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News in brief

KNPC raises ultra fuel price

KUWAIT: Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) announced on Sunday raising the price of the Ultra Octane-98 fuel to 175 fils instead of 165 as of July 7 for three months. The move was taken upon a decision of the Ministry of Finance's subsidies committee, the company wrote on its Twitter account, noting that the price of other kinds of fuel is unchanged.

Kuwait airport aviation resumes

KUWAIT: Aviation via Kuwait International Airport was restored after a brief stoppage due to a technical cause, Directorate General of Civil Aviation said yesterday. The airport's radar had suddenly stopped functioning resulting in halt of the air navigation that lasted for a short period. Aviation to and from the airport is now proceeding regularly.

Sewage plant wins award

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Public Works won the best project award on sewage water treatment 2020 for the Umm Al-Hayman project, presented by Infrastructure Journal. Receiving the award is part of Kuwait's efforts to develop the country's sewage treatment projects, the ministry said yesterday. The Umm Al-Hayman project was launched to meet growing need, increase capacity of water treatment and close the treatment plant in the southern area of Kuwait.

NCCAL mourns poet Ali Al-Sabti

KUWAIT: The National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) mourned poet Ali Al-Sabti, who passed away yesterday, after years of contributions to the culture and literature fields. NCCAL official spokesperson Dr Essa Al-Ansari conveyed the condolences of Minister of Information and Culture and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi to the deceased's family, as well as to the Kuwaiti, GCC and Arab literati. Kuwait lost one of its most prominent poets, who enriched the field with many great works, he noted. His works were also the focus of other poets and authors who worked on analyzing and studying them, he added. Sabti had received Kuwait's honorary award for 2006.

Central Bank maintains Information Security ISO Certification



The Central Bank of Kuwait.

KUWAIT: The Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday announced the maintenance of its information security certification ISO/IEC 27001:2013. This main global standard specifies the requirements for establishing, implementing, maintaining and continually improving data security management systems within the context of the organization, particularly amid challenges posed by rapid developments in the banking and financial services sectors. This comes after years of standardized practices in information security by the CBK.

It is a testament that the Bank satisfies all technical criteria for this global standard. It also stresses that CBK's data security management system meets the requirements for protection of information and data centers and enhances the information security level throughout the bank. The certificate covers areas of human resources, technical and information centers, and information technology services and users of such services at CBK Headquarters. ISO 27001 contributes to the development and monitoring of information security systems through the analysis and examination of systems and evaluation of their importance, as well as through the assessment of risk expected and provision of technical or operational solutions to help manage risk efficiently and effectively.

The CBK had listed ISO 27001 certification within the requirements of the "Cyber Security Framework for the Banking Sector in the State of Kuwait", requiring local banks to secure this certification in the areas of information security, operational systems, networks, policies, and measures related to information technology. The CBK requires banks to maintain and renew this certification and to provide evidence to that effect through a recognized authority.

This all falls within the bank's strategy aiming to bolster the resilience of the banking sector's cyber and information security. The CBK is always keen to develop digital systems and infrastructure, be that on the bank's or the sector's level, in line with international best practices that would enhance operational efficiency across all fields of banking and finance within the State of Kuwait. —KUNA

Kuwait police can use guns to control violent persons; two patrolmen per vehicle

KUWAIT: Kuwait police may use firearms to subdue individuals who exhibit violent behavior or attempt to resist arrest, the Interior Ministry said in new instructions made in the aftermath of the stab murder of a traffic policeman last week. The new instruction also stipulates that each patrol vehicle must have two officers when sent out on duty, and they must be armed at all times while on patrol.

According to the internal letter issued by Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Maj Gen Faraj Al-Zaabi, directors general of security departments in governorates, directors of operations and patrol departments and area commanders shall inform the police force in case a patrol is sent out in response to calls or to implement operations and special service orders to send out patrols or to remain temporarily in certain places, to comply with the following:

First: Rules for the security patrol going out:

1. The patrol must be with two policemen, and it is not allowed to only have one individual.
2. Policemen on patrol must be equipped with all supplies including handcuffs, batons, firearms and ammunition.
3. Policemen on patrol must be vigilant and cautious, and should be strict with any action that may violate law and order.
4. Policemen on patrol must have good military leadership and treat the public well.

Second: Rules for using firearms:

Comply with instructions and special orders to use firearms mentioned in item (2) of ministerial decision 727/2019 as per the following situations:

1. To arrest a convicted individual in a felony case.



KUWAIT: Traffic policemen man a checkpoint at a highway during curfew hours in this March 15, 2021 file photo. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

2. To arrest a suspect in a felony or misdemeanor case if they resist or try to escape.
3. To arrest a suspect who has an arrest warrant against them, if they resist or attempt to escape.
4. To arrest a prisoner who attempts to escape.
5. To break up gatherings of seven and more, held with the purpose of committing a crime or endangering individuals' lives and properties, in case the gathering does not disperse after being warned, and attempts to disperse them by other means fails.
6. In case of self-defense.
7. When dealing with hysterical individuals or those suffering from bouts of anger that may cause loss of self-control, self-harm or harm to others, be it in a public or private place.

Interior Minister hosts citizens with complaints

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah affirmed yesterday that the ministry will continue its "open door" policy in accepting complaints from citizens and finding the right solutions, especially the humanitarian cases. The minister met with several citizens to discuss their complaints, referring them to the concerned authorities and specialists to find the best legal solutions within the framework of the laws, the ministry's security media and public relations department said in a press statement. He stressed on serving citizens in the best way possible, and in becoming a role model for other sectors in achieving fast results with precision. The Minister of Interior receives citizens every Monday in the Ministry's headquarters in Sabhan, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm by scheduling an appointment via phone call (25200641), Whatsapp (96031116), Email or personal attendance. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah meets a citizen in his office at the Interior Ministry yesterday. —KUNA

Defense Minister meets outgoing Senegal envoy

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah praised yesterday contributions of Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Senegalese Ambassador in Kuwait Abdulhad Mbacke that strengthened bonds of cooperation, friendship and joint work between the two countries. During a meeting on Mbacke's end of his tenure, Sheikh Hamad applauded the efforts of Ambassador Mbacke, wishing him success and the friendly Republic of Senegal further progress and prosperity. Meanwhile, Ambassador Mbacke expressed thanks and appreciation to Kuwait's leadership, government and people for the welcome he received during his tenure, wishing Kuwait more progress, development and prosperity. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah meets Senegalese Ambassador in Kuwait Abdulhad Mbacke. —KUNA

Foundation stone laid for Kuwait-funded clinic in Yemen



ADEN: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) supervised yesterday laying the foundation stone for a health center project in the Yemeni province of Marib — the third of its kind in the country. Marib governor's deputy Abdullah Al-Bakri, in a press statement, appreciated KRCS's supervision of placing the first stone for late Fatima Hussain health center project, construction of which was funded by a donor from Kuwait, considering it as a noteworthy contribution to the health sector in Yemen. Meanwhile, Director-

General of KRCS Abdulrahman Al-Oun said that the health center would consist of obstetrics, a gynecology clinic, children's clinic, internal medicine ward, emergency ward, a laboratory and other sections. In the past two weeks, the KRCS inaugurated construction of two schools one named after the Kuwaiti citizen Hamad Abdullah Al-Joan in Hadhramout Governorate and another named after Abrar Marzouq Al-Ghanem in Shabwah Governorate, with funding from donors in Kuwait. —KUNA

Council approves plots to build workers' houses

KUWAIT: The Municipal Council yesterday approved during a regular session specializing five land plots at Al-Shuaiba Port to build housing units

for expatriate workers, heeding a Cabinet decision. The board has also approved a request by the ministry of electricity and water to mark a plot of land for building a new power station and a water desalination plant in Al-Nuwiseeb region. It also blessed a request by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs to choose a location for constructing a mosque and a parking lot in Al-Wafra. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwait Municipal Council Chairman Osama Al-Otaibi (center) speaks during a session yesterday. —KUNA