, the contracts of 62 expats will be terminated soon.

### New schools

Well-informed educational sources said that the Ministry of Education (MoE) is about to receive 21 new school buildings and work on furnishing and equipping them is on to join service as soon as possible. "Some schools will be ready by the beginning of the next school year and others by the beginning of the second term," the sources explained. The sources added that the new schools include 11 in Ahmadi educational area (six in Wafra and five in Sabah Al-Ahmad), followed by seven in the Capital educational area, two in Farwaniya and one in Jahra. "Given that each school needs 70-100 teach-

ers, MoE will surely need at least 1,000 teachers to run the new schools," the sources added, noting that priority will be for Kuwaitis, followed by GCC nationals and bedoons, then expats, adding that hiring teachers from outside Kuwait will be the last resort.

### Security cameras

The Cabinet issued a resolution adding 37 facilities to be included in law number 61/2015 pertaining regulating the installation of CCTV and security cameras. The new list includes mosques, places of worship, marinas, shooting ranges, oil facilities, oilfields, refineries, fuel reservoirs, oil ports, infrastructure facilities such as power and water desalination plants, gas plants, sewage purification plants, irrigation units, telecom



Minister Jenan Bushehri

centers, marine, land and air exits, Kuwaiti islands, artificial marine structures, the seafloor, custom warehouses, diplomatic areas, radio and TV facilities, KUNA premises, satellite TV and radio stations, educational facilities, free trade zones, public transport buses and ferries, health facilities, ambulances, press and publication houses, industrial areas, public libraries, labor hostels, the scrap market, investment and commercial residential complexes, markets, marine and sports clubs, spas, gyms, recreation centers, museums, theatres and cinemas, Kuwait bourse, mobile ATM trucks, money transport trucks, parking spaces and buildings, charities, NGOs, touristic facilities, parks, conservations, cafes, wedding halls, cemeteries and stores selling military and marine, fishing and hunting equipment.

### Corruption charge

Kuwait Ports Authority urged Kuwait Municipality to clear Fintas harbor and filed a report to the Public Anticorruption Authority (Nazaha), accusing the fishermen's diwaniya of collecting money from the boats docked there.

### Verdict annulled

The court of cassation yesterday annulled a previous verdict by the court of appeal acquitting a TV announcer and the program producer from charges of accusing former MP Ahmad Al-Khateeb of corruption during his parliamentary membership. The court fined each of the defendants KD 3,000.

### Fatal crash

A Kuwaiti man was killed when his vehicle collided with a tanker truck on Abdaly Road, Al-Rai reported yesterday. Concerned authorities are investigating.

### Escape

A Saudi man put a passport official and the gate officer in trouble when he took his daughters without the knowledge of their husbands out of Salmi border exit using the civil IDs of their sisters, who live in Kuwait. The Saudi arrived in Kuwait and took back his daughters due to differences they had with their husbands. One of the husbands discovered his wife had escaped, so he called police and lodged a complaint against his father-in-law, Al-Rai reported. Investigations are ongoing.

## KFH collaborates with COFE App to add more value to coffee lovers' lives

**KUWAIT:** As a pioneer in all digital transformation initiatives, Kuwait Finance House (KFH) continues supporting cooperation and partnership agreements, and social and economic sponsorships to keep up with the digital development. Based on the significant growth rates that mobile applications have and the global prevalence they have achieved, KFH has signed a cooperation and partnership agreement with COFE App, Kuwait's favorite online coffee marketplace app. The agreement reinforces KFH's efforts to support local entrepreneurship initiatives and youth ideas.

The KFH Golden COFE Contest is the first initiative under the year-long partnership between the two powerhouse brands. Whenever a user orders their coffee using the COFE App, then win an entry into the weekly \$1000 cash prize draw. The more a coffee-lover uses the app, the greater their chances of winning. Over the year, KFH will be awarding over \$50,000 through this contest.

Executive Manager Group Public Relations and Media at Kuwait Finance House (KFH), Yousef Abdullah Al-Ruwaieh said that KFH's partnership with COFE App confirms the bank's interest in supporting Kuwaiti youth projects, Online Apps and innovative entrepreneurship initiatives. He also praised KFH's record of supporting initiatives that add value to the economy, enhance the business environment and develop youth skills and their innovative initiatives.



**KUWAIT:** Yousef Al-Ruwaieh and Ali Al-Ebrahim sign the agreement at the KFH headquarters in Kuwait.

Ruwaieh added that COFE App has shown tangible success in a short period of time, stressing KFH's keenness to partner for such companies and contribute to their growth and success. "KFH is always aiming to support young people and innovation. The COFE App, developed and run by young Kuwaiti team, provides users with an innovative user interface and distinctive services. Having realized COFE App's potential, KFH decided to sign the partnership agreement. We are looking forward to exploring the various opportunities this partnership will provide," he mentioned.

Ruwaieh said that the partnership will include exclusive offers and discounts for KFH customers and COFE App users as part of its strategy to improve the customers experience, service excellence and achieve their aspirations.

"KFH has supported many initiatives to promote youth activities, entrepreneurship and innovation, participating in events that support technology and digital solutions, including the KFH People's Choice Start-Up Award, the first award of its kind in Kuwait, which went to (Serrap). Also, KFH signed a partnership agreement with the special football app (Li3ib), launched by a group of young Kuwaiti initiators.

KFH was a Platinum Sponsor in the third edition of ArabNet Kuwait and signed a strategic partnership with CODED Juniors Summer Camp that aims at teaching children the basics of coding and technology using the latest tools. KFH continuously invests in technology, promote the digital transformation and startup initiatives and improve the entrepreneurial environment," he explained.

Meanwhile, Ali Al-Ebrahim, Founder and CEO, COFE App said, "Our purpose has always been to add more choice and ease to our app users' lives. We are a lifestyle app that encourages the budding coffee culture in Kuwait. The Golden COFE Contest is our way of adding an element of fun and surprise to the one thing people do every single day - Get COFE. We thank KFH for believing in us, and for helping us bring to our users, a little more than just COFE."

COFE App enables customers to order and pay for their coffee online. With the app users can get COFE at the coffee shop counter, office, car, classroom, hospital, and airport departures or have it delivered to their preferred address. The entire selection and purchasing process takes place in the app, which offers comprehensive menus and drink customization options.

## Two freed from under fallen container

By Hanan Al-Saadoun and Meshal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** Firemen rescued two persons who were trapped under a refrigerated container that fell on them in Jahra. The container was affixed to a steel base, and was filled with excess weight on one side, so it tipped over. The rescue operation was complicated and needed skilled firemen to ensure the safety of the workers. The container was lifted carefully and the two were freed without being harmed.

### Bridge collapse

The Interior Ministry's Relations and Security Information Department said yesterday that part of a bridge on King Fahad Road had collapsed, and authorities worked on cleaning it up to restore traffic flow. No injuries were reported in the incident.



**KUWAIT:** Firefighters help remove a refrigerated container that fell on two persons in Jahra.

## 2,170 dialysis patients in Kuwait

By Meshal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** The total number of dialysis patients in Kuwait is around 2,170 with an annual increase of 8 percent, said the head of kidney diseases and transplants at Hamed Al-Essa Organ Transplant Center, Dr Turki Al-Otaibi. Speaking on the occasion of World Kidney Day, observed on the second Thursday of March, Otaibi said the day will be marked from Wednesday for two days under the motto 'Kidney Health For Everybody Everywhere', adding that an

international health campaign will be launched to boost public awareness on kidneys and reducing kidney diseases.

Otaibi said that the ceremonies will include specialized scientific lectures to be delivered by local and foreign experts focusing on kidney diseases, prevention, diagnosis and best treatments. He added that the ceremonies will also highlight the main reasons of the increase in chronic kidney diseases and their relation with diabetes, hypertension and cardiac diseases. He noted that a special booth at The Avenues mall will be set up on Thursday to address the public directly and respond to their inquiries.

Otaibi said that there are around 830 million kidney patients around the world and that the cost of dealing with the disease in the US alone is \$114 million annually. He also noted that Hamed Al-Essa Center conducted 70 kidney transplants in 2018.



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Fire Services Directorate Acting Director General Maj Gen Khalid Al-Tarkeet launched an accidents damage estimation course that is being held from March 10 to 14, and 20 persons are participating. — By Hanan Al-Saadoun

## Entrance, exit on Airport Road closed

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** The traffic department in cooperation with Public Authority for Roads and Transport will close the entrance and exit across from the Civil Service Commission's building on Airport Road on Wednesday, March 13, for 45 days to complete the final work on the Jahra road project. The alternative roads are: Entrance to Jahra road before the foreign ministry authentications building; Entrance to Jamal Abdul-Nasser Road with Abdulrahman Al-Bader Road; Entrance to Second Ring Road opposite Road 61.



**KUWAIT:** A map released by the Interior Ministry showing the closed entrance, exit and road (in yellow).

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