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# Over 24,000 students register in ministry's online platform

## 29,908 12th grade students eligible to take final exams

**KUWAIT:** The Kuwaiti Ministry of Education announced the enrollment of 24,264 male and female 12th grade public school students so far to the ministry's online platform to take interactive classes, noting at the same time that there are 29,908 students who are eligible to take the 12th grade final exams. This came in a press release Wednesday after an expanded meeting headed by Minister of Education and the Minister of Higher Education Dr Saud Al-Harbi with directors of all educational districts and directors of secondary schools.

The statement quoted the minister as praising the ministry's endeavors with regards to the launch of the educational online platform,

and the efforts of members of the educational field, saying that these efforts have an effective impact on the success of the progress of the educational process. He further stressed the importance of focusing on some of the main issues, national responsibility, participation and cooperation between the ministry's sectors.

Meanwhile, Acting Ministry Undersecretary and Assistant Undersecretary for Legal Affairs Badr Bajad urged school principals to communicate with concerned authorities in case they have inquiries on all matters related to the educational online platform. In the meantime, Assistant Undersecretary for Public Education Osama Al-Sultan expressed his ap-

preciation for schools and students' response in registering for the educational platform. Sultan added that students' registration will continue in order to allow the remaining students to register. He explained that registration was briefly closed Tuesday in order to update and sort the number of students, and enable bedoon students to register by their civil ID number only without the need for a serial number. The education ministry has not provided timetables or details on when it plans to launch online classes for grade 12 students. The current plan calls for grade 12 students to resume classes by August, and students of other grades by October. — KUNA



Education Minister Dr Saud Al-Harbi

### News in brief

#### Oil price down

**KUWAIT:** The price of Kuwaiti oil fell by \$1.05 to \$36.91 per barrel (pb) on Wednesday, compared with \$37.96 pb a day earlier, said Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. Globally, the price of the Brent crude dropped by \$2.32 to \$40.31 per barrel, and the West Texas Intermediate also went down by \$2.36 to \$38.01 pb. — KUNA

#### 3,805 passengers

**KUWAIT:** A total of 3,805 passengers were set to depart Kuwait yesterday aboard 23 flights to Nepal, India, Egypt, Pakistan, Armenia, Iran, Qatar and Bosnia- Herzegovina, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said. Meanwhile, DGCA announced statistics of expats who departed to their countries via Kuwait International Airport during the period from March 16 until June 23. The total number of passengers was 104,746, who boarded a total of 663 flights to 92 destinations, it explained.

#### Paperwork banned

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Municipality Director Ahmad Al-Manfouhi gave orders to stop all paper correspondence and instead use electronic means of communications only starting yesterday, except for official documents. This decision falls in line with the Health Ministry's instructions to limit paperwork as much as possible in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Kuwait, Manfouhi explained in a press statement.

## Kuwaiti, Nigerian FMs discuss bilateral ties

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, on Tuesday, had a phone call with Nigerian counterpart Geoffrey Onyeama. Both top diplomats discussed bilateral ties and means to enhance cooperation in various fields, especially in combating impacts of COVID-19. Recent regional and global political developments were discussed as well during the call. — KUNA



Sheikh Dr Ahmad Al-Sabah

## Arab Parliament rejects Israeli annexation plans

**CAIRO:** The Arab Parliament rejected and condemned any plans or measures taken by Israeli occupying force to annex the Jordan Valley, the northern Dead Sea and settlements, as it contravene with international law and United Nations resolutions. In their conclusion statement, after a virtual session featuring Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, the Arab Parliament called on the international community, especially the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations, to live up to their responsibilities, take immediate and firm measures to prevent the implementation of the annexation plan by the Israeli occupying force. The parliament also called on regional, international par-

## UNESCO opens nominations for 'Kuwaiti' digital prize

**PARIS:** UNESCO announced on Wednesday that it will open nominations for the 2020-2021 Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Kuwait's Permanent Delegate to UNESCO Dr Adam Al-Mullah said in a press statement that the last date to submit entries will be next September. The prize encourages society to be more inclusive and encouraging towards people with disabilities, he indicated, adding that the digital sphere provided boundless opportunities to help this sector of society. Participants — whether individuals, institutions, and international NGOs — should submit works that would provide a considerable contribution to persons with disabilities, Mullah said. He revealed that the \$40,000 prize will be equally divided by winners of the contest chosen by UNESCO's higher-ups. The winners will be awarded in an event to be held in Paris on December 3. — KUNA



Dr Adam Al-Mullah

liaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to reject the Israeli plan to annex the Palestinian territories in occupied West Bank, defend the two-state solution, and clarify implications of the annexation scheme on the chances of peace in the region and on international peace and security. The Arab Parliament praised the joint action taken by Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Belgium, Netherlands, Ireland and the European Union regarding the Israeli government, through which they warned against annexing any parts of the West Bank, calling on these countries to continue their international diplomatic contacts in this regard. The parliament also called on the European Union to take urgent and proactive steps to stop the annexation plan and recognize the independent state of Palestine and its borders of June 4 1967, and its capital city of Jerusalem, by all EU countries that have not yet been recognized the Palestinian State. At the same time, the Arab Parliament affirmed its support for the decision of the Palestinian leadership to cut all forms of the relationship with Israel and to break away from the agreements and obligations arising there from signed between the PLO, Israel and the United States. — KUNA