



KUWAIT: People wearing protective masks cross the street in Kuwait City yesterday, amid a global outbreak of the novel Coronavirus. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

# Kuwait Fishermen Union laments power cut halting mandatory paperwork

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Processing of transactions of hundreds of people at the sea survey transportation department including fishing boats were ceased, rendering them idle due to a power cut on the ground floor of the

department. President of Kuwait Fishermen's Union Thaher Al-Suwayyan said this situation has been ongoing for weeks, which stopped part of the fishing fleet which is in need of speedy renewal of licenses to resume fishing and support food security, as imports from some countries are banned due to the

COVID-19 outbreak. Suwayyan asked concerned officials to restore power as soon as possible to resolve the problem.

### Farwaniya campaign

Kuwait Municipality said Farwaniya inspectors visit-

ed malls to make sure stores there are complying with municipal rules. They were headed by the violations inspection department's Director Amina Al-Enezi, who said the visits covered 60 stores, resulting in issuing 23 citations for having unlicensed signs, adding signs and having signs with expired licenses.

## Drugs found with passengers at airport

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: A Kuwaiti couple was arrested at Kuwait International Airport arriving from Nepal with three pieces of hashish hidden inside spice boxes, said security sources, noting that airport customs inspectors also arrested a female expat arriving from Amsterdam with a piece and a joint of hashish. The drugs were seized and suspects taken to the proper authorities for further legal procedures.



### News in brief

#### Amir condolences Bahrain King

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent yesterday a cable of condolence to Bahrain's King Hamad bin Eissa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, expressing sincere condolences over the demise of Sheikh Ahmad bin Mohammad bin Salman Al-Khalifa. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah sent similar cables to the Bahraini king. — KUNA

#### Resignation accepted

KUWAIT: Kuwait Government spokesman Tareq Al-Mezrim announced yesterday accepting resignation of Mohammad Bushehri as minister of electricity and water. In a press release, Mezrim said an Amiri decree was issued in this regard, with another assigning Oil Minister Khaled Al-Fadhel as acting minister of the aforementioned ministry. — KUNA

#### US Dollar stable at KD 0.305

KUWAIT: The exchange rate of the US Dollar stood still at KD 0.305, while the Euro jumped to KD 0.337 compared to Sunday, said the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) yesterday. In its daily bulletin, the CBK noted that the exchange rate of the British Pound Sterling held its KD 0.391 rate, while the Swiss Franc settled at KD 0.317, while the Japanese Yen remained at KD 0.002. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Nearly 100 Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) volunteers joined Ministry of Health staff in their efforts to provide full care to 429 citizens currently quarantined at the Khairan Resort as a precautionary measure against the potential spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). — KUNA photos