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Kuwait yet to announce position on maritime coalition: Deputy FM

Kuwait to discuss with Cyprus process to return nationals: Jarallah

KUWAIT: Kuwait will officially announce its position over joining an international coalition to protect maritime navigation in the Arab Gulf region once it finished examining details of such coalition, a senior diplomat said yesterday. Kuwait has not announced its official position whether to join the proposed coalition or not "but practical practices show that Kuwait is not far from this coalition," Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah said. He was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a seminar about elderly care. Jarallah said Kuwait has taken part in meetings in Manama, Bahrain, and Tampa, Florida, regarding the coalition. He underlined that Kuwait would continue to participate in any coalition-related meetings.

Meanwhile, Jarallah said that Kuwait's Foreign Ministry will summon the Cypriot Ambassador to Kuwait to discuss the process of returning Kuwaiti nationals stranded in Cyprus since August, a senior Kuwaiti diplomat said yesterday. He added that the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Cyprus have begun the same procedures with the Cypriot authorities to hasten the

return of the detainees. The Cypriot authorities detained the Kuwaitis on August 10th because of a brawl between them and another group of European nationals. Jarallah affirmed that the ministry have been working on the case and to ensure the fair trial of the Kuwaitis. He also stressed that the Ministry will not allow the trial to be postponed until next February.

In the meantime, Jarallah underlined Kuwait's keenness in human rights due to the adherence to Kuwaiti constitution that gave humans a primary attention and care. In his statement during the opening of 'Kuwait's efforts in relieving the elderly' seminar, Jarallah said that Kuwait's keenness comes from its belief in those rights and its effect on the individual and society. Jarallah pointed out the importance of shedding the light on the big contributions of Kuwait in supporting the elderly through the various governmental bodies in spreading the awareness on the problems that faces the elderly. He also noted that this seminar coincides with the "International Day for Older Persons," in light of the difficulties and challenges the



KUWAIT: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah speaks during a seminar about elderly care in Kuwait yesterday. — KUNA

world is witnessing. The deputy foreign minister stressed the importance of this seminar in highlighting national efforts in spreading the awareness on human rights. Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development

Khaled Mahdi said in similar remarks that showcasing Kuwait's efforts in humanitarian various activities triggers parts of its development plans. The efforts Kuwait make in the field of human rights gives it a unique international place, not only

because of its development in infrastructure but in its connection with human development and capital focusing on certain aspects such as active governmental administration, diverse economy, advanced infrastructure and health care. —KUNA

KFSD inspects industrial Shuwaikh



By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Service Directorate's (KFSD) Capital prevention



department, in cooperation with the Environment Public Authority, carried out an inspection in industrial Shuwaikh that included several garages, stores and shops,

resulting in issuing several citations against some of them for obstructing movement in corridors and emergency exits due to improper storage.

MP inquires about non-Kuwaitization of Sabah Hospital staff

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: MP Khalil Abul yesterday filed a parliamentary inquiry to the health minister concerning not Kuwaitizing the internal diseases department's medical staff at Sabah Hospital. Abul inquired about the total number of non-Kuwaiti doctors at the department who had exceeded the legal retirement age compared to Kuwaitis, their degrees, specializations and years of experience, how many times the contracts of each had been renewed, the reasons of renewal and why they had not been replaced by Kuwaitis so far. Abul also inquired about the reasons for reappointing the current head of department

in this position despite the presence of Kuwaiti doctors in the same department.

In other news, the Public Authority for Roads and Transport (PART) announced 70 percent of the Wafra highway project has been completed and that another 16-km-long road segment between Sabah Al-Ahmad City and Mina Abdullah will open in December. PART added that the KD 84.6 million project will serve residents of Um Al-Haiman, Sabah Al-Ahmad, South Sabah Al-Ahmad, Wafra residential and agricultural districts and Mina Abdullah. In addition, PART explained that the new road will be 41 kms long including seven intersections, nine flyovers and rain drainage systems.

News in brief

Expat teachers denied allowance

KUWAIT: The education ministry is not honoring the right of expat teachers working in Sabah Al-Ahmad to receive remote area allowance, while payments are made to Kuwaitis and Gulf nationals. This has frustrated them, especially since they were promised many times to be paid. Expat teachers in Sabah Al-Ahmad plan to submit a joint complaint to the education ministry undersecretary to appeal the non-payment of dues, although the decision was issued last year. — Al-Qabas

Abuse of housing law

KUWAIT: A senior official at the Public Authority for Housing Welfare said some Kuwaitis have abused the law and got married only on paper to get housing, adding they will face severe repercussions. Acting deputy general manager for supervision and information technology Ibrahim Al-Nashi said there is continued supervision and legal action has been taken towards several housing applications that were discovered through electronic links with state departments. He said the authority took measures to stop rent allowance payments to housing applicants who were given three options (apartment, house or land) and did not accept any of them. Nashi said the current fiscal year 2019/2020 will see 10,520 units distributed - 10,000 in South Sabah Al-Ahmad and 520 in Jaber Al-Ahmad. He said the authority did not give a date to hand over land to citizens in Mutlaa as this will be done in stages. — Al-Qabas

Educational satellite eyed

KUWAIT: Kuwait University Rector Dr Hussein Al-Ansari said the university is working on building and launching an educational satellite by the physics department of the College of Science. Ansari said the UAE space agency is considered a "house" of experience, and there will be close cooperation between them. "We will attempt to benefit from their experience in the field of scientific research and space science applications," he said, adding "we are working on having a satellite at the start of next year through the physics department." — Al-Qabas

Motorist killed in King Fahd Road accident

KUWAIT: An Indian man was killed when his vehicle flipped over on King Fahd Road. Police and paramedics rushed to the area and found the man had succumbed to his injuries. The body was examined by forensics, then turned over to the coroner.

Theft in Rawda

A company's legal representative told police construction material was stolen from a building under construction in Rawda. Detectives took over the case and are investigating.

Celebratory gunfire

Weapons detectives arrested a Kuwaiti and a Gulf national for firing their weapons during a wedding ceremony in

Jahra. An interior ministry statement said that following the appearance of a video clip showing two men firing their weapons in public, detectives were asked to identify and arrest them. Both confessed and led police to the weapons used (two AK-47s, three pistols and a large quantity of ammunition). The suspects were sent to concerned authorities.

Students' fight

A secondary school student was taken to hospital following an injury he received to the head during a fight. Police received calls about a major fight in a Jahra school, so police responded and broke up the fight. Several of those involved were arrested.

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Kuwait flag carrier to launch direct flights to Paris next month

PARIS: Kuwait's national carrier will begin flying directly to Paris as soon as next month, the airline said yesterday. The announcement was made by Kuwait Airways' chief marketing officer Munawar Al-Munawar during an international tourism expo in the French capital, where representatives of the world's most renowned airlines have assembled. "Our participation in an event of such magnitude is part of our efforts to promote the services we offer our passengers," he said, pointing out he was glad that Kuwait Airways is on par with top airlines from around the world. Kuwait Airways' presence in this event is a testament to its prominence on the global aviation stage, according to Anwar Sheikh, an official at the company's Paris-based office. The airline's ever-expanding fleet of aircrafts has helped create a more diverse and comprehensive itinerary, he added, saying French nationals are among the company's most loyal clientele. Kuwait Airways' participation in this expo will help give Kuwait much needed



PARIS: Kuwait Airways, pavilion at the exhibition. —KUNA

global exposure, said the Gulf state's ambassador to Paris Sami Al-Sulaiman. The feedback Kuwait Airways has gotten from its French customers has been nothing short of complimentary, the diplomat emphasized. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Director General of Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) Lt Gen Khalid Al-Mikrad met leaders of the directorate and department directors to discuss work procedures and make sure they are on schedule as planned. — By Hanan Al-Saadoun

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<p>October 5, Venue - Puri Sea Beach: Spiritual Poetry Guests: Shri H. N. Dikshit, Hon'ble</p>	<p>Speaker: Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Prabhu Gaur Gopal Das, Life Coach, Monk, Spiritual & Motivational Speaker, and Dr. Dilip Nask, Professor, English & Foreign Language University, Hyderabad</p>

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