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Amiri Hospital unit to host suspected COVID-19 cases

Patient transferred to specialized hospital once tested positive

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The Capital health zone director Dr Afrah Al-Sarraf announced allocating the gastrointestinal unit building at Amiri Hospital for cases suspected to be infected by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Speaking on sidelines of touring the building used for suspected COVID-19 cases, Sarraf said the building includes 80 beds including 30 for recovery and 10 for in-

tensive care, adding that the building had been provided with all the needed medical, nursing, technical and administrative staff.

Amiri Hospital Manager Dr Ali Al-Alandah said a special service has been provided to categorize hospitalized cases and transfer those suspected to be infected with COVID-19 to the specified building. Alandah added that in case of suspecting a case to be infected with COVID-19, all internationally-approved

protocols are applied, and once the infection is confirmed, the case is transferred to the specialized hospital.

Court hearings

The criminal court set a special hearing to be held on Thursday to review four state security cases, including one filed against an Egyptian who had posted a video slandering Kuwaiti people. The second is filed against a Kuwaiti who slandered HH the Amir, the third

against a Kuwaiti accused of circulating fake news about digging 50 isolated graves for COVID-19 victims and the fourth filed against a Kuwaiti who had accused Egypt of deliberately transferring the virus to Kuwait by sending thousands of Egyptians to Kuwait without subjecting them to medical tests.

Meanwhile, the court of appeal acquitted defendants involved in a state security case filed against a blogger known as 'Ateej Al-Mesayyan', and fined

them by KD 5,000 each for operating unlicensed news accounts. The case goes back to arresting a bedoon - the main suspect - for slandering Kuwait in relation to its handling of the bedoon issue, slandering officials in the central apparatuses for illegal residents and calling to assault the apparatus' chairman Saleh Al-Fadhlah. Notably, the blogger was in contact with other accounts outside the country dedicated to slandering Kuwait.

Motorist dead in King Fahd Road crash



By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: A woman in her 30s was killed in a hor-

rific accident on King Fahd Road on Sunday, Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) said. The accident involved three vehicles and a truck near Adan Hospi-



tal. Mangaf and Technical Rescue teams responded and handed the body to paramedics. An investigation was opened to reveal the cause of the accident.

Two warehouses closed in Hawally

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Kuwait Municipality said Hawally inspectors toured various shops in the governorate to make sure its decisions made in view of the precautionary measures ordered by the Cabinet to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are fully in practice. Hawally emergency team leader Ibrahim Al-Saban said the tour resulted in closing two unlicensed building basements used to store shoes, accessories and cosmetics.

Separately, the ministry of social affairs strongly denied any connections to a social media campaign launched under the title "Kuwaitis without Salaries." The ministry refuted allegations that it had called on people affected by the coronavirus outbreak to register through a certain link, noting that it has nothing to do with such calls. The ministry urged citizens to refer to official news sources and ignore fake reports circulated to create chaos. "Such news is usually announced by reliable government sources," the ministry underlined.

Firemen battle Farwaniya building blaze

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Firemen from the Farwaniya and Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh fire stations responded to a fire in a fifth-floor flat in a Farwaniya building. The fire spread to a sixth-floor flat. The building was evacuated and the fire put out before spreading further. No injuries were reported. Separately, Shaqaya fire station men put out a blaze that engulfed 15 vehicles parked in a municipal vehicle impoundment area. No injuries were reported.

Curfew violators

The Interior Ministry said 14 people were arrested for breaking the partial curfew on Sunday. The cases include one in the Capital governorate, five in Hawally, four in Jahra, three in Mubarak Al-Kabeer and one in Al-Ahmadi. Among the detainees are 11 Kuwaitis and three expats.

Child abuse

Police arrested a woman for child abuse after she was seen assaulting her child physically and verbally in a video that went viral on social media, the Interior Ministry announced Sunday. The arrest happened at the suspect's house where police headed with a warrant in hand after detectives identified her. She was taken to the police station where a misdemeanor case and investigation was opened. Meanwhile, her children were taken to the health ministry's child protection office for medical checkups, the Interior Ministry said.



Flames engulf vehicles parked in a municipal vehicle impoundment area.



A fireman extinguishes flames in cars parked in a municipal vehicle impoundment area.



KUWAIT: Fire engines seen outside a Farwaniya building where a fire was reported.



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A fire engine parked outside a Farwaniya building where a fire was reported.



Heavy damage left by a fire inside the Farwaniya building flat.

Kuwait-based fund approves Jordan grant

AMMAN: Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) approved a \$3.2 million grant to help Jordan cover huge expenses of fighting spread of coronavirus, the Jordanian government said Sunday. The Jordanian government has been holding video-conference meetings with donor countries to seek urgent funding to forestall spread of the virus in health, educational and transport sectors, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Wessam Rabadhi said in a statement. He thanked AFESD for its "constructive" support of development in Jordan. Meanwhile, Jordan's Central Bank said it would allow banks and currency exchange bureaus to reopen during curfew hours as of yesterday. The bank's governor Ziad Fraiz said banks and currency exchange bureaus could open between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm but they should allow the minimum amount of employees. The government imposed a full curfew on March 21, but reduce it to between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm to allow people buy necessary needs. — KUNA

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